

*In Loving Memory of*



*Valerie Elaine Chiobu*

Sunrise  
September 19, 1948

Sunset  
April 15, 2021

Service:  
Friday, May 7, 2021 - 10:00 am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**  
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

# *Eulogy*

My mum Valerie Elaine Ehiobu was born on the 19th of September 1946. In the Parish of Trelawny Jamaica, to the late Joseph Bailey and Eugenia Bailey. Valerie was the second of seven children, she had three brothers (who have sadly passed away) and three sisters.

In 1964 she emigrated to the UK to join her parents and to further her career. She went on to marry Mr. Lawrence Ehiobu (my father) who was studying in the UK. He graduated in Quantity Surveying and began his career in this arena. Whilst in the UK they had two children, a daughter followed by a son. In 1972 my dad decided to return to his country, Nigeria and my mum went to be with him where she later had another two daughters and a son.

Mum was a very peaceful and loving person within the house she was very dynamic and astute. She always strived for peace within her siblings, children, extended family and all those who were fortunate to be around her. Her life was a living example of one of her favourite Bible verses, Ephesians 4:32 — “And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”

Mum was also a very intelligent businesswoman. She was very talented and could write in shorthand and type over 100 words a minute. She ran several businesses in Nigeria, including baking, sewing and contract printing with schools.

Mum was the rock and foundation of the home, and she always took a hands-on approach when nurturing the talents of her children and keeping the family together. She lived solely for her children and was selfless in everything she did. Mum was fiercely proud of her children and proud of what they had all achieved.

Mum went to visit her sisters in the US in 1993 she became ill, and a brain tumour was found and operated on successfully. Due to the nature of her condition, it meant she could not travel back to Nigeria, so she had to stay in the United States.

Sister Valerie, as the Saints from Gospel Tabernacle Church, passionately called her, was a quiet, calm, soft spoken and loving lady. Sister Valerie joined the church in 2013. Sister Valerie was an active member in good standing. She worked in our Administration staff and a member of the Congregational Singers choir. She was loved by everyone and she will be missed. Rest in Jesus our dear Sister Valerie. We love you dearly.

In February 2021, mum fell ill was admitted to the hospital. The medical staff did all they could for her, but she sadly passed on to glory and now rests peacefully with her Saviour.

My mum was a shining light at dawn she was as beautiful inside and outside as the sunset from Jamaica, she embodies everything I would ever want in a mum, we will miss my mum dearly a light has truly gone out in the world.

# *Order of Service*

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OFFICIANT  
Rev. Franklyn Williamson  
Senior Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle Church

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION ..... Rev. Roy Williamson  
Pastor Emeritus, Gospel Tabernacle Church

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN ..... “Amazing Grace”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament- Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 ..... Joan Clodd (Sister)

New Testament- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... Chu Benny (Daughter)

SONG SELECTION ..... “Abide With Me”

EULOGY & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ..... Dennis (Son)

SONG SELECTION ..... “I’m Going Up Yonder”

FAMILY TRIBUTES ..... Isioma Edefereta (Daughter)  
Derick Ehiobu (Son)

TRIBUTE from Gospel Tabernacle Church ..... Minister Dulcie Elaine Morris

SERMON ..... Rev. Franklyn Williamson

COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

FINAL VIEWING ..... Entrusted in the hands of  
McCall’s Bronxwood Funeral Home

*Interment*  
Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York

## **“Amazing Grace”**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see  
Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
T'wxas Grace that brought us safe thus far  
And Grace will lead us home  
And Grace will lead us home

## **“I'm Going Up Yonder”**

If you want to know, Where I'm going?  
Where I'm going, soon

If anybody ask you, Where I'm going  
Where I'm going soon

I'm goin' up yonder (rept 3x)  
To be with my Lord

I can take the pain, The heartaches they bring  
The comfort in knowing, I'll soon be gone  
As God gives me grace, I'll run this race  
Until I see my Savior, Face to face

## **“Abide With Me”**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me  
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me  
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me  
Abide with me, abide with me





# *I'm Free*

**Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've found now peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.**

## *Acknowledgments*

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.**

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