

In Loving Memory
Shekep Anne KIMBI



1981 - 2020

|| From Friday 22nd to Saturday 23rd May 2020 ||

*"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust." – Psalm 91:2*



Funeral Programme

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2020

- 10pm: Removal of corpse from Yaounde Central Hospital mortuary
- 12 midnight: Departure to Limbe through Douala

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2020

- 6am: Arrival of funeral procession at family compound along Old Road, Mile 4 in Limbe
- Laying in state and viewing
- 9am - 10am: Funeral service at family compound
- 10.30am: Departure to Tiko for final burial rites.
- 11am: Arrival at family compound at Tchombe's Quarter in Likomba, Tiko (take entrance opposite Tiko Council)
- Viewing
- 12noon - 1pm: Christian Funeral rites and burial
- 2pm: Reception

Shekep Anne Kimbi was a compassionate mother, a loving sister, a beloved daughter and a devout follower of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Her life on earth was marked by unforgettable moments of joy as well as challenging times, but in all, her faith and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and her determination to achieve her personal dreams and aspirations made her prevail over the ups and turns in her earthly journey.

Mommy Anne (as she was fondly called in the family) was born on 21st June 1981 in Tiko to late Mr Kimbi Gwe Samson and Mrs Elizabeth Tchenga. She was raised in the fear of the Lord Jesus Christ and got baptised on 22 December 1991 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Likomba by Rev Victor Mbah.

Growing in a Christian home with many siblings, her parents invested the very best of a Christian upbringing in her. The moral emphasis in her upbringing was reflected in the sort of schools she attended. Mommy Anne completed primary education at the St Mary Catholic School in Tiko from 1987 to 1993 and went on to attend the prestigious Saker Baptist College in September 1993 from where she graduated with an Ordinary Level Certificate in June 1998 and with an Advanced Level Certificate in June 2000. While at Saker, she matured into a confident, pretty and discreet young woman with a very optimistic outlook on life.

Her University education marked a crucial turning point in her professional career. Upon leaving high school, she passed the competitive entrance into the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Buea where she studied and obtained a Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Sciences. She thus became part of the pioneer generation of Cameroonian laboratory scientists trained at tertiary level within the country. Her professional practicum as a lab scientist took her through internships in microbiology, parasitology, biochemistry, morbid anatomy and haematology at the Yaounde University Teaching Hospital (CHUY) and at the Yaounde Central Hospital.

Mommy Anne's final year at University coincided with the demise of our father who slept in the Lord on June 9, 2005. In spite of a series of unfortunate events in her personal social life, God

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lavished Mommy Anne with early blessings in her career and gave her the gift of motherhood.

Soon after graduation from the University of Buea in 2006, Mommy Anne made it brilliantly through a special recruitment of senior health personnel organised by the Government of Cameroon with funds from the HIPC fallout. She was deployed to work as a lab scientist in the North Region of Cameroon, precisely at the Bibemi Health District. To make the blessing double, Mommy Anne became biological mother of a bouncing baby boy: Kimbi Gwe Precious in 2008.

However, her dream of a long-term clinical career in Cameroon's public health system was short-lived. A series of unfortunate events arising from a difficult, sudden breakdown in her marriage and compounded by a state of post-partum distress, left a devastating impact on Mommy Anne's state of psychosocial stability. This chain of unfortunate events affected her professional productivity in the last 12 years of her life and left her dependent on the critical support of her beloved family. But these 12 years also offered Mommy Anne a unique opportunity to demonstrate the immense love and kind-heartedness God bestowed upon her. She never ceased to exude love towards new babies born into the family and maintained a motherly nature to us all. She also had the opportunity to go deeper in her spiritual life and got inducted into the Women's Union of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. To keep her professional passion alive, she enrolled and completed training in nursing at the Maflekumen health institution.

Her final days on earth were marked by the same sort of zeal, energy and ambition that characterised her entire adult life. She was deep in spirituality and actively participated in home meditations with the family. Her love for her offspring Kimbi Gwe Precious was unbowed to the very end.

Her death on Sunday 10 May 2020 after a very brief illness took everyone unawares and left the family in utter shock. She was like a star that has been shining brightly in the sky all these years. At God's appointed time Mommy Anne was called home to be with the Almighty Father. She will be sorely missed.

May her soul rest in peace.







Eulogies

My best teacher & friend

Mommy, you were a special woman. You were loving, caring and beautiful. You sacrificed all you had to give me love, happiness and a life. Mama you were my best teacher, my favourite companion and my best friend. You meant a lot to me. I wish you could stay around longer to see me grow into the man you wish I become. But God preferred to call you to Heaven. I will always miss you Mommy. May God grant you eternal rest. I love you Mommy. **Your son, Kimbi Precious**

I saw the best of you

Aunty Anne, I never imagined I was driving with you for the last time as we made that final trip to the hospital. You told me as we drove along that you wanted just vitamins and something to stop you from throwing up. The Doctor told me you would be fine and discharged from hospital the next day. So deep was my shock when your health deteriorated suddenly and before we could get you to intensive care, you were declared clinically dead. I instantly felt a void. A sharp pain. I knew I had lost a special Sister. Very few who saw you during your last years could understand your lifelong journey. All they saw was the lowly, quiet and introvert version of you. But Heaven knows you were by far more a jewel – a very precious ornament. I saw the best of you Aunty Anne. I am living witness to the gracious life you had from our childhood together and all the way to University. You were always jocund, friendly, compassionate, hardworking and generous, a good leader and above all a beloved sibling. You were my Papa's beloved daughter – obedient, dutiful and priceless. Marilyn has been in deep pain since you left. She brought your breakfast to hospital and found an empty bed. Myles and Mikel have been asking to know when I will bring you home from the hospital. I will not stop telling them you have gone to a better place beyond the skies. May Heaven receive you my dear Sister. God be with you till we meet again. **Your brother, Michael Kimbi (Yaounde)**

