

LATE EZINNE MRS.
JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI
(ỌSỌ NDI ỌWE NDI)

Aged 72 Years



Entry Antiphon:
Eternal rest to them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Collect:
O God, it is your nature to have mercy and to spare. You have called to yourself your servant **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** who believed in you and placed in you his hope: lead him to eternal happiness in his home in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord

FIRST READING
A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB 19:1, 23-27
Job said: Ah, would that these words of mine were written down, inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving toll, cut into the rock forever. This I know: that my redeemer lives, and he, the last will take his stand on earth. After my awaking, he will set me close to him, and from my flesh I shall look on God. He whom I shall see will take my part.
The word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 42:1; 4:43; 3-5R.Ps.42:2
Response: My soul is thirsting for the Lord; when I see him face to face?

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams so, my soul is yearning for you my God. (R)
2. My soul is thirsting for God; the God of my life, when can I enter and see the face of God? (R)
3. These things will I remember, as I pour out my soul: How I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving. The throng wild with joy (R)
4. O send forth your light and your truth, let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell (R)
5. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp. O God, my God (R)
6. Why are you cast down my soul, why groan within me? Hope in God; I will praise him still, my Saviour and my God (R)

Ukwe Mbata:
Ezumike ebebe nye ha onyenweanyi, ka ihe Gi di ebighiebi chakwasi ha.

Ekpere Mbido:
O Chineke, Ngi ka odiiri igosi ebere na mgbaghara mmehie. I kporogo nwa Odibo gi bu nwanyi **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** n'ubochi nke taa. Ebe O kwenyere ma tuwsi nchekube ya na Nginwa, Kpobata ya n'anuri nke di ebighi ebi n' eluigwe site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu:
Ihe Ogugu ewetara n'akwukwo Job 19:1, 23-27
Job kwuru si O gaara adi m uto n'ahuhu m nile n'ime akwukwo; ihwe detuo ha nile; ma obu Jiri mpisi akwukwo igwe detuo ha nile; ma obu dee ha n'elu mbadamba okwute, ebe ha ga-adigide rue mgbe ebighiebi. Odoro m anya na Onye nzoputa mdi ndu. O dokwara m anya na o ga- emesia guzo n' elu uwa n'oge ikpeazu o burugodu na oge m bilitere, aga m eji yah u chineke ga ano n' akuku m. aga m eji anya abuohu ya obukwaghi dika onye obia kama dika enyi si ahu enyi ya. Mu na ya ga-abu otu.
OKwu Nke Oeburuwa
Ekele diri Chukwu

ABUOMA 42:1, 2,4:43-5 R. Ps. 42:2
Aziza:
O Chineke aguu gi na agu mkpuruobi a m; kedu mgbe m ga ahu gi ihu na ihu.
1. Dika aguu mmiri sin a agu nne ele, out ahu ka ihe banyere gi si n-agu m aguu, O Chineke. (Az)
2. Aguu Gi, O chineke, na-agu mkpeueobi m, Chineke nke ji ndu m. Kedu mgbe ma ga-ahu ihu Gi, O Chineke? (Az)
3. Ka m na ekwuputa ihe di m n' obi ana m echeta Oge gara aga, mgbe mu na igwe mmadu na-agu n' ulo nso ukwu Chineke; oge m na Edu H bu igwe ekwe ukwe, na-etikwa mkpu onu na eto Chineke. (Az)
4. O zidata Ihe na eziokwu gi ka ha buru ihe nduzi uzo nyem; biakwa dudata mebe nso gi nke di n'elu ugwu zayon ebe obibi Gi (Az)
5. Aga me ehi oke onu gaa n'ebe nchuaja gi chineke nke n' enye m obi anuri. Aga m ejikwa ubo akwara too gi, Chineke m, onye nzoputam. (Az)
6. Gini kpatara iji na-ada mba, gi mkpuruobi m? Gini mere iji na asu ude? Tukwasi obi gin a Chineke. Aga m etogide ya oge nile O bu ya bu Chukwu m na Onye nzoputa m. (Az)

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our heart by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, we were enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his son. Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Acclamation Matt. 11:25 Alleluia! Alleluia!!

[Lent: Glory and praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ]

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to children.

Alleluia [Lent: Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ]

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children! Yes, Father for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Father except the son and those to whom the son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are over-burdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO

Ihe Ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom 5:5-11

N'ime onodu obula, okwesiri ka nchekwube anyi sie ike na-atughi egwu obula; n'anya. O gosiri nkea oge o sitere na Mmuo Nso mejuputa obi anyi n'ihunanya ya.

Leenu ka obi ebere ya siri di ukwuu nke mere na mgbe anyi na-enweghi ike obula n'oge nke ya jesu Kristi biara nwuo onwu n'ihi anyi, Ma eleghi anya, a ga–ahukwa onye nwere ike inwu-onwu n'ihi ezi mmadu. Ma lee ka ihunanya Chineke siri puta ihe. Oge anyi ka no na eme ihe ojoo; Chineke zitere Kristi ka o bia nwuo n'ihi anyi. Chineke siri puta ihe oge anyi site na idi mma anyi na chineke.

O buru na oge anyi ka bu ndi iro ya, Chineke mere ka anyi na ya diri n'udo site n'obara.

Mbeku Matiu 11:25

Alleluia! Alleluia! [Lent: Otito na ebube dijri Gi, Dinwenu Jesu Kristi]

Ngozi diiri Gi, Nna Chineke nke eluigwe na uwa; maka na I kpughere ihe omimi nke alaeze Gi nye umuaka.

Alleluia! (Lent: Otito na ebube diri Gi, Dinwenu Jesu Kristi]

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere 11:25-30

Jesu ji oke olu kpee ekpere si, ekele diiri Gi, Nna, Onye nwe igwe na ala, n'ihi na I zobeere ndi oke amamihe eziokwu ahu, ma kpugheere ya umu ntakiri. Eee, Nna, otoro Gi uto ime ya n'uzo di otu a. Nna m enyefeela m ihe niile n'aka. O dighi onye maara Okpara ahi ma O bughi Nna ya. O dighikwa onye maara Nna karia Okpara ahu na ndi okpara kwadoro igosi Nna.

Biakwutenu m, unu niile ndi ike gwuru ibu ibu aro e bokwasiri unu. Aga m enyekwa unu ezumike. Soronu uzo m, mutakwanu ihe site n'aka m. N'ihi na-adi m nwayoo, dikwa obi umeala. Unu ga-achotakwara mkpuruobi unu ezumike. N'ihi na uzo m di mfe, ibu m ga-ebokwasi unu adighikwa aro.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa

Aziza: Otiti diri gi Kristi

HOMILY
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
Admonition
Christ Our Lord, by his death and victory over sin, has opened the gates of heaven for all his people. We pray that **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** may come to our true home in heaven and that God may, in time, unite all of us there.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

a. Let us pray for all the faithful: that they may live in God's friendship so as to merit his great blessings. We pray you O Lord. R.
b. Let us pray for those who suffer from war and strife: that peace and tranquility may be established among them. We pray you O Lord. R.
c. Let us pray for all who have died in civil disturbances: that they may enjoy the peace and joy of heaven. We pray you O Lord. R.
d. Let us pray for those who suffer for the unexpected and premature death of their relatives: that they may be consoled and comforted by the sufferings of Christ. We pray you O Lord. R.
e. Let us pray for **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** that he may receive the fullness of life which her first received in Baptism, and enjoy the company of the Saints forever. We pray you O Lord. R.
f. Let us pray for all here present: that God may one day reunite us all with the Kingdom of His Glory. We pray you O Lord. R.

