

# EPB ANNE



my journey, Evelyn



*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; Eccl 3: 1-2*

**EVELYNE EBANE EPIEPANG**  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1963 – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015

# Biography

## HER COMING...

Miss Evelyn Ebane Epiepang was born at Tomble-Bakossi on the 1st of March 1963 to the family of Epiepang Eugene Allah and Epiepang Jane Enoh. She was the 1st child of eight (5 boys and 3 girls).

## EDUCATIONAL, MARITAL & PROFESSIONAL LIFE...

She attended Presbyterian primary school initially at Yoke-Muyuka and then Presbyterian Girl's School Limbe from 1968 to 1975, where she obtained her First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC). Started her secondary education in World Wide Missions Secondary School Mpundu-Muyuka from 1975-1980. She later transferred to the National Comprehensive High School (NCHS) Limbe for a year between 1980/81 after which she did also a year in the Government Bilingual High school (GBHS) Molyko-Buea 1981/82 where she obtained her Ordinary Level Certificate. She was admitted into the Government High School Limbe, where she did her Advance Level Studies.

Due to her love for business, she did business between Cameroon and Cotonou-Benin between 1987 and 1990 before proceeding for further studies in London-England in 1991. From 1991-1994 she gained admission in the Crown College of Further Education in London where she obtained a certificate in administration and Secretary-ship.

She later moved to the United States of America to join her Fiancée Mr. Joel Ekane Kalle. Their marriage was solemnized at the Presbyterian Church Beach Limbe, Cameroon in 1998 but they later on divorced. She later switched to Nursing where she gained admission into a Nursing school and was awarded with several Diplomas in Nursing. She there after worked as a professional nurse in the USA till her untimely death on Wednesday April 8th, 2015.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE...

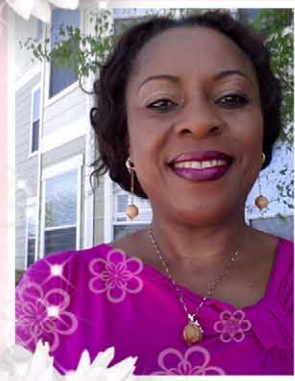
As devoted Christian parents, she was baptized into the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. A ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian Church Tombel on the 23rd of June 1963 by Rev. Abraham Ngole and was later confirmed as a full communicant by Rev. S. K. Kengwa. She later joined the Christian women fellowship (CWF) in 2012 in Houston, TX (USA) where she remain a dedicated member till her death.

## SOCIAL LIFE...

Ebane was a very kind hearted and generous person. She contributed very much for the well being of her family. She led a simple life-style and socially was a great mixer in any society she found herself. She easily made friends and was very hard working and push full. As a nurse she always remitted medications for the well-being in health of her parents and the entire family.

## FAMILY LIFE...

Ebane was the first child of the Epiepang's Family and first to leave for eternity after being murdered on Wednesday April 8th 2015 in her residence in Houston, TX. She passed on exactly 7 days after her birthday leaving behind ageing parents (whom she ought to bury), sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces (some of whom she named and/or were named after her), relatives, and a host of friends and sympathizers both home and abroad to mourn for her untimely departure.



*Thank you all  
By Epiepang Eugene Allah (Father)*



PROGRAM, USA

HOUSTON, TX



# PROGRAM

HOUSTON, TX USA

FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

## VIEWING

4pm - 6pm

St. Paul Presbyterian Church  
7200 Bellaire Blvd  
Houston, TX 77074



## FUNERAL SERVICE

6pm - 7pm

St. Paul Presbyterian Church  
7200 Bellaire Blvd  
Houston, TX 77074



## RECEPTION

8pm - 4am

Venus Banquet Hall  
12457 Bissonnet St.  
Houston, TX 77099



# SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION FOR *Evelyn Elaine Spiebang*

## PRELUDE MUSIC

*Led by Calabash and Sakarettes*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** In the name of God our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**People:** Amen!

**Pastor:** The Grace and Peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you

**Pastor:** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he die he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

**People:** Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** God is our Refuge and our Strength, a very present Help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.

