

Celebrating The Life of
Betty Akotey



Alpha: July 15, 1955 - Omega: August 27, 2014



Saturday, September 27, 2014
10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

830 Lyons Ave.
Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Pastor, Rev. Ronald B. Christian, Officiating
Solomon K. Asare



*I think of you very often Mommy...
And wonder what it would have been like.
If you were still around... to be there for me...
Seeing me struggle to live my life... to be
strong and to survive.
I know you wouldn't stand back at all...
to watch me stumble around... and fall.
Love and care of a Mom... healed... and
cured it all...
But I am without you now... and ready to fall
I am all alone in my fight to survive...*

Pick up the pieces...and walk with life.

Oh! If you only knew... how alone I am...

And how very much I miss you Mom.

I thought you will always be around...

During my hard times... and hurts with life.

Not even once... it has crossed my mind...

The heavens would need you more than I.

I live with your Love... and memories of you...

Even though... you are not around any more.

Your teachings become the way of my life...

Yet... I am missing you so much... out of all

I do cry silently... and my heart still hurts today...

because... the best thing in my life has gone.

I love you Mom... and miss you with my heart...

Now you are in heaven with your son, Nii shining like a star

Mommy I know you miss me... But I will be just fine...

With all you've taught me I will make you proud!

We never said Good Bye in your house...you made sure of that

So today Mommy I say see you later

I Love you more than words and numbers can describe!

Mommy in my heart is where I will hold you Forever.

Your Loving Daughter, Princess Sowah



*Suga Suga Grandma Dearest
you will always be
My Suga Suga so loving
and so loved by me
For God has taken you to be by his side
Now in Heaven with my Father is where
you will reside...
Suga Grandma I love you so much
you know that!*

Your loving Granddaughter, Chloe

Life's Story

Betty Afotey, the second of three children was born on July 15, 1955 to Theresa and Benoni Afotey Odai in Labadi- Accra, Ghana. Betty attended Presbyterian Primary School at Nsawam, Ghana. Betty had a wonderful childhood during the late 50's into the late 60's.

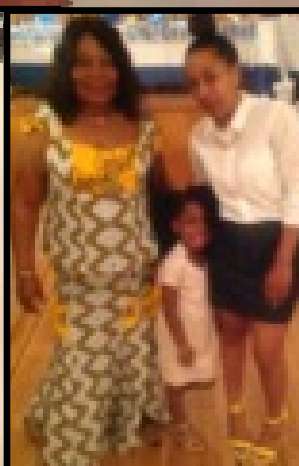
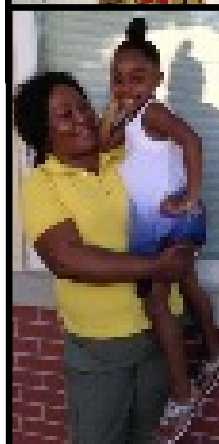
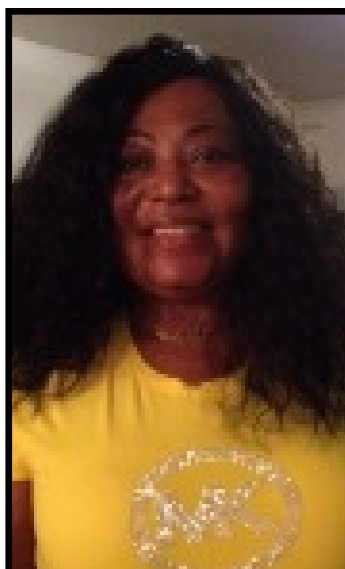
Betty attended Akropong Girls Boarding School with her sister, Joyce and continued after graduation to Mfantseman Secondary School at Saltpond, Ghana, where she graduated in 1976. After graduation from secondary school, Betty was employed by the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) in Accra, Ghana, and embarked on a career in government service where she served honorably. Betty loved to travel, so after a few years in public service, she spent some time in London. On April 22, 1980, God blessed Betty with the love of her life, her beautiful daughter, Princess Sowah. Then on October 12, 1985 God blessed Betty with her heart, her son, her King, Nii Odoi Sowah. After the birth of her son Nii, Betty wanted to improve her career and better support her family, so she decided to join her husband, Francis Sowah in the U.S. Betty then relocated to Newark, NJ to start a new life. Like her mother, who was a mid-wife for Ministry of Health in Ghana, Betty chose healthcare as her vocation when she came to America. This was mainly driven by her boundless love for others and her caring nature. She realized that America is a place full of challenges as well as opportunities and she did her best to provide for her family and loved ones. Betty took nursing classes at Essex County College as she worked at Newark Beth Israel and Saint Barnabas Medical Center. In 1998, Betty was employed as a caregiver to Barbara Yoskowitz of West Orange, NJ. For the sixteen years that followed, she provided outstanding service for her patient and loved Barbara Yosokwitz and her family.

