

## *A Tribute to our Mom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her Passing*

*In honor of our Mom,  
Late Hon. Dr. Mrs. Rachel Celestine Epoupa Lyonga  
(May 20, 1948 - August 11, 2013)*

### *20 below Zero*

*What a cold morning it is  
What a cloudy morning it is  
Though the thermostat reads 78 degrees  
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*Picked up the phone and called home  
Hearing Nathalie's voice, holding back tears  
She sounded strong, I dare not break down  
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*As I spoke to Dad, there was a quiver  
Chills of the emptiness in his voice  
Sends a sharp reminder of your absence  
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*Tears start flowing but I dare not break  
As they get ready for mass in your honor  
With rains pouring from heavens open gate  
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

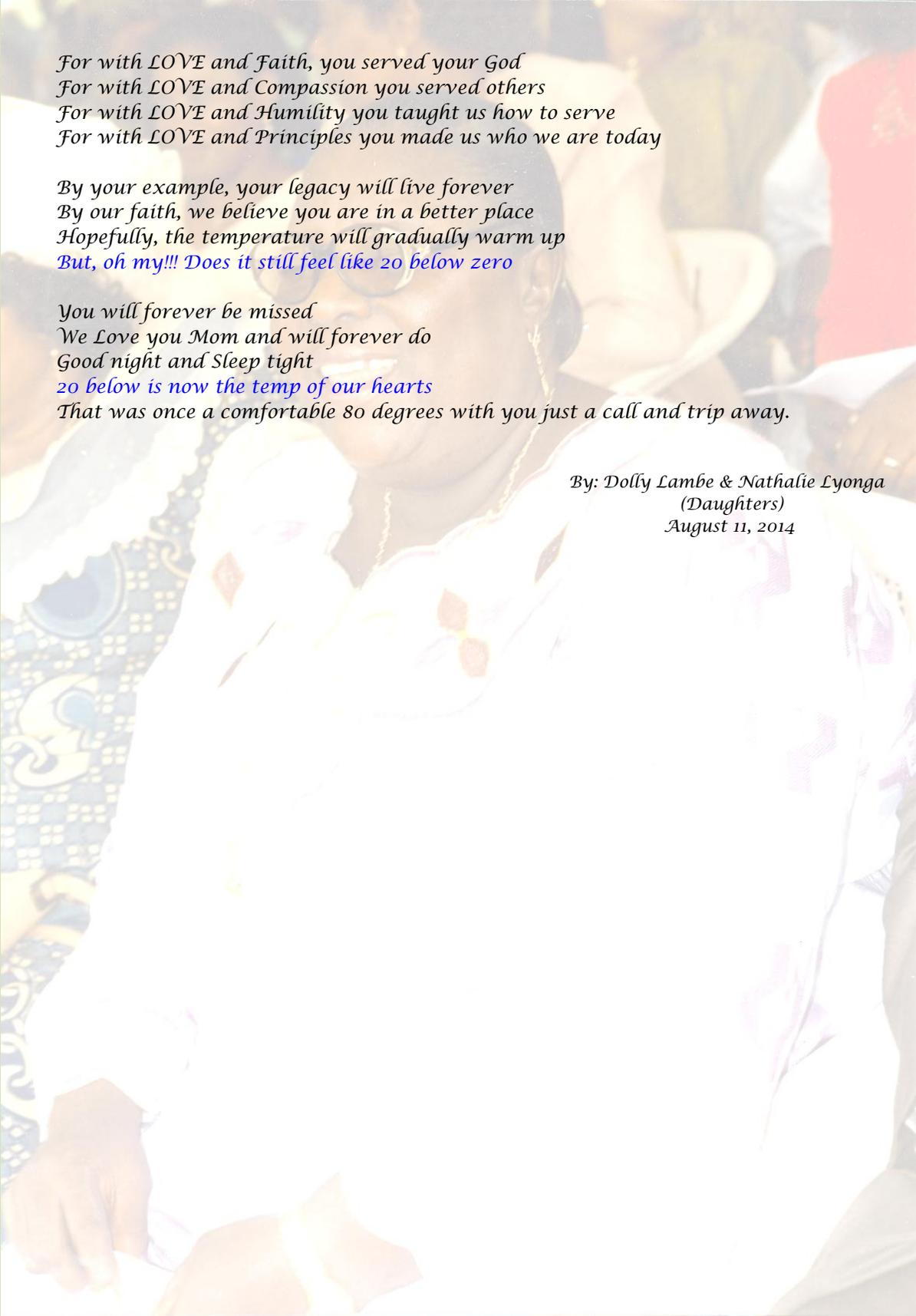
*With much strength not to reveal my state of mind  
I murmured, "Have a good day, I will say a prayer"  
I sat back and remembered this day, a year ago  
Oh, why does it still feel like 20 below zero*

*Your passing still feels like an arrow through my heart  
It does not get any better, but I have to be strong  
For Nato looks up to me, and Dad relies on me for strength  
Oh, how can it still feel like 20 below zero*

*Missed calls, laughter, advice, disagreements,  
Missed the Birthday songs you sang,  
Missed the Easter, Christmas & New Year's calls  
Missed the Mother's day calls, your Birthday calls and "just to hear you" calls*

*Mom, on this day of your first anniversary away  
We continue to wish you eternal rest with our LORD  
We pray the Lord keeps you safe and free from  
All the jealousy, competition, and hatred*

*May your legacy continue to live in those you've touched?  
May the angels blast their trumpets in your honor  
May our GOD continue to smile and say  
My daughter "A job well done; now, rest from your labor"*



*For with LOVE and Faith, you served your God  
For with LOVE and Compassion you served others  
For with LOVE and Humility you taught us how to serve  
For with LOVE and Principles you made us who we are today*

*By your example, your legacy will live forever  
By our faith, we believe you are in a better place  
Hopefully, the temperature will gradually warm up  
But, oh my!!! Does it still feel like 20 below zero*

*You will forever be missed  
We Love you Mom and will forever do  
Good night and Sleep tight  
20 below is now the temp of our hearts  
That was once a comfortable 80 degrees with you just a call and trip away.*

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(Daughters)  
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