(One or two intentions may be added)
Concluding Prayer
May our prayer, O Lord, come to the aid of your servants departed, so that they may be delivered from their sins and given a share in your redemption?
Through Christ our Lord
R. Amen.

HOMILY
EKPERE NDI KWERENU
Ndumodu
Site na mmeri Kristi Dinwenu anyi meriri njo, na site n'onwu Ya; o meghere onu uzo eligwe maka ndi nke Ya: K'anyi rio ka anabata N., na ezi na ulp anyi nke di n'eluigwe, riokwaa ka Chineke mee ka ndi nke ya niile zukota ebe ahu n'oge di n'ihu.
R. Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi

a. K'anyi rio aririo maka ndi niile kwerenu: Ka ha na-ebi dika ndi enyi Chineke, iji nata ngozi Ya.
b. K'anyi rio aririo maka ndi no n'ahuhu n'ihi ogu na ekweghi ekwe: ka udo bata n'etiti ha.
c. K'anyi rio aririo maka ndi nwuru n'ime agha nke obodo: ka ha nweta udo na anuri nke alaeze eluigwe.
d. K'anyi rio aririo maka ndi no n'ahuhu maka onwu mberede nke nwanne ma o bu nwanna ha: Ka ha nweta ntasi obi site na ahuhu Kristi.
e. K'anyi rio aririo maka Nwanyi **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** ka onweta ndu zuru oke nke o natara mbu na mmiri-chukwu, bia soro ndi Nso na aiiuri ebebe.
f. K'anyi rio aririo maka anyi niile gbakotara n'ebea k'anyi niile zukotakwa otu ubochi n'alaeze nke Ya di Otito.

EKPERE MMECHI
O Dinwenu, mee ka aririo anyi ndi nyere umu odibo Gi hapuru ahapu aka, ka a zoputa ha na njo ha, bia keta oke na nzoputa Gi.

Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.
R. Amen.

THE FINAL COMMENDATION

(Standing close to the Coffin the priest introduces the rite in these similar words)

With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our brother to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that he will raise up this mortal body to perfection and the company of the saints. May God give him a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father? And may he be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of eternal King.

(Then all pray in silence for a little while. The coffin is sprinkled with Holy water and incensed while the following is sung)

V. Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

R. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

V. May Christ, who called you take you to himself, may Angels lead you to Abraham's side.

R. Receive his soul and resent him or her to God the lost High.

V. Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever.

R. Receive his soul and resent him to God the Most High.

(Then the Priest says this Prayer)

Father, into your hands we commend our sister. Were confident that with all who have died in Christ she will be raised to life on the last day and be with Christ forever. We thank you for all the blessings you gave her in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ.

Lord hear our prayer, welcome our sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** to Paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we all meet in Christ to be with you and with our brother forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

R. Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Anyi ka o diri dika ezigbo ndi otu Kristi ili ahu mmadu u'uzo kwesiri ekwesi. Ya mere k'anyi jiri umeala rio Chineke, onye na-enye ihe niile ndu, ka Okulite ahu nwanne anyi Nwanyi JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI, na onodu ndi Nso n'ike nke Mmuo Nso ka o mee ka o sonye na-otu ndi Nso na nke ndi niile kwerenu gara aga. Ka O gosi ya ebere n'ikpe nke o ga ekpeya. Nwanne anyi bukwa onye eji onwu gbaputa, akwugo ugwo o ji, onye e mere ka ya na Nna dikwa na mma, na onye ebukwara n'ubu aka nke ezigbo Onye Nche Aturu. Ka Chineke mee ka o jee sonye na nnukwu ogbako nke Eze ahu di ebighi ebi, na anuri nke Eze ahu di ebighi ebi, na anuri nke n'enweghi njedebe na mmeko nke ndi Nso niile.

Then all pray in silence for a little while. The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and incensed while the following is sung:)

Ndi Nso nke Chukwu nyerenu ya aka! Ndi Mmuo-ozi nke Chineke, zutenu Ya!

Naranu mkpuruobi ya, duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu

Ka Kristi Onye kporo gi, nara gi. Ka ndi Mmuo-ozi duru o gi n'ezi
Obinke Ebraham.

Naranu mkpuruobi ya, duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu
Nye ya ezumike ebighi ebi, Onye nweanyi meekaa ka ihe Gi di ebighi ebi chakwasi ya.

Naranu mkpuruobi ya, duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu

(Then the Priest says this Prayer)

Nna, n'aka Gi k'anyi na etinye mkpuruobi nke nwanne anyi Nwanyi EZINNE MRS JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI. Anyi ji aka site na nchekwube anyi na O ga eso ndi niile nwuru n'ime Kristi bilite n'ubochi ikpeazu wee binyere ya ebebe. Anyi na-ekele Gi maka ihe oma niile nke I ji gozie nwaodibo Gi na ndu nke a puru inwu anwu. Ihe oma ndi ahu bukwa ihe iriba ama nke anyi ji amata obi oma Gi, na mmeko nke ndi Nso n'ime Kristi. Ya mere, were ebere gee nti n'aririo nke anyi n'ario Gi, Onyenweanyi. Kpogheere nwa odibo Gi onu-uzo nke Paradais, nyekwara anyi aka bu ndi no n'uwaa, k'anyi jiri nkuzi nke okwukwe na akasirita onwe anyi obi rue mgbe anyi niile ga eje izute Kristi. Otu ahu ka anyi na nwanne anyi nwoke ga esi nonyere Gi oge niile.
Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.
R. Amen

While the body is being taken away, this antiphon or any other appropriate hymn is sung (see pages ….)

May the angels lead you into Paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Ka ndi mmuo ozi duba gin a Paradis, ka ndi egburu maka Chineke zute gi mgbe I na-abia, wee durue gi n'obodo nso ahu bu Jerusalem.

THIRD STATION
AT THE GRAVE OR TOMB
Blessing of the grave or tomb
Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, by the three days you lay in the tomb you made holy the graves of all who believe in you, and even though their bodies lie in the earth, they trust that they, like you, will rise again. Give our sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** peaceful rest in this grave, until that day when you, the resurrection and the life will raise him up in glory. Then may her see the light of your presence, Lord Jesus, in the Kingdom where you live forever and ever.
R. Amen.

