



*Celebrating the Life of*

*Minister Helen A. Chenbamu*

**Sunrise**  
**December 9, 1967**

**Sunset**  
**October 19, 2020**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020 - 10am**

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## *Obituary*

**Minister Helen A. Ohonbamu**, 52, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2020 due to Stage IV advanced liver cancer. She was born on December 9, 1967 in Lagos, Nigeria to Lewis and Bridget Chigbue. She grew up with her eight sisters and three brothers, and attended primary and secondary school. She met her husband, John O. Ohonbamu in 1988 and got married in 1989. In 1990, they arrived in America with their 6 month old son, Charles.

Helen worked as a restaurant manager at McDonalds. While working there, she befriended many people and learned how to speak Spanish along the way. She was an active church member, choirmistress, and a prayer warrior. Later on, she was ordained as a minister in 2010. Helen went back to college to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Theology with a concentration in marriage counseling.

Helen was a tremendous and gracious person to be around. She touched everyone she met with kind words, love, and laughter. She was always positive and spoke words of encouragement everywhere she went. She enjoyed traveling the world with her children and preaching the word of God to anyone. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend to many. Her personality embodied the model of a lioness woman; fierce yet nurturing and protective of her own. Her life was a living example of Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths".

Helen is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bridget Chigbue; her eleven siblings; her husband, John; her children, Charles, Michael, and Victoria; and extended family and friends. She will truly be missed.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

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Viewing

Recessional

*Interment*

Kenisco Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York





## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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