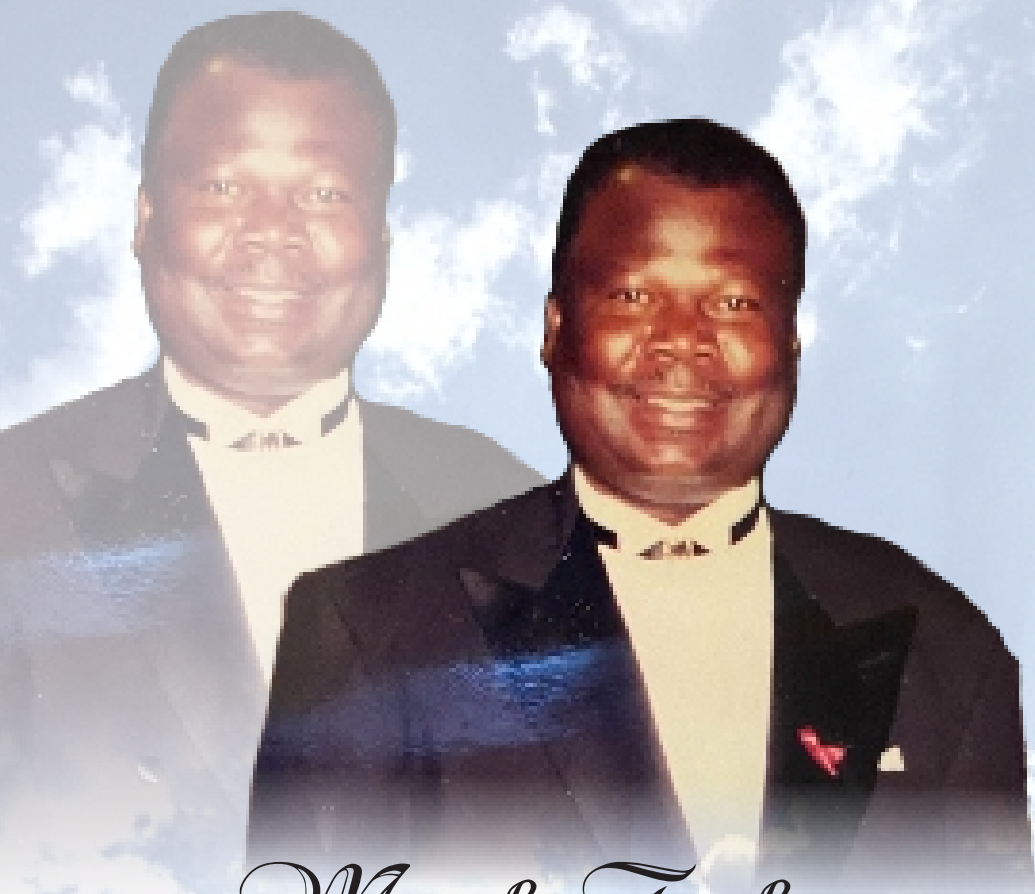


*In Loving Memory of*



*Mark Fiakor*

Sunrise  
May 28, 1950

Sunset  
April 28, 2020

Service:  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - 11:30 am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

**Rev. Chin, Officiating**

**David Jenkins, Organist**

# Obituary

**Mark** was born on May 28th, 1950 to Kwame Fiakor and Abena Fiagbadu in Accra Ghana (deceased). They created an amazing son. Who not only became a great man but also changed the lives of people who were blessed to know him. Mark was one of eight children, Lucy, Wilson, Marthias and Paulina all preceded him in death.

Mark obtained his high school level education in his hometown in the Volta region. After completing his high school, he left the Volta region and went to Accra to find a job. Mark found a job working for F.Phillipie, an Italian construction firm. Mark worked with the construction firm until he migrated to the USA in 1986.