(He sprinkles the body and the grave or tomb with Holy Water and incenses them unless this is to be during the rite of final commendation) While the body is being placed in the grave or tomb or at another suitable moment, the priest may say:

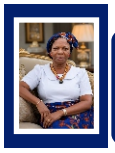
Since Almighty God has called our sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI** from this life to herself, we commit his body to the earth from which it was made. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and we know that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like her in glory. We commend our sister to the Lord: may the Lord receive her into his place and raise up her body on the last day.

(Then the Priest may say in whole or in part, the following prayer of the faithful, or a similar one)
Let us pray for our sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI** to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said:
"I am the Resurrection and the life. The woman who believes in me will live, even if she dies and every living person who puts her faith in ne will never suffer eternal death". She was nourished with your Body and Blood: grant her a place at the table in 'our heavenly kingdom.

THIRD STATION
AT THE GRAVE OR TOMB
Blessing of the Grave or Tomb

K'anyi rio aririo
Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi, i noro n'ime ili mkpuru ubochi ato wee si otu ahu gozie ili nke ndi niile kwere na Gi. Ya mere ndi niile ahu ha di n'ime ili ji nwee nchekwube na ha ga-esi n'onwu bilite ozo. Biko, mee ka nwanne anyi nwoke nwee ike ino n'ili nke a zuo ike na ndokwa, ka o noro na ya rue mgbe I ga ekuli ya, nye ya ihe. Gi onwe Gi bukwa mbilite n'onwu na ndu. Mee ka o were oku nke ihu Gi hu ihe di ebighi ebi n'eluigwe, Gi onye din du, Na achi eze ebighi ebi ebighi ebi.
R. Amen.
(He sprinkles the body and the grave or tomb with Holy Water and incenses them unless this to be during the tie of final commendation)
Ugbu a, anyi na-adonye ahu nwanne anyi Nwanyi **EZINNE MRS JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI** n'ala, ka olaghachi n'ebe o si puta. Anyi na-eme nke a n'ihi na o masiri Chineke ji ike niile, isi na ndu nke a kporokwa nnwanyi anyi. Krisiti bu onye mbu nke si n'onwu bilite, o bukwa onye nke ga-eme ka ahu anyi dara ada gbanwee, wee yie ahu nke Ya bu so ike. N'ihi nkea, anyi na etinye ahu nwanne anyi Nwanyi **EZINNE MRS JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI** n'aka Chineke ka o nara ya n'udo nke ya, mekwaa ka ahu ya bilie ozo n'ubochi ikpeazu.

Then the priest may say in whole or in part, the following prayer of the faithful, or a similar one)
K'anyi kpee ekpere maka nwanne anyi Nwanyi bu **EZINNE MRS JOSEPHINE NGOZI O**BAZI, k'anyi rionu Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi, Onye kwuru si: "Mu Onwem bu mbilite n'onwu na ndu. Onye obula kwere na m, o burugodu na o nwuru anwu, o ga-adi ndu o zo, ozo onye obula nke na-adi ndu, nke na ekwekwa na m, o gaghi anwu ma oli ruo mgbe ebighi ebi".





R. Lord hear our prayer
Lord, you wept at the death of Lazarus your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

R. Lord hear our prayer
You promised Paradise to the thief who repented: bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

R. Lord hear our prayer
Our brother was washed clean in baptism and anointed with the oil of salvation: give her fellowship with all your saints.

R. Lord hear our prayer
Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI:** let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.
R. Lord hear our prayer

(Then all say the Lord's Prayer together and the Priest says the following prayer)
Let us pray:
Lord, listen to our prayers for our sister **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI.** As she always desired to do your will, so in your mercy forgive whatever wrong she may have done. By her Christian faith he was united with all your believing people.
Now in love and mercy give her a place with your angels and saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.
V. Give her eternal rest, O Lord.
R. And may your light shine on her forever.
V. May she rest in peace
R. Amen.
V. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Prayer for the Mourners:
Grant, O God, that while we lament the departure of this your servant, **JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI,** we may always remember that we are most certainly to follow her. Give us Grace to prepare for that last hour by a good Life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death, but be ever watching that when you call we may enter into eternal glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Az. Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi.
Dinwenu, anya mmiri gbara Gi n'ihi onwu enyi Gi Lazaros; kasie anyi obi ma hichaa anya mmiri anyi, i kpoghachiri ndi nwuru anwu na ndu, nye nwanne anyi nwoke ndu ebighi ebi. Anyi ario biko Dinwenu
Az. Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi.

I kwere onye ohi nke chegharirinu nkwa iru na Paradais: nabata nwanne
anyi nwoke n'anuri nke eluigwe. Anyi ario biko Dinwenu
Az. Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi.

Eji mmirichukwu saa nwanne anyi nwoke werekwa mmanu nso gbaa ya ume: ka i kpobata ya n'otu ndi Nso Gi. Anyi ario biko Dinwenu
Az. Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi.

Anyi no n'uru n'ihi onwu nwanne anyi; nwoke: Ka okwukwe na olile anya anyi nke ndu ebighi ebi. Kasie anyi obi. Anyi ario biko Dinwenu
Az: Dinwenu nuru aririo anyi.

(Then all say the Lord's Prayer
Onyenwanyi, uzo ebere abuo k'anyi n'arioro ka I mere nwanne anyi Nwanyi bu **EZINNE MRS JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI** Nke mbu, nwa odibo Gi nwara oke ya ime ihe bu uche Gi. Ekwela ka o baa n'ahuhu nke diiri mmehie ya. Nke abuo, mgbe nwa odibo Gi bi n'uwa

a. okwukwe bu ihe jikoro ya na ndi niile kwerenu. Mee ka ebere Gi
sikwa otu ahu jikpo ya na ndi Mmuo-ozi Gi n'uwa ozo.
Anyi n'ario Gi nke a site na Kristi Onyenwanyi.
Amen.

Nye ya ezumike ebighi ebi, Onyenweanyi
Meekwa ka ihe Gi di ebighi ebi chakwasi Ya.
Ka o zuru ike na ndokwa Amen.
Ka mkpuru obi ya na mkpuru obi ndi niile kwerenu gara aga site na ebere nke Chukwu wee zuru ike na ndokwa. Amen.

Ekpere Maka ndi Na Eru Uju
O Chineke, ebe anyi na eru-uju maka nhapu nwa-odibo Gi n'uwa a, nyere anyi aka mgbe niile ka anyi na-echeta na otu ubpchi na anyi ga esonyere ya. Nye anyi amara iji kwado maka ubochi ikpeazu ahu, site na ibi ezigbo ndu. Ka onwu mberede ghara iwakpu anyi, kama k'anyi di nkwadebe na-atu anya mgbe i ga akpobata anyi na otito Gi.
Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.
R. Amen.

ROOTS AND EARLY LIFE

Ezinne Josephine Ngozi was born on September 5, 1954, to Jacob Ogba Enwe and Akiri of Azuegu, Nduzhi kindred, Amike Izhia, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi state, Nigeria. She was the third child and first daughter among eight children. As the first girl in a home of eight, Josephine learned early what it meant to help, to watch over others, and to set an example. That sense of responsibility would follow her into motherhood.