Forever in our hearts

Shekep, you have broken my heart. When your dad passed away, I had you – a best friend and companion who gave me smiles. Anne, your departure without a word is a big blow to your siblings and the children you have left behind. We miss you Anne. Our hearts bleed for you. God loves you more than us and we thank Him for everything. Rest in peace until we meet again. You will remain Forever In Our Hearts. **Mother Eli.**

From a Sister to a Sister.

Anne you were my little doll when you first came to the world, it was love at first sight. I always wanted my own sister and God answered. I was so happy about you that I would sit by your baby crib and watch you sleep. I was blessed to have my own sister. We have been through it all, but in it all you never stopped having faith in God for better days. You loved life, you loved your family and friends. In all the

hard times you never lost hope in God (that I admire about you). I can remember your last days on earth, your gentle voice still echoes in my ears. Forgive me Sis for not keeping you long on the phone and for not telling you how much I love you. You will be greatly missed and nothing can ever replace you. Luke, Brenda and Kathy never had the opportunity to enjoy your love but I will tell them that they had an Auntie who loved them. Now you are in a better place where there is no more pain nor suffering. Sing sis with the saints. Enjoy in paradise Mama Precious till we meet to part no more. Love you Sis. From your sister, **Del (USA)**.

Anne, Your sudden departure has caused us so much pain. It hurts to see you go. We will always remember you. **Mami Bea (Mile 4, Limbe)**

Will forever love you

Mommy Anne, How we wish you were here with us! But God knows better why you have to go ahead. Memories of you will remain. We will forever love and miss you. Fare well, till we meet to part no more. May you find rest in the Lord. Yours truly, **Kimbah Irene & Husband Babila Gilbert (Buea)**

You loved unconditionally

Mommy Anne your departure has been a shock to me. You broke my heart in pieces. I thank you for being our angel here on earth and for loving us unconditionally. You were always so caring in all your ways, you took care of me from baby days till my adulthood. Even with the long distance between us you were still caring for me, and checking up on me always. Thank you for advising me medically, spiritually and morally. Your strength here on earth inspired me a lot. My heart, I cannot believe I am writing about you in past tense Mommy Anne. I am deeply hurt by your departure but I leave this hurt to God to take control. Be our guardian angel. I promise to look after Precious as you intended. I love you so so much. Rest In Peace until we meet again. **Chasseu Clarisse (USA)**

I never said goodbye

Sister I never got the chance to say I love you. I never got the chance to say I'll miss you. Nobody told me that you were going to die. It hurts, I never said goodbye. Where are you now? Please talk to me. Show yourself and let me see. I hope that you are happy where ever you are. You were such a good person with much to give. I'll keep with me the good times we shared. To the Heaven above, I wish I could fly, Only to give you a warm goodbye. Till we meet again, I love you, I miss you, goodbye Sister Anne. **Your Brother, Gwe Eric Muchi (USA)**

Rest in glory

Anne, your departure was sudden but I believe it is in God's timing. You were brave and industrious but your life became stressful and challenging. Despite the stress, you braved on and your smile never faded. In your stressful condition you sought to be with God's people, you loved praying people and soul winners. Your situation attracted many to you and you became a mother for all, no doubt God chose to call you home on Mothers day. Anne, you are gone from here to rest in glory. Rest on Anne. **Sister Tuoh (Limbe)**

Gone but not forgotten

*To a sister so loving, so caring and true. As we have grown up through our childhood years, the fun and laughter I can always chase. The things we have done created memories forever, and kept us strong even when we couldn't be together. You were always there to lend a listening ear, and have always shown how much you care. Often times you were more of a mother. So my dear sister I wouldn't trade you for another. I have prayed someday we will meet again, where the pastures are green, and there will be no pain, no sorrow of heart, only joy and laughter. What a day that would be to see you again my dear sister! Fare thee well my beloved sister. You are gone, but not forgotten! Love always. **Levis and Family.***

RIP African Beauty

*Dear Anne, It was with great joy that I first met you when you were born at the Tiko General Hospital. Today I write in tears at your passing, after a life full of trials. I had my first lessons in parenting when I had the opportunity to look after you as a baby. I did all to keep you warm. You have lived the number of years decided by your Creator. You will forever remain in my heart. Rest in peace my African beauty queen. **Sister Esther Forgu (Limbe)***

RIP Mommy Anne

*My lovely sister, I always called you Mommy Anne and you always called me Uncle Eugene. The good memories of you will never be removed from our hearts. The good thoughts of you will live on. Rest in peace big sister. You have given me all I need. May your soul rest with the Lord. **Eugene***



Acknowledgement

The Kimbi Family

wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during this hour of bereavement. May God in His infinite mercies bless and keep you and grant you a safe return to your various destinations.