

Pallbearers & Floral Attendants

Family and Friends

Talented Great Artist

*I had an Artist who was amazingly talented.
Amazingly talented, gifted, and creative she was.
Making art was truly her business and passion.
A beautiful person that made beautiful things.
Designing and creating gave her spirit peace.
Gave her whole being peace and tranquility.
The authenticity of her creations is astounding.
And the details are amazing and impressive.
What can be more satisfying, more fulfilling; more -
Gratifying than doing what one loves to do?
The peace and joy are exhilarating and priceless.
Tranquility doesn't have a price tag or a trademark.
Many do what they do because they have no choice.
Some do what they do for big name or big money.
Doing what one loves to do can bring the contentment,
And peace that eludes many.
She was a very loving, and deeply caring human being.
And one of God's Beautiful Creations.
That Great and amazing Artist is my daughter **Chidimma**.*

Words of Thanks

The Okirike Family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all who have supported us at this time of great sorrow and grief. May God be with you all now and always.



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Homegoing Celebration for

Chidimma Mgbeke
Ifere Okirike

September 10, 1978 ~ September 28, 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023 | 2:00 P.M.
THE ADAMS CHAPEL
510 Stephenson Avenue
Savannah, GA 31405
Reverend LeRoy Pollen, III, Eulogist

Chidimma's Life Story

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23.

Chidimma Mgbeke Ifere Okirike was born on September 10, in 1978 in Ututu, Abia State in Nigeria to Dr. B. Ifere Okirike and Mrs. Roseline M. Okirike. The day she was born was a very important day in Ututu culture. It was Orié Mbu, the first day of the traditional New Year, a period for New Yam festival. So, it was a double celebration for her family, relatives, and friends.

Chidimma was brought to the United States by her parents when she was just 4 years and nine months old. She attended elementary school and first year Middle School at Cincinnati, Ohio before her family moved to Savannah Georgia where she finished Middle School at Bartlett Middle School and went to Beach High School. Throughout her years at Beach High School, she remained an honor roll student with amazing artistic talent, was a gifted artist. A College track student, she graduated in 1996 with honors.

Chidimma had another gift. She was an excellent Soccer player. So, she was recruited and given Scholarship by St. Andrew's University in Laurinburg, North Carolina the same year 1996. A very talented artist, she gave up soccer to follow her passion, the love of her life: making art.

As a youth she worked with some companies but knew what she was created to do and would not let that go. She produced marvelous works of Art, sticking with what came to her so naturally. She was a great artist and an Art teacher, and a businesswoman. As a visual Artist she also expanded her area of operation to Body Arts: tattoo. She gave many people the beautiful body designs they were proud of. She produced numerous artwork that gave aesthetic pleasure, which people were glad to pay for. Her Artwork in her parent's living room always receives compliments from visitors. Chidimma was even an expert in massage therapy.

Chidimma was beautiful and had a beautiful kind soul. She had a free spirit. She laughed easily and loved to laugh. She did a lot of volunteer work helping the needy and counselling the desperate even when she herself was sick and needed help. She was the strong one and didn't like to bother other people with her problems. She would say I'm fine even when she was not. She believed in God and trusted Him. She told me God had her Back. Her beautiful soul is now in God's abode.

Chidimma passed to eternity on Wednesday, the night of September 28, 2023. Left behind to mourn her untimely departure, and cherish her memories are her parents, Dr. B. Ifere Okirike and Mrs. Roseline M. Okirike; her three brothers, Nnanna, Okore and Nnamdi; her younger sister, Uzoma; her sisters-in-law, Regina and Mimie; her Niece Anaji; her nephew Akasi; and many uncles, aunties, and cousins here in the United States and in Nigeria.



Order of Service

Processional ~ Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection ~ Kevin Cook

Scriptures ~ Minister

Invocation ~ Minister

Selection ~ Kevin Cook

Reflections ~ Family and Friends

Life Story ~ Read Silently

Acknowledgement ~ Nnanna Okirike

Words of Comfort ~ Pastor LeRoy Pollen, III

New Wave Temple of praise

Recessional

Interment

*Oak Grove Cemetery | 3312 Skidaway Road
Savannah, GA 31404*

