

Celebrating the Life
of



Selorm Edith Amu

Sunrise
September 18, 1969

Sunset
July 28, 2021

Visitation: Friday, September 3, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Service: Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.

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Biography of Selorm Amu (Nee Edith Selorm Agbo)

John 11:25, I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.

Selorm Edith Amu was born on the 18th of September, 1969 to the late Samuel Korku Agbo and Madam Janet Yaadzo in Jasikan, Volta Region, Ghana. Selorm was the fourth (4th) born of seven (7) children. She was a supportive sister to her siblings, family and friends.

Selorm started her elementary school at Wademaxe Roman Catholic (RC) °Primary School and then moved to Anfoega Akukome RC Basic school all in the Volta Region, Ghana. She continued to Anfoega Secondary School (ANFOESEC) in the year 1985 for her O level education. She had her first child while in school, but this did not deter her from continuing her education. She later gained admission to Accra Polyethnic, Ghana, in the year 1992 to study Business Accounting where she graduated with flying colors.

Selorm was an epitome of a cheerful giver. Her love for the things of God was paramount. She was a devoted Christian who served her Lord and the church faithfully in various ways. She will not turn away from doing anything for the gospel of Christ. Her desire to see the lost souls saved and the captives in bondage freed was very essential to her. (This desire caused her children to name her 'Madam Spirito'). She supported great men and women of God and sponsored some into Ministry.

Selorm, ayekoo for a job well done. Your crown awaits you in Heaven. Selorm freely expressed her Christian beliefs passionately and cherished good relationship with others. Selorm was very particular about instilling the word of God in her children and close family relations. She took a keen interest in her daughters' Christian life and their education. She was a lover of strong family values and always hoped for the best for her family and friends.

She will give out her last cent, time and energy to make another person's life better. She was always running to the aid of others. She was such a loving, caring and kind person. She was an extrovert with a bubbly personality. Selorm had an outgoing, affable, and generous nature that endeared her to family and many others. She made many friends wherever she went.

She travelled to work in Israel in 1996. She moved from Israel in 2002 to America. In her selflessness, she started taking care of elderly patients with dementia and children with disabilities. All her patients looked forward to her bubbly presence each day she worked with them. Her love for her patients pushed her to further her education in the field of Nursing. She successfully graduated as an Assistant Registered Health Nurse just before her untimely sickness on 3rd September, 2017.

Selorm went to be with the Lord on 28th July, 2021 after some time of illness. She is survived by her two (2) daughters, two (2) grandchildren and her entire family. Even though we are hurt deeply by her departure, we take solace in knowing that she touched lives and she is in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and we would all one-day meet again. Abrã, Abrã, Abrã Hede Nyuie!!!

Order of Service

Processional HymnGuide Me O Thy Great Jehovah

Prayer by the Priest Rev. Fr. Mawusi

First Reading; Isaiah 41:10Mrs Gertrude Gliff

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading: Romans, 8: 38-39

The Gospel & SermonRev. Fr. Mawusi

Hymnal “When Upon Life's Billows You Are Tempest Lost”

Reflection of LifeDr. Richard Amenyah

TributesOlder daughter; Akpene Simpi
Younger daughter;; Priscilla Letsu
Siblings, Nephews and Nieces

Announcement

Benediction

Interment

Crest Haven Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

Tribute by Akpene

“When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul”

Mom, no words can describe the feeling when I realized that you are no more. No one can really understand the pain of going through life without such an important person like you.

Mom you passed on just too soon.

I call you sister Edith because you were not just a mother to me, but a big sister and a friend. You always wanted us to have more than mother-daughter relationship. We were just like a big sister and her little sister. Playfully you would tell me “people will think you are old when I call you Maa”. Your friendliness and love for me made you call me with several pet names such as: strength of my youth, Hebrew woman, the quiet one, Professor, etc. These will forever stay with me Sister Edith.

As a single mother, you provided everything we needed. When you left for Israel, I was entering my teenage years, which are very challenging years but you made sure I never missed anything that a child needs to be happy. You were not physically around but you left me in the best hands of your big sister and would still send your friends to visit me whiles in boarding school. I felt loved even though you were not with me physically.

Mom, my heart is broken, you promised me you were going to make up for all the years we spent apart. Fulfilling this promise was your greatest desire and promise. Everyone close to you knows how seriously you were with making the right documents for me to join you and my little sister, Deladem. Writing this tribute feels so painful because I’m remembering all the sacrifices you made in your quest to have your daughters together with you.