**People:** The Lord's name be praised!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Father, guardian of our lives, we confess that we are children of dust, unworthy of your gracious care. We have not loved as we ought to love, nor have we lived as you command, and our years are soon gone. Lord, God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, so that as long as we live we may serve you, until, dying, we enter the joy of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*SINGING

*Led by Calabash and Sakarettes*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Almighty God, our Refuge and Strength, our present help in trouble: In the silence of this hour speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BIOGRAPHY

## REMEMBRANCES

## RESPONSIVE READING ❖ *Psalms 27*

**Pastor:** The lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

**People:** The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

**Pastor:** When evil men advance me to devour my flesh,

**People:** When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall

**Pastor:** Though an enemy besieges me, my heart will not fear

**People:** Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

**Pastor:** One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,

**People:** That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek Him in His temple.

# Timeless



# Beauty





# PROGRAM CAMEROON



## FUNERAL PROGRAMME CAMEROON

### FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, MAY 2015

Arrival of corpse at the Douala International Airport

08:00 pm – Wake keeping Service  
(At the Epielang's Residence Motowoh Quarters, Newtown)

10:00 pm – Vigil till dawn



### SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, MAY 2015

07:00 am – Removal of corpse from the Limbe Regional Hospital Mortuary  
Procession to the Epielang's Family Residence, Motowoh Quarters, New-town

08:30 am – Laying in State and Viewing

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10:30 am – Procession to the Presbyterian Church Down Beach, Limbe.

01:00 pm – Funeral Service at PC Beach

03:00 pm – Burial at the New Town Cemetery

04:00 pm – Reception

- Family Residence
- Victoria Club (*mourners from out of town and abroad*)

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Forever in our hearts



## SERVICE

### OFFICIATING MINISTERS

✠ Rev. Mary Ekinde Salle

✠ Rev. Ewang Okie Joseph

## Order of Service

### SALUTATIONS

**Min:** In the name of God our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Cong:** Amen

**Min:** The Grace and Peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

**Cong:** And also with you

**Min:** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Cong:** Who made Heaven and Earth

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

**Min:** The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no evil befall them. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

### OPENING HYMN: CH 701, WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

### RESPONSIVE READING – PSALMS 27

**Min:** The lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

**Cong:** The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

**Min:** When evil men advance me to devour my flesh,

**Cong:** When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall

**Min:** Though an enemy besieges me, my heart will not fear

**Cong:** Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

**Min:** One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,

**Cong:** That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek Him in His temple.

**Min:** For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling

**Cong:** He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle, and sent me high upon a rock

**Min:** My heart says of you "seek His face"

**Cong:** Your face Lord I will seek

**Min:** Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger, you have been my helper.

**Cong:** Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

**Min:** Teach me your way O Lord, lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

**Cong:** Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

**Min:** I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Cong:** Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**Min:** Glory be to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Cong:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

SONG: *By CWF*

## EULOGIES

✠ Biography

✠ Family Member(s)

✠ Friend

✠ Congregation

SONG: *By CWF*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

✠ 1st Lesson: Is 25:8-9

✠ 2nd Lesson: Job 14: 1-6

## THE COMMENDATION

Let us now commend our sister Evelyn Ebane Epiepang into the hands of the God, our Maker and Redeemers.

O God, our heavenly father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your great love, you have given us new life in Jesus Christ. We commend Evelyn Ebane Epiepang our daughter, sister, auntie, friend, your servant to your merciful keeping and pray that, in your infinite love and mercy, you will bring her, with your whole church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who died and rose again to save us, and is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory, for ever and ever.

**Cong:** Amen

## THE DEPARTURE

**Min:** Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace.

**Cong:** According to your word

**Min:** For my eyes have seen your salvation,

**Cong:** Which you have prepared in the sight of every people

**Min:** The light to enlighten the nations

**Cong:** And the glory of your people Israel

**Min:** Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**Cong:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

**Min:** Let us in hope of a joyful resurrection bring our departed sister to her resting place; for there is no permanent home for us here on earth, but we are looking for the one in the life to come.

## BENEDICTION

✠ Recession to the new town cemetery

✠ Burial

**HYMN: CH. HYMN BOOK 689, I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE**

## SERMON

SONG: *By CWF*

## FUNERAL OFFERING

## FAMILY THANKSGIVING

## HOLY COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN:

**I AM NOT SKILLED TO UNDERSTAND**

## AT THE GRAVE

✠ The Salutation

✠ The Opening Sentence

✠ The Committal

✠ The Lesson of Resurrection Hope

✠ The Prayer

✠ The Benediction

## SONGS

**CH. HYM 701 – WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and grief's to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in Prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in Prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus only is our refuge:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

**CH HYMN BOOK 689 – I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE**

1. I hear Thy welcome voice,  
That calls me, Lord, to Thee,  
For cleansing in Thy precious blood  
That flowed on Calvary.  
I am coming, Lord,  
Coming now to Thee:  
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood  
That flowed on Calvary.
2. Though coming weak and vile,  
Thou dost my strength assure;

Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,  
Till spotless all, and pure.

