

*Service of Song of the Late*  
***Dr. Joseph Onubogu***



*Sunrise: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1960 - Sunset: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Service*

*Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.*

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey

Viewing Prayer Service conducted by Rev. Dr. Jude Onuchukwu

Service of Song conducted by Enlightenment Church of God Pastor Dr. Adeniyi Aina

Officiating Ministry:

Dr. Adeniyi Aina, Pastor Bridget Aina, Presiding Elder Abitugun, Minister Kunle Adekanla, Minister Opaola, Minister Okonkwo, Minister Egbu Chukwuma, Evangelist Victoria Anaduaka

# Obituary

**Dr. Joseph Onyekwelu Onubogu, PhD** was born in March of 1960, the fifth child of Chief John Chukwuma Onubogu and Celina Ekema Okafor. Though born in Bauchi State, Dr. Joseph Onubogu and his family relocated to the parents' hometown, Nkwelle-Ezunaka, when he was just 3. All throughout his primary and secondary school education, his teachers observed his innate tenacity, dedication, and academic excellency, all of which are traits he displayed throughout his life.

Growing up, Dr. Joseph Onubogu enjoyed many different pursuits. As an avid writer and thinker, he participated in both a writer's society and a debate club where he was able to cultivate both of those interests. Born with a natural charisma, Dr. Joseph Onubogu's academic pursuits afforded him the ability to meet people both like and unlike him.

Dr. Joseph Onubogu was one of the few selected by the Nigerian government to be awarded a chance to study abroad through federal funding. Though admitted into a medical program at the University of Nigeria in Nsukka, he knew that the financial burden was not something he wanted to leave with his parents. Due to his kind heart and curiosity, he chose to study abroad instead.

From there, Dr. Onubogu collected a series of degrees: a Masters in Electrical Engineering, a Masters in Computer Science, a Masters in Philosophy, and a Doctorate in Educational Psychology. His passion for learning was evident not only in the degrees he obtained, but the lasting relationships he formed with college faculty and peers.

Throughout his entire career, Dr. Joseph Onubogu worked as a teacher throughout the New York and New Jersey Public School system. Dr. Joseph Onubogu has taught students in New York Public Schools (in AP maths and sciences), Rutgers University, City College University of New York, and New Jersey City University. Dr. Onubogu was passionate in teaching and empowering his students, creating curriculum that would fit the classroom and encouraging students to be self-motivated. Dr. Onubogu strongly believed that knowledge is power and that the greatest leaders know that there is always more to learn. To his students, to his peers, and to his family, Dr. Joseph Onubogu was a teacher of unimaginable knowledge and life experience. And so, even in death, we learn from him.

Dr. Joseph Onubogu is survived by his wife, Chizoba, and his five children, Joseph Jr., Ivana, William, Andrew, and Michael.

# *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Praise and Worship

Intercession

Introduction of Guests/ Welcome Address

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Testimony about the Deceased By Ayisha L. Fullerton Principal  
Frederick Douglass Academy I

Testimony about the Deceased By Club 15 Representative

Testimony about the Deceased

Moment of Truth

Prayer for the Family

Offering Vote of Thanks

Closing Hymn

Announcement/Benediction

## **INTERMENT**

His Estate in Ifite Village, Nkwelle-Ezunaka  
Yoi L.G.A Anambra State, Nigeria

*May the soul of Dr. Joseph Onubogu and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Wake Keeping Program**

Venue : 844 Sanford Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111

Ushering Bereaved Family

Opening Prayer

Poem by William

Poem by Andrew

Brief Eulogy by Ivana

Brief Eulogy by Mr. And Mrs. Frank Onyeogu

Brief Eulogy about Dr. Onubogu Career  
by Frederick Douglass Academy Family

Brief Eulogy by Dr. Onubogu's Brother

Dinner and Music

Opening Dance by Bereaved

With Enlightenment Church of God Family and Friends

Frederick Douglass Academy Family

All Family Members Uncles, Aunts, Cousins Nieces,  
Nephews and In-laws with Division of Child Protection  
& Permanency and Friends

Akwaeze Town and Nkwelle-Ezunaka Town

Prayer for the Family

Vote of Thanks by Onubogu Family

Closing Prayer

*Be of Good Comfort for Dr. Joseph Onubogu knows that Jesus is the Way.*

**John 14:2-4 (NIV)**

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

**John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**John 11:25-26**

I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

**The Transition**

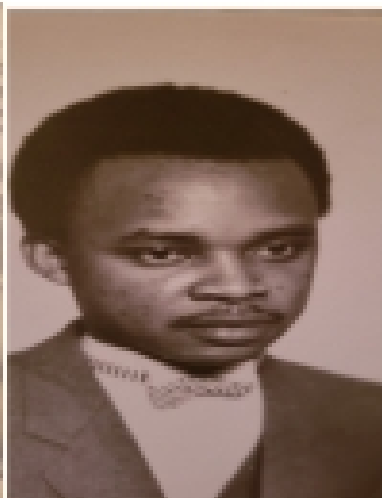
We are all going the same  
In the same place  
Knowing that we are loved by God  
In him we trust and hope

Do we ever stop to look at the past  
Ponder on every moment we share  
Do we ever show how we feel  
Knowing that a day will come

Yearning for that we had  
Cringing on what he had  
Fighting to hold on tight  
Seeking to have another minute

I wonder if you have a chance  
To live life all again and again  
Would you have a second thought  
To make it right and embrace life

To journey and never return to pain  
To restore and renew in eternity  
To transition into another life with joy  
To enter a new life with hope to see God



Life is like a Keyboard and Music Notes

*Rest in Peace*  
*Dr. Joseph Onyekwelu Onubogu*  
*Chief Ojezulumbe*



*October 20th, 2018*

# *Unfailing Promise*

*I didn't want to go for the time is too short  
I didn't want to leave you behind for the work unfinished  
Still have some unfinished product and new adventure to take  
I promised take you around and show you many new things*

*It sad to leave knowing that you are too young  
I have laid the foundation of knowledge  
And wisdom which is the tool to fulfill  
The unfinished product and new adventures*

*I gave you all I can in time that I had  
The tool to take you around the world  
Even further places I ever dreamt  
I have to let you go to bring the best out of you*

*I completed the assignment just in time  
To embrace the journey ahead  
Promise you hold on to the tool to finish  
And journey around the world*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Dr. Joseph Onubogu wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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