Jacob and Akiri raised their children in a household that valued faith, discipline, and community. This gave her a strong moral foundation.

Even as a girl in Azuegu, Josephine was serious about learning. She believed education was a path forward - a conviction that would later become the standard she set for her own children.

Later in life, she converted to the Catholic faith and became an ardent Catholic by choice. Her devotion deepened through the rosary, the sacraments, and a life rooted in Catholic teaching. Even early, she carried the marks of a woman who would stand firm for faith and for her children.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Josephine married to Alfred Okoko Obazi of Ndiagu Obazi, Umuituma Ogbulogu Nderezi kindred, Umuakpu, Ngbo, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi state.

She married into a home that would test her faith. Her husband was a baptised catholic who later abandoned Catholicism for traditional religion to walk in the ways of his own father. Because of this, her marriage in the church could not hold. Consequently, she was denied sacraments and could not join the Catholic Women Organisation for years.

In a bid to fully practice his newfound religion, her husband married a second wife. But Josephine did not leave. Her dislike for idol worshipping and her love for Christ kept her rooted. She bore 9 children - 2 girls and 7 boys. For most of their upbringing, she trained them alone. She was mother, teacher, and provider.

Through hardship, polygamy, and religious conflict, she held the home together with prayer and discipline.

FAITH AND SACRIFICE

Josephine's Catholic faith was non-negotiable. When her husband left the Church, she stayed - even at great personal cost. She was barred from receiving sacraments for years. Yet she never stopped being Catholic. She ensured Mass every Sunday for her 9 children. Her sacrifice was quiet but total: faith over comfort, Christ over culture, integrity over escape. She would not bow to idols. She would not leave the faith. She endured greatly in her marriage because of her Christian Faith and her dislike for idol worshiping. A relief came, in 1995, through the efforts of her then grown children who approached the then Parish priest of Maryland Parish, Ngbo , Rev. Fr. Peter Amano. The Parish Priest helped her get admitted to full communion and she began to receive the sacraments and engage fully in all church activities.

EDUCATION:

Struggles And Strength

Josephine began her primary education at Central School Amike Izhia in the 1960s. But her schooling was interrupted in Primary 5 by two forces that shaped her generation: the Nigerian Civil War and subsequent early marriage.

Life pulled her out of the classroom. She later faced a brief period of health challenges and trouble in her marriage, which led her back to her parents' house in Azuegu Oji.

But Josephine did not stay down.

When she recovered, she made a decision few women would at the time: she returned to school as an adult learner. She re-enrolled at Central School Izhia - the same school where she had started, and sat for her First School Leaving Certificate Examination in 1983.

She passed at credit level and was among the best in her set — including the day school pupils. A mother, returning to the same village school to finish what war and circumstance had cut short. And she outperformed them. After her FSLC, she returned to her husband's house. It was from there that she secured civil service employment in 1996, through her son-in-law.

With a steady job, the classroom called her again. Immediately after employment in 1996, Josephine enrolled at the Teacher's Training College satellite campus in Ezillo. Education was still her path. But life demanded practicality. As the sole trainer and provider for her children and guided by her love for animals, she saw better prospects elsewhere and withdrew from TTC to enroll at State Veterinary School, Ezzangbo.

She graduated as a Veterinary Clinical Assistant in 2004. She would have gone on to the technician level, but the burden of responsibility as a mother made it impossible.

Her strength was endurance. She bent under no pressure except the pressure of God's will.

WORK LIFE AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Josephine entered civil service in 1996 and was posted to Ishielu LGA where she relocated to with her husband's consent. At Ezillo, she joined St Patrick's Catholic Church and was also given sacrament of confirmation there.

She was later transferred to Ohaukwu LGA where she rose to rank of Chief Animal Health Assistant (Gl. 08) 2009 in the Agriculture/Veterinary Department of Ohaukwu Local Government Area, Ebonyi State.

In Ohaukwu, she served farmers and livestock keepers with diligence. She underwent various trainings and workshops to improve her knowledge in the field. She was also among the team that went for meat inspections, protecting the community by ensuring meat was safe and wholesome for consumption.

As a civil servant she was not left out in unionism as she was very active in Nigeria Union Of Local Government Employees (NULGE) and She was a treasurer ,NULGE, Ishielu East D/C between 2006 and 2009.

Mama was also a lover of culture. She participated as much as possible to promote Igbo/Ngbo culture. As a beautiful and wonderful dancer, she was a member of Evu Oka, where she was nicknamed Oso Ndi Owe Ndi. Mama belonged to various women social groups and being a frugal person, they usually make her a treasurer of the group. Notable group is the Close Associates where she was very active until her health deteriorated.

Her adult working life was given to the civil service, to her children and to her faith.

CHARACTER, FAITH & LEGACY

Josephine - Strict, Principled, and Unshaken

Life gave Josephine more weight than most women could carry: a husband in traditional religion, two more wives in the home, 9 children to train alone, and years without her beloved sacraments. She could have walked away even when the odds were against her. She did not. She trained her children by herself; paying fees, feeding them, and keeping them in Church.

Mama was a very active member of the church wherever she was posted during her service. At St Peter's Parish Izhia, she belonged to various pious groups including the Mother of Perpetual Help, Legion of Mary, she attended Divine Mercy prayers from time to time. She was an active member of the Parish Council and the Catholic Women Organisation, both at St Joseph's station level and at the Parish level. She also held executive positions in the church. At a point she was matron of the Bloc Rosary.

In recognition of her **eff**orts in the church she was conferred notable titles such as Ezinne and Ambassador of Mary.

Mama once visited her own mother, and the moment she heard Josephine's voice, she threw away the backyard vegetables. She knew Josephine would have come with a well-prepared meal, as was her custom since marriage. Provision was Mama's love language even while raising 9 children, she still showed up for her mother as much as she could.

Mama was strict and principled. That principle showed everywhere. She refused to compromise her values and would not accept what was not rightfully hers. She would say: Ivhe avhataru l'eze ala ejidu efó _ “Anything gotten through inordinate means will never bring satisfaction.”

She lived it and died with her name clean.

THE ROOT OF HER FAITH:

Mama once said that when she was little, around 8 years old, she saw a vision; a little boy in the sky with arms spread wide, floating in the clouds. A minister later interpreted it to mean Jesus was showing Himself to her. From that day, she hated anything idolatry. That childhood encounter became the anchor for her whole life. Through marriage trials, through raising her children, through years of service, she held on to that Jesus.

She was denied, but she persisted. She was pressured, but she did not break.

That is the legacy:

A woman who stood firm in her faith, and left behind children who know the price of righteousness.

Adieu Ijogwuayi, Nwanyi Ogbudu. Adieu Oso Ndi Owe Ndi. Chief Animal Health Assistant. Faithful Catholic. Mother of 9.