On August 25, 2010, God called Betty's son home. The sudden and tragic death of Nii left Betty so heart broken. But Betty being the strong woman we all knew her to be, kept on for her daughter, Princess and granddaughter, Chole. Betty enjoyed life to the fullest maintaining a lively smile and energetic presence that could light up the dullest room. Betty was passionate at everything she did and her actions came straight from her heart. In her down time, Betty loved to shop, **AND YES, SHE HAD EXPENSIVE TASTE.** Betty loved spending time with her daughter, Princess and her granddaughter, Chloe. Betty always opened her heart and home to any and everyone. All of her nieces, nephews, Nii and Princess's friends all knew "Betty" affectionately as "Auntie Betty!"

On Wednesday, August 27, 2014 Betty was called home to glory to be with her Lord and Savior. The news came so unexpectedly and has dealt a devastating blow to the entire family. Her departure leaves us so saddened, but we are encouraged by the words of Isaiah 57:1-2 which reads "The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; the find rest as they lie in death."

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Theresa and Benoni Afotey Oda and her son, Nii Odoi Sowah. Betty leaves to cherish her memories, her only daughter, Princess Sowah; her granddaughter, Chloe Sowah; her sister, Joyce Lartey; brothers, Ishmael Odai Afotey, Francis Sowah; step sisters/brothers, Rita, Evelyn, Ben, Maud; step children, Sheillah, Evelyn, Sharon, Prince, Franklin, Ras Nii Odoi, Michael; other grandchildren, Kevin, Rasheeda, Yennice, Joel, Israel, Shawn, Rhayan; nieces and nephews, Lillian, Leslie, Love, Nadia, Ashley, Patrick, Naa Merley, Adoley, Nana; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, supporting family and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Musical Interlude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Congregational Hymn.....Congregation

Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy

Scriptural Readings.....Clergy

Old Testament - Job 19:23-27

New Testament - II Corinthians 5:1-5

Soloist.....Minister Toby

Hymn.....Congregation
(Blessed Assurance)

Acknowledgement.....Family

Obituary Reading.....Minister Cecilia Asare

Tributes/ Poems.....Family

Eulogy.....Pastor Rev. Ronald B. Christian/Solomon K. Asare

Recessional.....Clergy and Family



Entombment

*Hollywood Memorial Park and Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Ave.
Union, New Jersey 07083*

*Repast: Knights of Columbus
118 N. Park Avenue
Linden, NJ 07036*

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Acknowledgement

The family of **Betty Afotey** would like to thank God for sending Betty into our lives. Even though we are saddened by her death, we are rejoicing that she is now in a better place where there is no suffering or pain. We would also like to thank the Yosokwitz and Abraham Family. We would like to thank each and every one for every prayer and act of kindness.

Betty Afotey was truly a blessing sent from God.

The Afotey and Sowah families would like to thank Pastor, Rev. Ronald B. Christian and Christian Love Baptist Church family, Word of Power Foundation Ministry and Sconiers Funeral Service, for all the love and support.



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