

*In Loving
Memory of*



Michael Ben Ekanem

November 30, 1955 - August 18, 2023 (Age 67 years)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home
2014 N. Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217

Interment

King Memorial Park, 8710 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21244

Order of Service

Processional: Musician

Opening Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer: Pastor Dr Celestine Udo

Scripture Reading: Psalms 23: Dr John Okon

New Testament: Corinthians 15:50-57: Dr John Okon

Musical Selection: Musician

Biography: Mr Ekereobong Umoh

Remarks (two minutes please)

Musical selection: Musician

Sermon: Pastor Dr Celestine Udo

Acknowledgments: Mr Steve Ikpim

Benediction

Brief Biography of **Late Mr. Michael Ben Ekanem,**

Our brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Michael Ben Ekanem, was born on November 30, 1955 in Ikot Akpa Idang, Ididep in Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Effiong Ekanem. He had his early education in Ididep Presbyterian Primary School before preceding to Hope Wadell Training Institution Calabar.

On completion of his secondary education, he worked briefly with Post & Telecommunications Department in Calabar. He later preceded to Southern University, Baton Rouge in United States for a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering. In his quest to improve in his profession, he enrolled in Loyola College, Baltimore where he received a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

He worked in various companies, amongst which is Asbestos Engineering Inc, Practical Technology Inc. and later joined the Baltimore City where he served in the Baltimore Water Pumping Section until his demise.

Our brother Michael was a very compassionate gentleman who lived in peace with all. He was always ready to come to the assistance of anyone who needed his help.

We were rudely shocked to hear of his untimely death on August 19, 2023. The members of his family in Nigeria will painfully missed him. We had hope that he will relocate to Nigeria in a very near future. In all, we thank God for his life on earth.

May his gentle soul find solace in the bosom of the Lord. Continue to rest on Ada.

He is survived by:
Siblings:

1. Sunday Ben Ekanem - (brother)
2. Affiong Ben Ekanem - (Sister)
3. Eno George Ekong - (Sister)
4. Elizabeth Okon Eniang - (Sister)

And host of relations and friends to mourn him.

Prof Sunday Ben Ekanem
For the Family

A Tribute to Our Beloved Brother, Michael Ekanem (Ada)

Brother, it is hard to explain the love you had for us. A peace maker, a helper and our mentor. You left us without a word. We love you but God loves you more. May your Gentle Soul rest in perfect peace.

Udo-Eka, bye bye.

Your beloved siblings

Sunday, Afiong, Eno, Elizabeth

City of Baltimore's Water Pumping Section: A Tribute

Michael will be surely missed by all of the members of the City of Baltimore's Water Pumping Section. As an Engineer, he served the City with a tremendous spirit and sense of dedication. He was at his best when he was asked to sift through complicated design plans, drawings and diagrams for upcoming water facility projects and find every detail that the City needed to question or re-evaluate.

His diligence and desire to take on more projects made him truly unique in our department. Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with him are deeply saddened and we extend our deepest condolences to Michael's family and friends.

A Tribute to the Most Peaceful and Compassionate Man: Uncle Mike

Mr Michael or "Uncle Mike" as I called him, was most peaceful, compassionate and wonderful person, I knew. He would bend over backwards to help anyone and would not take no for an answer. I am very sad that he is gone, but I know he is not in any pain anymore and is resting in peace with our Heavenly Father.

Charlene Udoh Jones

A Condolence Message from AKISAN

During the peaceful moments of our lives, when we shut our eyes and listen closely to our hearts, we find comfort in the treasured memories of Mr. Michael Ekanem. Though he is no longer with us, the radiance of his love persists within, illuminating our paths and filling our spirits with warmth. As The Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Chapter (AKISAN CBMD) comes together to pay tribute to Mr. Ekanem's memory, let us commemorate a life that deeply touched us and left an everlasting impression on our hearts.

As we bid farewell to our dear Mr. Ekanem, remember that his legacy lives on within us. His story is forever intertwined with our own, and we should strive to honor their memory by embodying the same love, empathy, and zest for life that they did. Although we may feel sadness, we can find solace in the knowledge that love endures and the bonds we form with others are unbreakable.

Rest peacefully, dear Mr. Micheal Ekanem, knowing your memory will always be a part of us
~Amen!

~The AKISAN CBMD Chapter

Tribute to my Cousin

"We all should unite! We should live as brothers! The world belongs to all of us and its resources should be shared equally by everyone"

Those were some of the statements of my cousin, Mike. Mike was equally passionate about feminine, culture and welfare. How often I would chide him about leading the women movement. He loved women scholarship, empowerment and leadership.

Mike hated injustice of every kind and was the advocate for the voiceless and powerless. A good government, therefore, would have the interest of its citizens foremost at heart. He also believed that we could get there if we get together and work to get it done.

Mike made a life-long contribution to all these causes which was his primary reason for being a member of Akisan, USA.

Edet Akpan

A Tribute to Mr. Michael Ekanem

Mr Michael Ekanem was a very kind man. He never misses his contribution to our association. He was gentle, yet firm in his ideas and convictions. His contribution to our organization will be missed.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Steve Ikpim
*Treasurer Akisan,
Chesapeake Maryland*

To a Man that Meant a lot to Me and My Children: A Tribute to Michael

We continued to stay as friends and there was nothing he would ask me to do that I wouldn't and vice versa. I wish he had shared more of his health conditions with me and I could have done more. I met many people through him, Charlene being one. Michael, you, will be well missed.

Rest Heavenly!
Christy

A Gentle and Peaceful Soul has Gone to be with His Creator

I met Mike through my friend, Ene Udo, in Baltimore for the first time in 2005 during my visit to Baltimore from Nigeria. Ever since, when ever I visit, he does not failed to visit me and often times, with gift and likewise invite us for dinner in his house.

Mike was very passionate about the cause he believed in. He was an advocate for peace and justice in the world. He was also very compassionate and caring. He became my friend and brother. I shall truly miss him.

Ekpenyong Eyo

A Tribute to My Friend Michael

Da Michael, I have been busy making arrangements for your retirement and return to Nigeria to be with us. I kept my promise to you that I would assist you build a house when I relocate to Nigeria. Your beautiful house is fully completed. Imagine the shock that you were never coming home.

We met in Calabar, Post and Telecommunications Department, on our first job out of High School and we became such good friends. I give God the glory that after 40 years we were great friends till the end, which is not common. You will always be in my heart. Rest in perfect peace my friend.

Ene Udoh

Appreciation

The entire Ekanem's family wish to thank the Almighty God for seeing us through this period of grief occasioned by the demise of our dear brother, Mr. Michael Ben Ekanem. We are very grateful to Mr. Travis Minott, (Michael's direct boss) Baltimore Water Section, City of Baltimore, and the entire staff. We are indebted to Ms. Charlene Udoh Jones who took it upon herself to ensure that our brother, Michael, is accorded a befitting burial.

To his bosom friend, Ene Udoh, we are very thankful for all your assistance to the family in ensuring the synergy between us and the different agencies in United States to ensure the smooth burial. The entire members of AKISAN, who came out in their numbers to the funeral, you are well appreciated, and to a host of friend's, Michael's associates and colleagues, we say thank you.

May the Almighty God continue to bless and protect you.

Prof. Sunday Ben Ekanem
Family Head
For the Bereaved Family