COMPILED BY DR. EMMANUEL OKOKOH

PHOTO GALLERY


Mama at Mother of Perpetual Help function at Abakaliki


Mama having a good time with her children


Conferment of Ambassador of Mary title with her colleagues


Mama, her husband and co-wives at a stepson's wedding


With her children during the conferment of Ezinne title


Mama and papa with their children


Mama with grandchild during Omugwo


Mama at a NULGE function


During an academic tour


Catholic Women Organisation


During Mama's birthday celebration


Mama and her side of the family


As a sponsor during infant baptism


Mama's birthday celebration


During Conferment of Ezinne title


Birthday celebration


As a Clinical Assistant student at Veterinary school Ezzangbo


Project/practical session at Veterinary school Ezzangbo


House warming party


Mama and grandchildren





LATE EZINNE MRS.
JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI
(ỌSỌ NDI ỌWE NDI)

Aged 72 Years



PHOTO GALLERY



With grandchildren



During academic training



During Conferment of Ambassador of Mary title



Mother of Perpetual Help function



Mama's birthday



Mama With Daughter,
Granddaughter And Great Granddaughter



With grandchildren on her last birthday celebration













MAMA WITH CHURCH EXCOS











A Tributes

A TRIBUTE TO MAMA

Today, I honour and celebrate the life of my beloved Mama-a woman of unwavering faith, extraordinary strength, selfless sacrifice, and unconditional love. Though she is no longer with us, her legacy lives on in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, and everyone privileged to have known her.

Mama was a tall, beautiful, intelligent, and courageous woman whose kindness and generosity touched many lives. She related warmly with everyone and was admired for her compassion and peaceful nature.

She deeply loved her husband and stood faithfully by his side through every season of life. Her love extended beyond her own children to her stepchildren and co-wives, whom she embraced with sincerity, kindness, and respect. She was a woman who promoted peace, unity, and harmony within her family.

Gifted with many talents, Mama excelled in hairdressing, tailoring, and handicrafts. She was hardworking, industrious, and believed in the dignity of honest labour. Even after becoming a grandmother, she earned credits in her First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC), proving that determination knows no age.

Mama was a devoted mother who raised her children in the fear of God. At a time when idol worship was common and Christianity was not widely embraced, she stood firmly for Christ and fought tirelessly to ensure that her children remained Christians. Their spiritual growth was her greatest desire.

She sacrificed endlessly for her family, working with her own hands to provide for her children. She endured hardship and even took loans whenever necessary to ensure they received a good education and a better future.

Above all, Mama was a woman of deep faith. A Rosary Warrior, she faithfully prayed all 20 decades of the Holy Rosary every day, entrusting her family completely to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary. By God's grace, she received last Holy Communion on 14 April 2026, a blessing she cherished dearly.

Mama served faithfully in the Church as an Ambassador Mother of Perpetual Help and was always ready to help others physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Her patience in suffering, unwavering trust in God, and selfless service inspired everyone around her.

She often reminded her children:

"Obia uwa biafu ini ozu Amamu onye jeri jegbu nu ukpo." Meaning going to defecate to avoid work won't help you because you came to the world to work

"Omem ne mme oweya sina o ne mme onyeozo." Meaning karma is real

These words remain a priceless inheritance and continue to guide her children.

Today, we thank God for the gift of Mama's life-a life defined by faith, love, sacrifice, humility, and service. Her prayers, teachings, and example continue to bear fruit in the lives of her children and generations yet unborn.

Our Beloved Mama
Osee ndee
Gere Gere nwaminye oma
Ivuzoattu la anuminyi oma
Nyee Okoko Obazi
Nwa maria
Ambassador mother of perpetual help
Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi
Nwanyi omaaa
Mama Emeka
Efo na anwu eru

LADY FIDELIA IDENYI
(First Daughter)

A Tribute to My Mother - The Strongest Woman I Ever Knew

Mama,
It is difficult for me to accept that I am writing these words about you. I always knew that one day we would have to say goodbye, but I never imagined that day would come this soon. There were still so many things I wanted to do for you, so many moments I wanted us to share, and so many ways I wanted to repay, even if only a little, everything you did for us.
You were the strongest woman I ever knew.

Your strength was not in the things you said; it was in the life you lived. It was in the sacrifices you made when nobody was watching. It was in the days you went without so that your children could have. It was in choosing our future over your own comfort again and again. You believed in me and my siblings even when the road ahead looked impossible. There was a time when people told you that you could not train three children in the university at the same time. Perhaps, looking at what you had, they were being realistic. But they did not understand the kind of mother you were. Where others saw impossibility, you saw your children and the future you wanted for them.

You refused to give up on us.

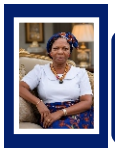
You took a loan. You stretched yourself beyond what anyone should have had to endure. You gave everything you could give. There were times you went hungry just to make sure that we remained in school. You carried burdens we probably did not fully understand at the time because you wanted your children to have opportunities that life may not have given you. Today, when I look at what we have become, I see your sacrifices everywhere.

Our education is part of your legacy.
Our achievements carry your fingerprints.
Every door that education has opened for us is, in some way, a door you helped to open. And that is why losing you now hurts so deeply.

Mama, I had plans for you including you visiting me in Germany next year, but life had another plan. That visit will never happen now, and that is one of the things hard for me to accept, unless you are coming in another life. There are things we postpone because we believe there will always be another year, another opportunity, another visit, another conversation. Then suddenly, time reminds us that tomorrow was never promised. I wish we had more time, Mama.

But beneath this enormous sadness, I also feel gratitude. I am grateful that God gave me a mother like you. I am grateful for your courage. I am grateful for your sacrifices. I am grateful that when circumstances told you to lower your expectations for your children, you refused. I am grateful that you fought for our future when we were not yet capable of fighting for ourselves. I am grateful for your generosity.

You did your part, Mama.
You fought your battles.
You carried your cross.
You raised your children.





You accomplished your mission.
You gave us what you could, and sometimes you gave us what you could not afford to give.
And now you have gone to rest.

My greatest consolation is my faith that you are in a better place - a place without struggle, without pain, without worry and without the burdens that you carried for so many years. I believe you are with God, and I choose to believe that you are happy as you told me over video call a day before you died, and that you are finally at peace.

And now that you are with God, Mama, please continue to look after us. Intercede for us. Pray for the children you fought so hard for. Ask God to guide us, protect us and keep us together. And when life becomes difficult, may the memory of your strength remind us that we came from a woman who refused to surrender. We will carry you with us. We will tell your story to our offsprings and generations to come. And we will try to live lives that honour everything you sacrificed for and taught us. There will always be an empty place that nobody else can occupy because there can never be another you.

I will miss you, Mama. I will miss the few Hausa words we usually speak. I will miss knowing that you are there. And I will always carry the pain of the things I still wanted us to experience together.
But more than anything, I will carry your love. You may not have made that journey to Germany as we planned in this lifetime, but you travelled with me much further than that. Every sacrifice you made helped bring me to where I am today. Wherever life takes me from here, I am certain you will always be travelling with me.

Rest now, Mama.
You have lived a good life
You achieved a lot with so little.
You have touched so many lives positively.
Your legacy speaks for itself.

