

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life of*

Francis M. Ocran

Sunrise
July 30, 1938

Sunset
January 31, 2022



Service:
Friday, February 25, 2022 - 6:00 pm

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

Obituary

Francis Mensah Ocran Jr. (II) was born on Sunday July 30, 1939 in Sekondi, Ghana to the late Mr. Francis Mensah Ocran Sr. (I) and Mrs. Winifred Ruth Asmah. He started his early schooling in Ghana and graduated from Aggrey Memorial Zion Secondary School in Cape Coast in 1959. After his graduation, Francis started working with the Ghana Information Cinema Service to educate people in the villages about country affairs. While working, Francis met Ms. Elizabeth Fynn with whom he had three children: Francis Mensah Ocran (III), the late Alex Anthony Ocran, and Winifred Berth Ocran.

Even though he was content with his life in Ghana, he strived to accomplish more for his family. Two weeks after the birth of his daughter in 1973, Francis migrated to the United States of America to pursue his dream of photography. He continued his education at the Medgar Evers College in Manhattan, New York. After he graduated from the Medgar Evers College with cum laude in business finances, he began to work with the City Comptrollers as an auditor. In July 1994, Francis Jr. became a proud grandfather when his first grandson, Francis Mensah Ocran (IV) was born on his birthday, July 30. He subsequently had two other grandchildren, Annora Frances Titus-Glover and Tyrell Aboudlrazak Foussemi. Francis Jr. continued to work with the City Comptrollers for 30+ years until he retired in 2008 to help with his granddaughter, Annora's, schooling. Through his effort, Annora became just as successful as him in school.

However, Francis' compassionate nature did not extend to only his family. His compassion for others led him to cook and sell kenkey, an African cuisine, to allow others to experience the benefits of good home-cooking on the soul. Because of this, people began to call him "obarima dokono" meaning the best male kenkey maker. Also, he helped his friends back home, sending money to fund construction projects, help with family affairs, or to give aid to anyone in need. Indeed, Francis was a problem solver, yet, if anyone wanted his help, they had to be prepared to deal with his strong determination, commonly known as his "stubbornness".

Again, this compassion and determination did not only extend to helping people on Earth, but it also extended to supporting the work of God. Through his devotion to watching Sunday services and reading the Bible, Francis Jr. embodied the true values of a Christian. As he kept the Lord in his heart, so the Lord has kept him in his grace, allowing Francis to join him in his bosom. Francis leaves his loving family and friends to mourn his death, but he also leaves his family and friends to carry on his legacy till the end of time.

A beautiful and rewarding well-lived life. God bless his soul.

Rest-in-Peace Daddy!

Rest-in-Perfect Peace Grandpa!!

Rest-in-the Bosom of the Lord, Kwesi Baah Ocran!!!

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection..... “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Psalm 27:1-4 Ms. E. Rivers

New Testament..... Rev. 21:1-7 Mrs. K. Akorful

Prayer of Comfort..... Lady Rev. Anna Vanderpuye

Selection..... “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”
Pastor Camara Foster

Special Selection..... (Grandchildren)

Obituary.....Ms. J. Smith

Selection..... “Will Your Anchor Hold In The Storm of Life”

Eulogy.....Pastor Gloria McKay

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by Funeral Director

Final Viewing.....“Blessed Assurance”

Recessional

Interment
Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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