

In Loving Memory of
Irene Ifeyinwa Okoye
(Nee Enechukwu)

Sunrise
May 17, 1974

Sunset
July 8, 2015

Friday, August 7, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
510 Valley Street • Orange, New Jersey



Obituary

Irene Ifeyinwa Okoye (*Nee Enechukwu*)

Irene Ifeyinwa Okoye was born on May 17, 1974 as the third child, and the first daughter of Mr. Pius and late Mrs. Cecilia Enechukwu of Akwaeze in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State, Nigeria. She enjoyed the solid Christian background of her family and was cherished so much by her parents and siblings. She completed her post primary education at Idaw River Girls Secondary School in Enugu, Nigeria.

In 1992, Irene met Mr. Festus Okoye and they finally married in 1994 after which Irene moved to Lagos to start a family with her husband. Her marriage with Festus is blessed with four wonderful children (Chiagozie, Afoma, Chidera, and Kenechukwu). Her family is a family where God comes first as is clearly reflected in the deep religious significance of the names chosen for their children. On May 18, 2002, she moved to the United States with her family and became interested in the nursing profession – a profession that offered her an opportunity to continue the exercise of her gift of caring for and being with people. She worked at UMDNJ hospital, Newark, NJ until recently when her illness began to take a downward toll on her. Ifeyinwa was loved by her colleagues and patients.

Ifeyinwa loved to socialize with people. She is enterprising and enjoyed venturing into new experiences. She loved life and all that makes this life worth living. She has many friends both from her work and her Church. She belonged to *Enyi Oma* Social Club where she was fondly known as “Diamond”.

Ifeyinwa’s life took an unprecedented turn in January of 2014 when she took ill which lasted for the majority of the year of 2014. She received aggressive treatments from Hackensack Medical Center, Hackensack, New Jersey. The doctors and nurses that treated Ifeyinwa gave her the best attention possible, and Ifeyinwa appreciated their professional care and support. Ifeyinwa’s parents, brothers and sister sacrificed a lot and offered every possible support needed for her recovery. They encouraged her to keep up the fight to full recovery. During her sickness, Ifeyinwa enjoyed an abundance of love and companionship from her husband, children, Enechukwu family, church members, and friends, far and near. Supported by many loving people around her, Ifeyinwa fought hard to beat the illness. Unfortunately, on July 8, 2015, Ifeyinwa succumbed to the ugly claws of death, but peacefully, at the MICU of Hackensack Medical Center.

Ifeyinwa will be missed by so many people, especially her father, Mr. Pius Enechukwu, her aunt Mrs. Pauline Enechukwu; her siblings – Nwabueze, Elochukwu, Chinwuba, Obumneme, Emenike, Chikaodili and the entire Enechukwu family. Her husband, Mr. Festus Okoye, her four children and the Okoye family of Adazienu will miss her. Just a little over three months ago, Ifeyinwa was suddenly and tragically predeceased by her mother Mrs. Cecilia Enechukwu, who visited Ifeyinwa here in the USA and cared for her for many months. Our hope is that Ifeyinwa and mama are at the Lord’s bosom interceding for us who are still struggling to make sense of the mystery of our earthly sojourn. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed – through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen!

Ify, go in peace! Enjoy a blessed sleep with Jesus until we meet again to part no more, where there will be no tears, no sorrow, no sadness, no illness, no death; where there will be peace and joy that lasts forever. Nodu mma! Ije oma!! Anyi na-abia!!!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Nigeria Family Compound

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites
in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your
head bowed low.
Remember the love
that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey
that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely
and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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