May God receive you into His loving arms and grant you the eternal rest you deserve.
Until we meet again, **rest in perfect peace, Mama. Your life was a sacrifice. Your love was our foundation. Your strength became our future. And your memory will remain with us forever.**

Pharm. Maduabuchi Enweogu Raymond Okokoh
Your 8th child

TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHER IN-LAW

The news of untimely death came to me rude schock. I still cannot believe it but I thank Almighty God because she lived a fulfilled and glorious life of 72 years while on earth. Though we should have wished she stayed longer but God knows the best. **Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Okoko Obasi** and the Matriarch of Obazi's family had good interpersonal skills and this was evident in her relationship with everyone around her. She was kind and showed concern to the aged and less privileged in the society. Again with her claim of academic qualifications and dedication in Catholic Church experience, she remained religiously upright. Then as a catholic, she played by the rule and believed in justice, equity and fair play.
Incidentally our marternal life has made death imperative, we are however assessed by our life after death your mother stood tall in character raiting and distinguished herself as a woman of the people. She lived for Christ and executed quality Christian catholic values. As Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Okoko Obasi is laid to rest, you should be consoled by her good deed; moreover, you should work hard to sustain her legacy, while praying for the peaceful repose of her soul. I urge you and your family members to bear her in-repairable lost with fortitude.
Yours In-Law
Barr. I.E. Idenyi and Lady Fidelia Idenyi (Nee Okoko)

Tribute to my mother

Mama Obazi Josephine Ngozi your death came as a shock on that 17th day of May told me you are no more I couldn't believe it. Now you have gone to be with the Lord may the Lord grant the family strength, peace, and comfort.

Rest on.

Mama you are our first home, teacher and our safest place. your hand worked tirelessly for us, your prayers covered us, and your love asked Nothing in return.

You taught us to be kind, strong, and put God first.

Though your voice is now silent your lessons will speak for us all our lives. I can't say goodbye but sure you are with God so my brother, my sister let us take heart in Mat. 5:4_ blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

Good night Nye Okoko
Go well nne UBA
Sleep well nwa Ogba Enwe
Je nke oma nne DOC
Je nke oma osondi owendi
Je nke oma ambassador of Mary
I love you and I will make you proud.

Mrs Ngozi Alobu
Daughter

A Son's Tribute

oday we honour a woman of faith, principle, and sacrifice. Our mother lived a life that taught us what it means to stand firm.

Mama, you were strict, principled, and unshaken and that is why we are who we are today.

When faith cost you everything, you chose Christ. When the home was heavy, you stayed. You were mother, teacher, and provider to your children.

You taught us with your life, not just your words.

You were denied, but you did not break.

You were pressured, but you persisted.

You died with your honour intact.

Mama, your life was examplary.
And I am proud to call you Mother.
Rest on Mama
Chief Chukwuemeka Okoko
Ome ogo 1 of Umuakpu

To the children of our beloved Grand mother,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of our dear grandmother and mother. Though her departure has left a great void in our hearts, we thank God for the beautiful life she lived and the love she shared with everyone around her. As we prepare to lay her to rest, may God grant you the strength, comfort, and courage to bear this loss. May the wonderful memories of her kindness, wisdom, and care continue to live on in our hearts.

We pray that her blissful soul rest in perfect peace and that God comfort's the entire family during this difficult time.

With love and sympathy
Go well mama nukwu
Go well nne di ora mma
Jie nke oma ezinne mara obi nwa ya.

Chidinma Alobu
Grand daughter

GOVERNMENT OF EBONYI STATE OF NIGERIA
OHAUKWU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
NGBO CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
NDULO OKPOSHI
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPT.

Phone:
Your Ref:
Our Ref:
Date: Sept. 2020

Chief chukwuemeka okoko
(Ome Ogo 1 of Umuakpu Ngbo)

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of my family and staff I write to condole you and your family on the death of your beloved mother **Late Ambassador Ezinne Josephine Obazl.**

To witness the exit of a loving kind and caring mother is indeed very painful, how ever be counsoled by her legacies. Remember that her love and selfless service to God and humanity remains indelible.

Accept our condolences chief.

Aicu Ezinne
Adieu Ambassador!!
Adieu Mama Oby!!!

May your gentle soul rest in the Lord Amen

Chief Matthew Obazl Oyibe
(PSWO).....

GOVERNMENT OF EBONYI STATE OF NIGERIA
MINISTRY OF AGRIC & NAT. RESOURCES, ABAKALIKI

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
Veterinary Services Department
Block 8 Centenary City, Abakaliki
PHONE NO: 08088920998

Your Ref:..... Our Ref:..... Date: 28th July, 2026

Dr. Emmanuel Tochukwu Okokoh
Ndiaqu Obazi, Umuakpu Ngbo
Ohaukwu L.G.A

LETTER OF COMMISERATION

I am writing to commiserate with you and the entire family of Late Alfred Okokoh Obazi on the death of your beloved mother, late Ezinne Mrs. Josephine Ngozi Obazi who was called unto glory on 17th May, 2026 following a brief illness at the age of 72 years.

Of a truth, the death of a beloved mother beyond pains, aches especially when one remembers the positive attributes she impacted during her sojourn here on earth. A devote Christian who promoted peace, unity and harmony within the immediate family and the society at large.

It's therefore obvious that she had left a legacy for you to build upon.
Dear colleague, though painful as the demise might be, do not mourn as an unbeliever, for on the resurrection morning you will meet her again, in the Lord's presence where dead shall be swallowed forever.

On behalf of myself and the entire Staff of Veterinary services Department Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources accept our sincere condolences.

Dr. Michael Oguji Nwokporo
Chief Veterinary Officer/Director Veterinary Services.

FROM ONYE AGHANA NWANNE-YA ASSOCIATION e.V WÜRZBURG. Germany.

IN MEMORY OF LATE EZINNE MRS: JOSEPHINE NGOZI OBAZI.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Dear Mr. & Mrs Maduabuchi Raymond OKOKOH,

We were heartbroken to hear about the loss of your beloved mother. Please accept our deepest condolences to you and your family during this sorrowful time.
Your mother was a truly special person who brought joy and warmth to all who know her. Mr Okokoh, your late mother lived a life that embodied the very spirit of our association, love, solidarity and standing by one another. She was a pillar of strength, a woman of grace, wisdom and warm hospitality. Her kindness touched every heart, her counsel brought peace and her devotion to family and community was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her loss is irreplaceable.

At 72, your mother walked faithfully through life, nurturing her home, supporting people and leaving behind footprints of love that will never fade. Though she has answer the glorious call to glory, your mother's wonderful spirit and, loving memories and legacy will always live on through the many lives she touched.
We stand with the entire Obazi family in this moment of grief, and want to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you navigate this difficult period. May the God of all comfort, uphold you all and may your mother's gentle SOUL rest in perfect peace.

Farewell Ezinne, farewell beloved sister and mother.