Edith, my pain was your pain, and my joy was your joy. When I complain about issues in life, you would say to me, “God tests those He loves”! You were my biggest cheerleader. You made life so easy for me. I must say, I started facing ‘real life’ when you fell sick. I had so much hope that you would wake up from your sick bed so we could be a happy family once again. I had told myself, I will surely do my Doctorate the moment you get well. My dream is shattered!

I wish you could come back and see little Abrā, your granddaughter. She acts just like you! Funny, very energetic, independent, creative and so caring just like you and most surprisingly she was not only born on your day (Tuesday) but shares her birthday with you! Our God is a wonderful God and we shall forever sing His praises and glorify His name.

You will always be remembered as a friendly and jovial jolly person. You would always complain about my quiet and calm nature. I wish you were here to see how friendlier and talkative I have become just like you. You said Deladem and I were too boring so you could call to talk with your granddaughter Aseye for hours. Aseye got so fond of you, and she kept on telling her friends her grandma is her best friend.

I wish I had the chance to say goodbye, one last call or one last hug. I wish your life had been easier. You had to endure a lot for us. Thank you for always being there for us. Thank you for not missing my master’s graduation ceremony. Thank you so much mom for playing the role of a mother and a father so perfectly. Yes, the Lord equipped you to play your role so well in our lives!

I can say that God gave us the greatest mum and grandmother. Edith, our hearts are heavy. But we will make you proud. I believe you are resting peacefully because you said you saw a beautiful mansion the Lord has prepared for you in one of your several dreams you narrated to me. Deladem and I say May your gentle soul find rest with the Lord.

You will forever remain in our hearts. Rest well mummy.

Tribute by Priscilla

My mom was truly an exceptional woman and my role model. She was always known for her selflessness and her zeal to help people without expecting anything in return.

She loved to help others even when she herself was struggling. She had a smile that was affectionate and an attitude that would always uplift the people around her.

As a single mom raising a teenage girl like me, she would always be working tirelessly day and night to make sure there was food on the table and I get all that I need. Even though some people may say that I was only a child so I didn't understand what she did for me, I've always known that the sacrifices she made for me were out of love.

She always wanted the best for me no matter what it took. I remember back when I was in elementary school I wanted to run for my school team and I would always ask her and the answer would be no. Until third grade where she said she would finally sign me up and I remember the first competition I was so excited. She and Auntie Edna were in the stands watching as I kept winning all of my races and I could hear them cheer for me as loud as possible when I passed them by. She loved coming to my competitions and I loved her support because I knew I made her proud.

She was truly a special person and I know I'll never have another like her. God told us that this was her time to be with Him and even though we don't understand why it had to be this soon, I realized that this is all a part of His grand plan for my life and I should just trust the direction he's taking me through.

Being kind to others no matter what and giving something for others even when you are in need are just some of the lessons that my mom has taught me over the years growing up. She was a prime example of who Jesus wants his children to be like. Loving, gentle, patience, and selflessness are just a few examples of the characteristics she possessed.

Looking back on some things, I know that I definitely took her for granted at times. I wish she was here to see where I am in my life. To see me accomplish the big and little things such as graduating high school, getting into college, graduating college, getting married, starting a family and so on. I know she would've been the best grandma and she would have supported me through each step.

My mom wanted me to succeed in life and she knew that school was the way to do just that. I hope I'll be able to finish high school with the satisfaction of knowing that I'm doing what she would've wanted me to do. She may not be here in the flesh but I know she has a lovely family who cares. I also know she's watching over me in spirit and I find comfort in the fact that she's with our Heavenly Father and no longer in pain.

TRIBUTE BY SIBLINGS

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain Phil 1: 21

An angel came and took you by the hand and probably said "your place is ready in heaven away from every pain". Gladly, you answered the Saviour's call without a word to those you dearly loved. We wonder if something else crossed your mind, all the unspoken words you left behind.

Eddie, you were all things to us, a sister, a friend, a mother and a unifier. You gave off your very self to us all, to friends and other family members.

You taught us love, fortitude and perseverance. You epitomise courage, strength, faith and hope. You were such an encouragement to us drawing us all together. You were so kind-hearted and everyone's trouble was yours. You fought so hard Eddie and you have won the heart of all those you have met in your life. Our hearts are heavy now as we mourn you. There is no replacement for you. Your equal would be hard to find. Yes, we miss you dearly and we will cherish your wonderful memory forever.

