

Celebration of Life

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



FELICIA PATRICIA SAMPAH

Sunrise: December 1956

Sunset: August 17, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Marlan Gary Funeral Home
Columbus, Ohio

Order of Service

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VIEWING

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

BURIAL SERVICE

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 AM		Call to Worship
9:05 AM		Opening Hymn: <i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>
9:10 AM		Opening Prayer
9:15 AM		Scripture Reading
9:20 AM		2nd Hymn: <i>Beso Me Nsa Gye Gye Me (PHB 518)</i>
9:25 AM		Life Tribute (Biography): Family Member
9:35 AM		Family Tributes: Children, Siblings
9:45 AM		Friends Tribute
9:55 AM		3rd Hymn: <i>Precious Lord, Hold My Hand</i>
10:00 AM		Sermon: Rev. Luke Yaw Asirifi
10:15 AM		Prayer for the Family
10:20 AM		Closing Hymn: <i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>
10:25 AM		Announcement & Acknowledgement

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."
Matthew 25:23

Hymns

1. Blessed Assurance

(Fanny J. Crosby)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

2. Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

(Fanny J. Crosby)

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.
2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

3. Rock of Ages

(Augustus Montague Toplady)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. When Peace Like a River

(Horatio Gates Spafford)

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Congregation is invited to join in singing.





BIOGRAPHY

OF THE LATE



FELICIA PATRICIA ABENA KISSIWAA SAMPAH

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot."

— Ecclesiastes 3:1–2 (NIV)



Birth and Early Life

Felicia Patricia Abena Kissiwaa Sampah was born on December 13, 1956, at Dunkwa-on-Offin in the Central Region of Ghana. She was the first of three children born to Mr. James Kofi Nimoh Sampah and Madam Florence Ama Kyema, both of blessed memory. From her early years, Felicia demonstrated the determination and resilience that would characterize her journey through life.

Education and Nursing Career

Felicia began her primary education at Rangoon School, Cantonments, Accra, from September 1962 to 1968. She continued at Ringway Estate Middle School, completing Forms One through Three, before finishing at Obuasi Pomposo Middle School, where she obtained her Middle School Leaving Certificate in 1972.

A hardworking and determined student, Felicia attended Ghana Empire Secondary and Technical School (GESTECH) in Accra from 1974 to 1977, earning a School Certificate in Basic Technical Education.

Her desire to care for others led her into the health profession. She enrolled at Offinso Community Health Nursing College and obtained her Public Health Nurse Certificate in 1983. Determined to advance professionally, she continued to Agogo State Registered Nursing College, where she earned her State Registered Nurse (SRN) Certificate in 1985. She subsequently pursued a one-year Midwifery Course at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra.

Felicia began her professional career at Selom Hospital in Kumasi. She later served at St. Jude Hospital in Obuasi from 1988 to 1990, as well as at 37 Military Hospital and Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. Following her midwifery training, she was posted to Presbyterian Hospital at Donkokrom in the Afram Plains, Eastern Region.

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HER JOURNEY OF *Service, Faith & Perseverance*

Her professional journey eventually took her from Ghana to the United States of America in 1999. In Columbus, Ohio, Felicia continued the work that came naturally to her—caring for others. For several years, she served as a dedicated caregiver with Graceworld, a home-care provider.

In a poignant turn in her life's journey, the devoted nurse and caregiver who had spent so many years caring for others would herself eventually require extensive care as she faced prolonged and debilitating illness.

Family Life

Felicia's first marriage to Mr. Takyi-Kuntu Blankson was blessed with two children, in addition to her first child. She later married Mr. Okyere, a retired Army officer, and they were blessed with two daughters. The family later endured the painful loss of one of her children. Through that profound sorrow, Felicia continued to draw strength from her faith and her devotion to the children and grandchildren who remained at the center of her life.

She is survived by her four children: Rose, Peter, Priscilla and Lovia, as well as her beloved grandchildren.

A Life of Compassion, Faith and Perseverance

Felicia was compassionate, affable, generous and kind. As a nurse, she approached her responsibilities with discipline and dedication. She valued cleanliness and order and took great pride in maintaining a neat and welcoming environment.

Her Christian faith remained an important foundation throughout her life. In the United States, she worshipped with a Baptist congregation while also maintaining warm relationships across the broader Christian community. Friends at Ramseyer Presbyterian Church especially remember the exceptional empathy and support she extended to the bereaved family of the late Elder Emmanuel Frimpong.