On-behalf of ONYE AGHANA NWANNE-YA ASSOCIATION. e.V würzburg

Association's Chairman (OA.N.A)
Okeke Benjamin Chike

Gen. Secretary (O.A.N.A)
Ugwu Emmanuel. A

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (OBA98)
BOYS' SECONDARY SCHOOL, EZZANGBO
OHAUKWU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, EBONYI STATE

Our Ref:..... Your Ref:..... Date: 4th August, 2026

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the entire members of the Old Boys Association (OBA98) of Boys Secondary School, Ezzangbo, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Hon. Aliobu Sunday on the passing of your beloved mother-in-law, late Mrs. Ezinne Obazi Josephine Ngozi.

We pray that Almighty God grants her eternal rest and gives you, your spouse, and the entire family the strength, comfort, and fortitude to bear this painful loss. May the cherished memories of her life continue to be a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Please accept our deepest sympathies and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace, and may God grant the bereaved family confort and strength, Amen.

Signed:
Old Boys Association (OBA98)
Boys Secondary School, Ezzangbo

A TRIBUTE TO A VERY UNIQUE STEPMOTHER LATE MRS. EZINNE JOSPHINE OBAZI AKPAKA, UMUAKPU NGBO OHAUKWU L.G.A. EBONYI STATE.

I and the entire member of EDEH ITUMA family received the sad news of the death of your beloved mother also my step mother Mrs. Ngozi Okoko which occurred on the early hours day of 17th may 2026.

The sad news of your departure from the world came to me as a great shock. It was like a night mare which will linger in my heart, because whenever I remember your death, it seems like a joke.

Ah! God it was like a mare indeed as I was at my farm that faithful "may 17th 2026" when I heard the ringing of my phone, only to tell me that my beloved stepmother was dead, I thought you would have lived up to enjoy the fruit of your labor from your children and your grand children.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO YOU, MR. DEATH?

Now who will welcome me as you do and call, who will cook good food for your children and grand children together with friends and visitors when they all come to your place?
Oh! Mrs. Death you are very so wicked! But since it has pleased God to permit your departure so soon from this earth, I have no power to question him, the almighty God, rather may his wonderful name be glorified.
Through a distance keep us apart now but you will forever remains evergreen I my mind.
May your soul rest in perfect peace,
Adieu nyennam
Adieu nwa Ezzangbo
Adieu nne chief omeogo
Adieu nne ogbom
I will forever remain grateful to you.
Rest, well Mama.

EMEKA ITUMA O.
CHIEF NWACHIMEREZE
OVERALL CHAIRMAN, AKPAKA.

CLOSE ASSOCIATE SISTERS
OHAUKWU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, IZHIANGBO
EBONYI STATE

Your Ref: _____
Our Ref: _____ *Date:* 09-07-2026

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Dear Beloved family,

With deepest sense of grief, we write to commiserate with the entire family on the death of your beloved mother, our sister Ezinne Mrs. Josephine Ngozi Obazi on the 17th day of May, 2026.

Although the loss of one's mother could be extremely painful, we implore you to be consoled by the fact that she lived a fulfilled life and will be remembered by her good virtues, fruitful life on earth and glowing legacies.

As she would be buried on the 4th September, 2026, we stand with you in prayers. May the Almighty God comfort you and give you the fortitude to bear the loss.

May her soul rest in the bosom of the Lord, Amen.

Signed:

Prof. Sarah Eguu
Diamond Mother
Close Associate Sisters

Amb. Eze Virginia
President
Close Associate Sisters

ST. THERESA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, OKPAUGWU ABAKALIKI
CLASS OF 2008 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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August 2026

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

To: Pharm. MR & Pharm. MRS Maduabuchi Raymond Okokoh

Dear Pharm. MR & Pharm. MRS Maduabuchi Raymond Okokoh,

On behalf of STSS 2008, Saint Theresa's Secondary School, Okpaugwu, Abakaliki, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved mother.

Most of us did not have the privilege of knowing your mother personally, but we are certain she was a remarkable woman — because she raised an amazing person like you.

We know that no words can ease the pain you are going through. Please know that we care deeply about you, and we share in your grief during this difficult time.

May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Emmanuel Nwafor (Emmason Electricals)
Chairman, STSS 2008 Alumni

Achebe Emmanuel Chinedu
Secretary, STSS 2008 Alumni

On behalf of STSS 2008 Alumni

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CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA (C.Y.O.N)
CHRIST THE KING PARISH, G.R.A, ENUGU.

DATE: .....

Dear Brother Benjamin Okokoh,
On behalf of the entire executive council and the general assembly of the Catholic Youth Organisation of Nigeria (CYON), I stretch out our hands and hearts to you in deep sympathy on the passing of your beloved mother.
The loss of a mother is a profound, life-altering grief. She is our first home, our constant prayer warrior, and a pillar of unconditional love. We know that no words can truly empty the heavy silence her absence leaves behind, but we want you to know that you do not have to carry this weight alone.
As your CYON family, we stand firmly with you in hard time. We are lifting you, your family, and the soul of your dear mother up in our prayers. We pray that the Holy Spirit, the Ultimate Comforter, wraps His loving arms around you and grants you the fortitude to bear this irreplaceable loss.
We hold fast to our Christian hope in the resurrection, trusting that she has only gone before us to rest in the beautiful peace of our Heavenly Father.
With our deepest sympathies, brotherly love, and prayers,
Onwe Collins Chiemelie
CYON President
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A TRIBUTE IN HONOUR OF MRS NGOZI OBASI

With deep respect and heartfelt admiration, we pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, Mrs. Ngozi Obasi.

Mrs. Obasi was a shining example of hard work, strength, dignity and selfless love. In the face of life's challenges, she stood firm — a woman of uncommon perseverance who gave her all to raise her children with strong values, discipline, and integrity.

Her labour and sacrifice are evident in the lives of the children she raised, including my dear friend and brother, Engr. Ben. Ekuma Okoko, who today stands as a testament to her good upbringing and relentless commitment as a mother.

Her legacy is not just in the family she built, but in the lives she touched with her kindness, wisdom, and quiet resilience. She lived a purposeful life, and her impact will continue to speak for generations.

On behalf of the management and staff of Onweconsult Construction Services Ltd, we honour her memory and celebrate a life well lived.

May her gentle soul find eternal rest, and may God comfort and strengthen the entire family she left behind.

Adieu, Mama!

Architect Onwe E. Omogo
Managing Director
Onweconsult Construction Services Ltd

UMUAKPU VILLAGE HEADS COUNCIL

MOTTO: PEACE AND PROGRESS

Your ref: ..... *Our ref:* ..... *Date:* .....

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire members of the Umuakpu village heads council.

We wish to sympathize with you and your entire family (late Mr. Okoko Obazi's) on the death of your beloved mother (Late Mrs. Ezinne Josephine Okoko Obazi), which occurred on the 17th day of May 2026.

We mourn with you our dear overall chairman of Umuakpu village head council Chief Okoko Chukwuemeka (Ome-ogo 1 of Umuakpu) and pray that God will grant her internal rest. Amen.