Sweet sister, our hearts are bleeding sore, the pain is unbearable, yet you taught us to trust God. To us, your death was untimely, but you left us beautiful memories; your love with faith is our guide. Your love in our hearts we will eternally keep.

Our songstress, we miss your melodies. One of your favourites "By and by when the morning comes.

When the saints of God are gathered home

We will tell the story

How we overcame

We will understand it.

Better by and by." Yes we will understand this story, by and by

Our consolation is in Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son".

You have earned your rest in the LORD away from this world of woes; go in peace and keep smiling for Jesus.

Edith Selorm Abrã, our smiling queen, fare thee well till we meet in the morning.

Hede nyuie

Dò agbè!!!

Tribute to Mother In-law

Edith, you are a woman of substance, prayerful and a gift to humanity and the family with so much beauty and love.

Your demise is irreplaceable and a painful one just at a time when you are most needed. You were more than a mother in-law to me. I call you mummy because you always say I am your first born. I will forever miss you.

God gave me the best mother in-law. You encouraged me to enroll in the Pastoral School, however you did not witness my graduation ceremony as promised due to ill health. We have discussed many businesses; I just don't understand what happened to you four years ago, but God knows best. You shared so many things with me and I learnt a lot from you.

The last chat you sent me was a song by David Ekene which says, "Your tomorrow must be greater than today". Yes, that will come to pass in Jesus's name.

Sister Edith, death has laid its icy hands on you, but I believe your soul will continually praise the Lord. Keep sleeping in the bosom of the Lord. Your grandchildren and I will surely miss you.

TRIBUTE BY NEPHEWS AND NIECES

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died (The Hope of the Resurrection) 1Thes 4:13-14

We are so honored to say a few words about our Auntie Selorm Edith Amu. She was a cheerful, fun-loving lady who was full of life. Her smile could light up a room and it was infectious. She made everyone around her happy. Whether it was a funny joke, her positive attitude, or her big smile, she was a delight to be around with.

We will miss our Auntie's smile, optimism and positive attitude. She was an incredible sister, mother, friend, and Aunt. She will be missed by a lot of people here today.

She was such a kind soul and saying goodbye is really heart-breaking. Auntie Edith, we doubt if we will ever be able to get over the pains of your death. Tears would not let us pen down how amazing you were... All we can say is we take solace in the fact that we know you are in a better place, free from sickness and pains.

Fare thee well Auntie Edith. You fought a good fight and won the race. You left a legacy that will be read through the generations, current and for the future. You left a mark in our hearts, that nothing will ever erase. It is indelible in our hearts.

You are a rare gem and will forever be cherished.

Goodbye, darling Auntie, we miss you.

We wish you peace now and always, love from all of us.

Tribute by Grandchildren

Grandma Edith was an amazing person, she was a kind, friendly and adorable grandma ever known to us.

Grandmas are usually pictured as very old and frail but our grandma, was young, smart, vibrant, and very outgoing.

Grandma Edith was the people's person, a pure extrovert, and a crowd puller.

Some of us were not fortunate to sit on her laps when we were born but for a few of us who had that opportunity, we were treated with the typical grandma bathing for Ghanaian babies.

Grandma Edith will take time off her busy schedule to drive us to see the doctor when we are sick or to attend afterschool programs when our mom cannot make it.

We are all shocked that she has passed away without any of us around her. This really hurts.

As grandchildren, we mourn our beloved grandma for leaving us so soon. However, we take solace from the fact she has positively affected many people's lives and you are currently in the hands of the Lord watching over us and we wish her a wonderful stay in heaven and not in pain here on earth.

We shall always remember your inspiring words: "we come from a poor background but on the land of the free and opportunities, we shall conquer, flourish and blossom and become anything with hard-work". We promise to study hard and make you proud wherever we find ourselves. You are a big dreamer, and we are inspired by your dreams to achieve big things and impact lives.

Grandma meant a lot to us and our family. It was great when she came to visit us at Christmas, new year or thanksgiving and other family events. It was always great spending time with her and Priscilla.

For those of us who she couldn't connect physically, she did via phone calls. Such calls were golden moments to hear your wisdom, nice stories and even baby songs which will stay with us forever. You promised to come and visit us but you never came back, call back or engage us in any meaningful ways. We know if it were in your power you will certainly reach-out but God in his wisdom knows why he has taken you at this time and we pray we meet again. Please, grandma accept to be our best guardian angel in heaven that will protect us. We all love you grandma.

Bye, bye grandma, we shall miss you.



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 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 found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Selorm Edith Amu** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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