3. 'Tis Jesus who confirms  
The blessed work within  
By adding grace to welcomed grace,  
Where reigned the power of sin.
4. And He the witness gives  
To loyal hearts and free,  
That every promise is fulfilled,  
If faith but brings the plea
5. All hail, redeeming blood!  
All hail life-giving grace!  
All hail, the gift of Christ our Lord,  
Our strength and righteousness

**CH. HYM. 698 – I AM NOT SKILLED TO UNDERSTAND**

1. I am not skilled to understand  
What God hath willed, what God hath planned;  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands one who is my savior
2. I take Him at His word indeed:  
"Christ died for sinners" – this I read;  
For in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior!
3. That He should leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange? So once did I  
Before I knew my Savior!
4. And, oh, that He fulfilled may see  
The travail of His soul in me  
And with His work contented be,  
As I with my dear savior!
5. Yes, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my king  
Once died to be my Savior!





# TRIBUTES

## Family Tributes

Our dear daughter Evelyn, you have departed giving us no warning. If any illness had caused you to be bed-ridden, these would have made you to endure much suffering and your relatives and friends would have endured even more suffering. Death came like a thief and took you away not quietly but seeing death with your eyes and in pains. We loved you very much but God almighty loves you most excessively hence God called you home early. We glorify God for this and implore Him to forgive Ebane of her sins; and to give us courage and faith, as He (God) gives her perfect rest and hope in the resurrection when we shall meet to part no more.

*Welcome Ebane.....and good bye Ebane.....*

**MR. & MRS. EPIEPANG, PARENTS**



Papa how for you? My wife and kids, it always started like that... Our dear mom, aunty, Sis, and confident, since your untimely departure from this our sinful world, nothing has been the same. From day one we've always shared everything but this one you didn't share with me because the ALMIGHTY GOD our supreme creator knew better. Hope our good GOD will use your blood to cleanse the way for all your juniors who are still behind in this dreamland which you've left us in.

*Grande soeur....we'll always love you....RIP*

**BROTHER, CHARLES M. EPIEPANG & FAMILY**



Weeh !!! My dearest sister, I wonder why you're gone so soon even when I could still see you so full of life and hope for a better tomorrow for your parents and your siblings. Weeh!!! Mami nyanga, Mami show-show, Mami fine things, our British woman, our American wonder!!! We would have loved to even hear you complain of a headache, eyes, stomach, chest or even a leg pain but not this way. I guess if God allowed it happened, who are we to judge? Weeh!!! Sis', is this how we had to path ways? You of all who will want to remain on the stage to be seen at all times, I guess it was a fairy tale while it lasted. Weeh!!! Ebane, I pray you have eternal peace in Gods arms. "Wonderful woman"

*Adieu!!!*

**SISTER, STELLA EBOH**



My beloved sister, words can't express the grief and sadness of your sudden death. You were a sister and a mother to me; you always listened to my problems and solved them. Your visits to Cameroon were always fun times besides all our stupid misunderstandings. Well, you have played your drama as an actress on stage in your life. Despite my many storms in life, you made me strong and made us understand what life is all about. I am indeed confused and can see you were a star by the news of your death that was in the mouth of people and all over Media outlets in the USA and the world at large. Your love was unlimited and brought joy to friends and family members. Even though the devil wants to take it away, the joy and love which you gave will never fade away. Big sister Ebane, you were a star and shall continue to be our guiding star until we meet to part no more.

*May your soul RIP..... Adieu....*

**BROTHER, REXSON KOGGESON & WIFE**





My twin,  
Life is terrible! I still do not believe you have departed from us so soon. My heart grief not because you are dead but because of the sudden nature and manner in which you left the world. If tears could bring you back, am sure you would have woken up. Sis, you were kind, loving, caring and generous. You did brave all odds in life for the sake of our family. Pushful, courageous and hardworking, woman of valor, an epitome of beauty, and just at the peak of it all, the cold hands of death visited you. Oh death, who are you?

In the life of one man never does the same time return. You claim the stage and left just before your scene was over but you had time to write 52 beautiful pages in this journey called life. Your beautiful memories will continue to illuminate my heart because you were an Amazing Grace.