Signed

Secretary (UVHC)

Ituma Eze.





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Enugu State, Nigeria August 6, 2026

Dear Dr Emmanuel Okokoh,

On behalf of everyone at De Elite Social Club, we are sending our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We were so incredibly sad to hear about the passing of your sweet mother. Please know that all of your friends and colleagues here are thinking of you during this very difficult time. Even though many of us did not have the chance to meet your mother in person, we feel like we knew a part of her through you. The wonderful kindness, gentle care, and warm smile that you bring to our team every now and then shows what a beautiful person she was.

Mothers have a special way of shaping who we are, and it is easy to see that she raised an amazing son. Her love and her kind spirit live on very clearly through you. Losing a mother is one of the hardest things a person can go through. There are no words that can take away the hurt you are feeling right now. However, we hope you can find some comfort in the happy memories you shared with her. The love she gave you will always stay in your heart, and those beautiful moments will never be forgotten.

Please remember that you do not have to carry this sadness alone. We, your colleagues and friends, stand right beside you. We care about you deeply, not just as a member, but as a true friend. We are here to support you today, tomorrow, and beyond. We are all sending you our love, our prayers, and our thoughts. May your mother rest in peace, and may you find quiet moments of comfort in the days ahead.

With our warmest sympathy and support.

Dr Abah Elias

De Elite Social Club



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July 20, 2026

Dear Benjamin Okokoh,

On behalf of the Board, Management, and Staff of UGARSOFT Ltd, we wish to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Late Mrs Josephine Ngozi Obazi.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this difficult time. While words cannot fully express the pain of losing a loved one, we pray that you find comfort in the remarkable life she lived, the values she instilled, and the cherished memories she left behind. Her legacy will undoubtedly continue to live on through her children, grandchildren, and everyone whose lives she touched.

As a valued member of our management team, your loss is one we collectively share. We pray that God grants you strength, peace, and comfort as you mourn, and that He gives your mother's gentle soul eternal rest.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and unwavering support.

With deepest condolences,

For: Ugarsoft

Mauton Fisher
HR Lead

NATIONAL UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION-IDOKPO LORRY BRANCH

NURTW

Your Ref.....Our Ref.....Date:.....

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of our great union Idokpo Lorry Branch.

We sympatize the families of Chief Emeka Okoko on the death of his beloved mother Josephine Ezinne Okoko who passed away on 17th May 2026.

We mourn with you and pray that God will bring replacement for the family.

Signed:
Chief Elom Bernard
Chairman Idokpo Lorry Branch.

Secretary
Peter Eze
Idokpo Lorry Branch.



Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki

CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANIZATION (C.W.O)

ST. PETER'S PARISH IZHIA, OHAUKWU L.G.A, EBONYI STATE

Motto: Through Mary our Mother, We Succeed!

Our Ref: _____

Your Ref: _____ Date: _____

Chief Chukwuemeka Okoko
Family of Late Alfred Okoko Obazi
Ndiagu Obazi, Umuakpu Ngbo,
Ohaukwu L.G.A
Ebonyi State.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

On behalf of the Catholic Women Organization (C.W.O) of St. Peter's Parish Izhia, we write to sympathize with you and the entire family on the death of your lovely beloved mother and our member, Late Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi.

Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi before her death was a devoted Christian mother, a member of C.W.O St. Peter's Parish, a member of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and a member of Ezinne group.

We stand with you and other members of your family to mourn our late member and to also celebrate a life well spent of our mother who died at a ripe age of 72 years.

However, we pray God Almighty to give you and other members of your family the fortitude to bear this loss as we will continue to remember her in our prayers and for the internal repose of her soul.

Adieu Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi
Rest in perfect peace till we meet to part no more.

Signed

Mrs. Nwankwo Esther S.
Secretary, CWO
St. Peter's Parish, Izhia

Mrs. Ituma Chinwe
President, CWO
St. Peter's Parish, Izhia

NIGERIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NVMA)

EBONYI STATE CHAPTER

Our Ref: _____ Your Ref: _____ Date: _____

6th of August, 2026

Dear Dr. Emmanuel Okokoh,

On behalf of the members of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA), Ebonyi State Chapter, I extend our deepest condolences to you and your entire family on the passing of your beloved mother.

We recognize that the loss of a mother is one of life's greatest sorrows. At this difficult time, we pray that God grants you and your loved ones the strength, comfort, and grace to bear this irreplaceable loss. May the cherished memories of her life, love, and legacy continue to bring you peace and encouragement.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Almighty grant her eternal rest and give your family the fortitude to navigate this period of grief.

Accept our sincere sympathies.

Dr Gloria Oiza Magaji
Chairperson

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Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Ref: ..... *Your Ref:* ..... *Date:* 12th August, 2026

Chief Chukwuemeka Okoko,
Alfred Okoko Obazi
Ndiagu Obazi, Umuakpu Ngbo.
Ohaukwu L.G.A.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Onbehalf of the Church Council and the entire Parishioners, we write to console you and the whole of Alfred Okoko Obazi family on the transition of your beloved mother Late Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi.

The loss of a mother is no doubt very painful to endure, but you will be consoled by her legacy of exemplary life of Grace granted her by God.

Her enduring commitment to the virtues of discipline, unity, compassion and integrity radiates across the Catholic Community of St. Peter's Parish. She was in every sense, a moral compass and a nurturing pillar that influence virtually all the Catholic Organizations she belonged during her active days.

Our earnest prayer is that Almighty God will grant her soul eternal repose and provide you the fortitude to bear the loss, Amen.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Gerry I. Nworie
Parish Priest
St. Peter's Parish Izhia

Mr. Amadi Paschal C.
Secretary
St. Peter's Parish Izhia



Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki

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Our Ref: ..... *Your Ref:* ..... *Date:* 12th August, 2026

Chief Chukwuemeka Okoko,
Alfred Okoko Obazi
Ndiagu Obazi, Umuakpu Ngbo.
Ohaukwu L.G.A.

MESSAGE OF COMMISERATION

The visit of death leaves in its wake trails of sorrow and anguish among the relatives of the deceased. Hence onbehalf of St. Joseph Station Ndulo Amike, I write to register our deepest condolence to you and your entire family on the passing unto eternal glory of your beloved mother Late Ezinne Josephine Ngozi Obazi.

From records available, Ezinne Josephine Obazi lived a fulfilled and exemplary life, leaving indelible footprints on the sand of time. She was a devoted Catholic and a virtuous mother who no doubt raised her children with strong moral values guiding them to become worthy members of the society.

Your mother was known for promoting peace, unity, respect and integrity and compassion while contributing very immensely to the growth of all the Christian groups she belonged to. Her legacy of faith, love and service in the church will remain ever cherished.

Please, accept our sincere condolence even as we urge you and your family to bear this loss with courage and in the knowledge that death is a debt all mortals must pay at the appointed time.

May her soul and souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Mr. Anadi Paschal C.
Station Leader
St. Joseph Station

Comr. Onwe Emmanuel C.
Station Secretary
St. Joseph Station