For more than ten years, Felicia faced several debilitating illnesses. During those difficult years, she was blessed with extraordinary support from her sibling Prince Sampah, her dear friend Grace Nomo, and many friends and community caregivers whose love and dedication helped make it possible for her to receive care at home.

Through years of illness, treatments, setbacks and uncertainty, Felicia persevered. Her journey was not defined simply by the difficulties she encountered, but by the courage with which she faced them, the faith she held onto, the family she continued to love, and the many lives she touched through a lifetime of service.

Surrounded by family and friends, Felicia Patricia Abena Kissiwaa Sampah passed away on August 17, 2026. Her earthly journey has ended, but the legacy of the nurse, caregiver, mother, grandmother, sister, friend and woman of faith lives on.



A Life Well Lived

May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

A Tribute from Her Children

"A mother's love is a gift that lasts forever."

Our dear Mother was a loving, selfless and hardworking woman who dedicated her life to her children and family. As a nurse in Ghana, she gave us everything she could, but she always wanted more for us. She would often say, *"I don't want you to suffer."*

In 1999, she moved to the United States in search of a better life for us, hoping that one day we would join her. Unfortunately, things did not go as planned, and we continued growing up in Ghana under the care of our uncle.

In 2014, she returned to Ghana to visit us, but she was not feeling well. After returning to the United States, she began a difficult battle with illness. Despite her suffering and the enormous cost of her treatment, she never stopped caring for us. Even from her sickbed, she continued to support and provide for her children.



*"Thank you for every sacrifice,
every prayer, every word of encouragement,
and every act of love."*

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Our Mother, Our Strength

Mum was more than our mother—she was our strength, our provider, our adviser, and the heart of our family. She cared deeply about our education, our future and our wellbeing. She always tried to keep the family together and loved her grandchildren dearly.

Before she passed, she told us to prepare ourselves because she would soon have to leave us. On August 17, after waking from life support, she gave us her final goodbye.

Mum, losing you has left a pain that words cannot describe. We will miss your voice, your advice, your laughter, and all the little moments that made you special.

You lived for us, you fought for us, and you loved us until the very end. Your journey on earth may have ended, but your love will live forever in our hearts, our memories, and through the lives you touched.

*Rest peacefully, Mum.
Until we meet again, our beautiful Mother.*

— Rose Duah, Peter Kuntu Tachie,
Priscilla Okyere and Lovia Okyere



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A Heartfelt Tribute from the Family

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." — 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

Today, with heavy hearts yet profound gratitude to God, we celebrate the life of our beloved **Felicia Patricia Abena Kissiwaa Sampah** — a mother, grandmother, sister, relative and friend whose life was marked by service, sacrifice, compassion and faith.

To our family, Felicia was much more than a nurse. She was a woman with a generous heart who believed in standing by those she loved. She offered support in many ways — emotionally, financially, practically and spiritually. Whether through encouragement, guidance, assistance or simply a listening ear, she sought to ease the burdens of others.

Felicia was compassionate, affable, hardworking and disciplined. She valued cleanliness and order, took pride in doing things well, and carried her family responsibilities with courage and devotion.

Her Christian faith was central to her life. Through prayer, worship, thanksgiving and praise, she placed her trust in God. That faith sustained her through difficult seasons and strengthened her hope in eternal life.

Today, we mourn her passing and feel the emptiness created by her absence. We will miss her voice, her presence, her advice and the comfort of knowing she was there. Yet we will continue to cherish her kindness, her sacrifices, her strength and the love she so freely shared.

Felicia's life was not lived in vain. She served others faithfully, cared deeply for her family, worked diligently and persevered through many challenges. Her legacy will continue through her children, grandchildren, relatives, friends and all whose lives she touched.

Felicia, you lived with courage, served with dedication, loved generously and kept the faith. May the Lord grant you eternal rest and receive you into His everlasting kingdom.

Rest peacefully, dear Felicia.

You will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Felicia Patricia Sampah wishes to express sincere gratitude to all relatives, friends, church members, and well-wishers for your prayers, love, presence, and support during this time of bereavement. Your kindness has been a source of comfort and strength.

May God richly bless you.

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
1401 Woodland Ave
Columbus, OH 43224

Final Funeral Rites

8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight
Ramseyer Presbyterian Church
3228 Westerville Rd
Columbus, OH 43224

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, September 20, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
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