Before Mark left Ghana, he met the love of his life in 1985. They continued their relationship long distance. He finally asked her to marry him in 1989, where they became engaged. After the customary rites were done Evelyn joined Mark in New York. In June 1996 Mark and Evelyn married in the presence of their loved ones.

Even though Mark worked at various places when he started working at Sarah Neuman now known as the new Jewish home, he knew he had found a home away from home. Mark was very hard working and he loved what he did. He was part of the Environmental department until his untimely departure. Mark worked for the Jewish home for about 24 years.

To say that Mark and Evelyn were inseparable was an understatement. Mark breathed, talked, and walked Evelyn to put it simply she was his everything and the feeling was mutual from Evelyn. It was no wonder that Evelyn also ended up working at The New Jewish home, where he would catch a glimpse of her before she left her shift in the morning whilst he was coming on.

Mark enjoyed cooking which he did well better than some women, he always made sure everyone was fed if you went to visit. Mark loved to have family around especially the nieces and nephews. When Uncle Mark as he was fondly called got a new gadget, he would be on the phone calling one of his nephews to come and help him install it or show him how to work it. It was not that he could not do it, he just wanted them around.

Mark loved his God and it showed in his kindness and his desire to help others as it was thought in the Bible and in church. He found a permanent place to worship at Deeper Life Bible church where he was a member till he departed.

When Mark left home that Wednesday to go to the hospital little did we know it would be his last. Mark finally departed this life on the 28th of April to go and rest in his loving fathers' arms where heaven gained a new angel.

Mark is survived to cherish his memory by his darling wife Evelyn known to him as Afriyie, brothers, Charles, Kofi and Elakor, Aunties and a slew of cousins, in-laws, nephews, nieces and friends.

**MARK DAMIRIFA DUE!!!!!!  
MARK REST IN PERFECT PEACE!!!!!!**

# Order of Service

## INTRODUCTION

**The Word of Grace**  
Rev. Chin

**The Greetings**  
Rev. Chin

**Hymn**  
“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah “

**Prayer**  
Rev. Chin

**Old Testament Reading**  
Psalm 91 - Gloria Acquah

**New Testament Reading**  
Roman 8:26-34 - Gloria Acquah

**Hymn**  
“Lead Kindly Light” Gershon Elakor (Family)

**Words of Thanksgiving and Remembrance**  
Ms. Glover (The New Jewish Home)

**Reading of Eulogy**  
Rosina Dei

**Sermon**  
Rev. Chin

**Prayer of Commendation**  
Rev. Chin

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
Rev. Chin

**The Dismissal with Blessing**  
Rev. Chin

**Recessional Hymn**  
“Abide With Me “

**Interment**  
Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York

## **MY TRIBUTE TO MY DARLING HUSBAND**

Mark, affectionately called “Solomon” was a wonderful man (person). Words can not express how much I will miss him. Not only was he a wonderful husband, he was also a wonderful God father, in-law, uncle, friend, and colleague and so much more.

Mark had the ability to make everyone around him feel inclusive and comfortable. It’s been nearly 25 years since we got married, but 30 years since I set eyes on you. Looking back at all these years, I am thankful to God for the happiness you brought into my life. I will be forever grateful. Mark loved the children in the family. When he spoke to any of the grown-ups, the first question he would ask was how is so and so doing, calling each child by name, and wanting to know genuinely how they were doing. Even though my darling Mark could have retired, he loved working and loved his extended family at work he kept on putting it off.

"Solomon" thanking you for taking care of me all these years. I know you were always worried of who will cook and take care of me but know that I am being taken care of by God and everyone else who loved you. So, rest in his bosom till we meet again.

**My love, friend, and husband God's speed.  
Your darling wife Evelyn affectionately called  
“Afriyie” by You**



## **A TRIBUTE TO A BROTHER**

You gave no one a last farewell, nor did you ever get a chance to say good-bye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. A million times we will miss you and mourn you. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life, we loved you dearly and in death we still love you. In our hearts, you hold a place no one else can fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you.

