

Celebrating The Life of  
**Joy M. Essien-Akpan**

*August 16, 1967 - April 9, 2023*



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# Service Information

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

VIEWING: 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

SERVICE: 4:00 PM

## **ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**

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Brother Mark Sanchez, Chairman

### **Repast**

Immediately following the service, the family invites you a  
time of repast and fellowship at  
726 E 213<sup>th</sup> Street Bronx, NY 10466

**FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023**

MEETING AT ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES AT 9:30AM

### **Interment**

Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Putnam Valley, NY



# Order of Service

Opening Prayer ..... Brother Chika Ochu

Opening Song..... He will call (#151)

Scripture Readings

Job 14:13-15..... Brother Mark Sanchez

John 3:16

Reading of Obituary ..... Brother Mark Sanchez

Memorial Talk ..... Brother Mark Sanchez

Closing Song ..... Life without end-at last! (#140)



# Obituary

**Birth:** Late Joy M. Essien Akpan was born in Kano, Kano State, Nigeria to Mr. Okon Essien and Esther Essien on August 16th, 1967.

**Spiritual life:** Both parents were Jehovah's Witnesses, and they raised Joy in the truth. She started studying the Bible at a young age and was baptized in Nigeria. She attended the Hotoro Congregation in Kano, Nigeria. After moving to the U.S. in the year 2000, she attended the Allerton Congregation in the Bronx, New York.

**Marital Life:** Late Joy M. Essien Akpan got married to Mr. Isaiah Akpan on April 10th, 2001, and gave birth to two wonderful sons, Joel Akpan and Shedrack Akpan, who were also raised in the truth.

**Education:** Late Joy M. Akpan attended the Methodist Primary School in Kano, Nigeria. After high school, she continued her education at Kano Commercial Community College in Kano, Nigeria. In the U.S., she attended Westchester Community College, studying nursing. She received a scholarship but didn't complete her studies because of her family responsibilities.

**Occupation:** In Nigeria, she worked at Abnorm Industrial Enterprises LTD in Kano, Nigeria until she left for the U.S. Late Joy M. Essien Akpan worked as a nursing assistant at Montefiore Hospital, New Rochelle, New York until her death.

**Memorable:** Late Joy M. Essien Akpan always cared for her family and friends. She dedicated her life to caring for her sick husband. She was exemplary, giving the best she could to her family. She worked so hard to provide for her family, and in her heart was willing to care for, and help others. She was a light when things were dark and helped whenever needed. The love her family held for her was immaculate, the love her husband had for her was of grand devotion, and the love her sons had for her was bountiful. She was survived by her husband, two children, her mother, her brother, nieces, friends, cousins, aunties, and uncles.



# Tributes

Our mother was our angel. She provided us with love and care. She took care of our sick father. Even though we are grieving your passing, we thank Jehovah that you were a compassionate and caring mother.

–Your sons, Joel and Shedrack.

My daughter, you left me. I wonder why, but Jehovah promises us the resurrection. I will miss your compassion that you had for me and the entire family.

–Your mother, Mrs. Esther Essien.

My aunt was a good and caring person. She took good care of us all. We will miss you.

–Your nephew, Wisdom Ubong

Mma, you were the sunshine of the family. Your wonderful smile and care for your friends and family will be greatly missed. Your passing is a great shock to us all. May Jehovah grant you eternal Peace.

– Uncle Etebom & family.

# HeWill Call

Life, like a mist,  
appears for just a day,  
Then disappears tomorrow.  
All that we are  
can quickly fade away,  
Replaced with tears and sorrow.  
If a man should die,  
can he live again?  
Hear the promise God has made:

(CHORUS)

He will call; The dead will answer.  
They will live at his command.  
For he will have a longing  
For the work of his own hand.  
So have faith, and do not wonder,  
For our God can make us stand.  
And we will live forever,  
As the work of his own hand.

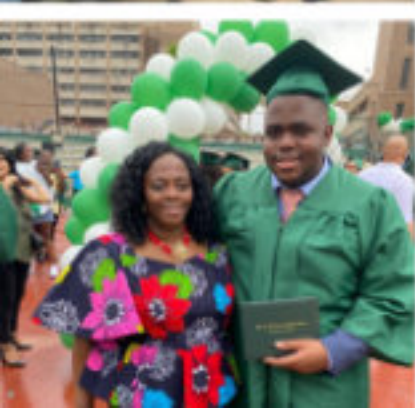
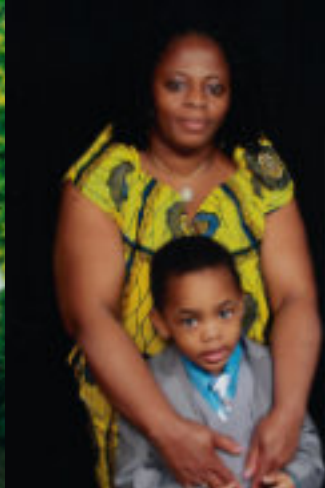
Friends of our God,  
though they may pass away,  
Will never be forsaken.  
All those asleep who in  
God's mem'ry stay,  
From death he will awaken.  
Then we'll come to see  
all that life can be:  
Paradise eternally.

(CHORUS)





# Precious Memories



“  
It isn't what we  
leave behind, it's  
what we leave in  
people's hearts  
that counts.”



## Acknowledgement

*We genuinely express our sincere appreciation for all you have done for our family. Your acts of kindness, sympathy, prayers, love, and all you have done will always be remembered.*

*With sincere thanks,*

*-The Family*

*Eternity*   
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