*RIP in the Lord's bosom until we meet again to part no more.*

**SISTER, HELEN EPIEPANG**



My U.S mom,  
You were more than a sister so missing you is an understatement. Your untimely departure has ruptured all theories I had about life. I've been told a billion times it's all going to be fine and that the Almighty is in control. Only He knows why He wanted you now and so early. That dreadful phone call still hunts me and April 8th, 2015 will forever remain my worse but memorable. I've questioned my faith in Him for letting you go in such a despicable way and why He could put a family through such. I'm starting to feel this hurt, pain, and loss would never disappear.

The fact that I won't be able to see your smile, hear your laughter, nor eat your food makes it almost impossible to say goodbye.....so until we meet to part no more, I'd say see you later. My love for you will never die.... Thank you for all the teachings, advice, guidance, and above all, the shelter you provided throughout the last 14 years. Why would you abandon me so soon sister?

Your memories and legacy will forever leave with us as I bow to accept your invitation in His presence.

*Welcome Pretty Ebane.... Till we meet again*

**FRANCK "PA" EPIEPANG.... BROTHER/ U.S SON**



Grande soeur, you were an icon and will always be an icon to us in every domain in life. You were an example to follow and a leader for all to look up to. As a sister in-law, you shared your love and wonderful gifts with all. Your wisdom and the happy memories you shared will be a driving force to those you have left behind. You have left a big vacuum behind but you will always be in our hearts till the day we meet again.

*Adieu...*

**BROTHER, SULLIVAN N. EPIEPANG & WIFE**



Grande soeur... proclamation of your death got to us at about 5:22 am in the early hours of Thursday, April 9th 2015, as a huge blow to the face which kept me and my wife shivering for hours. Paying tribute to you is still heart breaking and almost impossible because I can't find the words to put down. Your sudden and untimely departure has left a huge gap in our lives and a big wound to our hearts. You thought me that family comes first and I intend to continue in your footsteps.

You will forever remain in our hearts and may your gentle soul rest in the bosom of the Lord.

*Farewell my beautiful sister till we meet again....*

**LIL' BROTHER... EYONG A. EPIEPANG & WIFE**



Since my beloved aunt disappeared, I have shed so many lonesome tears. It's really so sad when I reminisce of the happier moments. I will severely miss those magic moments that did not last and yet we mourn of the memories of the past. We listened to your endless tales from your early travel trips that puzzled us, stories that no longer matter now. I wish for God to intervene and make my life more serene with hands that tremble from too many hearts. Your departure has left me shedding lonesome tears each time thoughts of you come to mind.

*May your gentle soul RIP....*

**NEPHEW, CONRAD ESUH**



*Aunty....*

You were always a leader to all of us, you were a mother to us and a self made woman who taught us how to be hard working. We shall live through you and make the world know who you really were... "A special woman". As you rest in Christ Jesus, I rest assured you are not alone. Only God knows why you had to go this way. Until we meet again to part no more.

*Farewell Aunty....*

**NEPHEW, BERTRAND N.**



Aunty Ebane, may your soul rest in peace for you have been our best aunt because you have been kind to us and you bought us nice clothes and shoes and also greeted us during the weekends and encouraged us to work very hard so that you can take us to USA. but now you are gone we will miss all the fabulous things you promised us and you will always be in our hearts. *Bye!*

**NEPHEW, JUNIOR CHARLES EPIEPANG**



A good bye letter for my Epielang Evelyn Ebane. How I wish you were here. As you left us in pain. If I could have seen you before you left I could have told you goodbye. But you left without telling us goodbye. I can still remember the things you told me. "That if I work hard I will come to America" and that had motivated me so much. And that is why I have reached this level. You sent me so many nice things and also promised me so many things like school bags, clothes and shoes. Now that you've gone, how would I have them? All I have to say is, I'll miss you so much.

*Good bye aunty....*

**NIECE, SERITA EPIEPANG**



Dear Aunty, You were really caring and we'll always think of you even though you're gone. Who will bring us beautiful gifts again? We will miss your care and love. May your soul rest in the Lord.

**THE LITTLE EBANE'S..... TRACY & SHANNEL**



# Acknowledgment

We are very deeply and excessively thankful to all of you, who have come from far and wide to condole with our family, pray, comfort, encourage and strengthen us during this time of grief and sadness in our family.

God's purpose in pain is to brand His image in our hearts.

We appreciate your concern, messages, calls and gifts.

May the Lord who brought you here, take you back safely to your respective destinations.

With all best wishes in God's name.

EPIEPANG EUGENE ALLAH, FOR FAMILY