We will meet again someday. we know in a better place.  
I thank God he made you our brother while you were here on earth.

**REST IN PERFECT PEACE,  
YOUR BROTHERS**

Mark, you are gone but not forgotten. Words cannot express the loss of the emptiness you have brought.

This is so long, not good-bye because we know we shall meet again, where we will never have to depart.

All of us are still in shock knowing that we will not be seeing you again in this life.

Thank you for what you brought into our lives especially what you meant to the children, their Uncle Mark. The cooking will be missed, but especially the phone calls.

You have taught us that life is too short if we did not know it before. We will make it count every single day.

We will take care of your Afriyie, Sister and Auntie to us. Do not worry we will continue to love and take care of her as you would have with God helping us. Brother and Uncle rest in peace. Always in our hearts,

The Dei Family



### **TRIBUTE FROM IN-LAWS**

*Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Our hearts are broken and words cannot describe how we feel about the sudden departure of our husband, father, brother and uncle. We did not have the opportunity to say goodbye to you before you left to join your father in heaven. We can only ask God "Why he took you away from us so sudden?" But in all things, He says that we should give thanks to him. You impacted many people in this world before departing and that will forever and always be appreciated. We shared many memories with you. We will really miss your jokes, your firm belief in family orientation, your wonderful cooking and your overall love. You will forever remain in our hearts, and we pray that the almighty God will keep you in his blossom until we meet again.

**Sleep well Mark Sleep well Guy Solo  
God be with you**

## TRIBUTE TO MY DEAR UNCLE

*"And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all people, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever.  
Isaiah 25 7-8*

This is not our usual way of communicating but this the choice you left me with. Uncle as I affectionately called him will also respond auntie and ask how I was doing. We would communicate virtually everyday so the distance was not really a problem, until the last two weeks when you would not answer my calls, little did I know that you were sick and would soon depart this world.

Uncle you left me heart broken and a part of me died as well. You were not just my uncle, you were my best friend and counselor, we could talk about everything and anything.

How I wish to see you again because its hard to accept that you are gone and gone forever. I continue to think of you with love. All I have are memories of you and they are my keepsake with which I will never part with.

God saw that you were probably getting tired and cure was not be so he put his arms around you and whispered "come with me" Although I loved you so much that couldn't make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating and a hard-working hand is put to rest. God broke my heart to prove he only takes "The Best". God has you in his keeping, but I have you in my heart.

*Rest well my sweet uncle*

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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*William Williams, pub. 1745*

*Guide me, O Thou great \*Jehovah, [\*Redeemer]*

*Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*Lord, I trust Thy mighty power,  
Wondrous are Thy works of old;  
Thou deliver'st Thine from thralldom,  
Who for naught themselves had sold:  
Thou didst conquer, Thou didst conquer  
Sin and Satan and the grave,  
Sin and Satan and the grave.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.*



*Lead, Kindly Light*  
John H. Newman, 1833

*Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on Keep  
Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene; one step  
enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou Shouldst lead me on; I  
loved to choose and see my path, but now Lead Thou me on; I  
loved the garish day, and spite of fears, Pride ruled my will;  
remember not past years.*

*So long Thy pow'r has blest me, sure it still Wilt lead me on, O'er  
moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till The night is gone, And  
with the morn those angel faces smile, Which I have loved long  
since, and lost awhile.*



*Abide With Me! Fast Falls the Eventide*

*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.*

*2 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.*

*3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings; But kind and good, with  
healing in Thy wings: Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea; Come,  
Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.*

*4 I need Thy presence every passing hour: What but Thy grace can foil the  
tempter's power? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through  
cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*

*5 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.*

# *A Heart of Gold*

A heart of gold stopped beating,  
Two shining eyes at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove  
He only takes the best,  
God knows you had to leave us,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day He took you home.  
To some you will be forgotten,  
To others, just part of the past,  
But to us who loved and lost you,  
Your memory will always last.  
-Author unknown

## *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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