



Virginia C. Asala

December 6, 1930 - January 18, 2021

Virginia Asala (nee Uboh) was born on December 6, 1930 in Agbor, Delta State, Nigeria. She was married to Mr. Parkinson Charles Asala in 1948 and the union was blessed with five children: Chukwuma, Ifeanyichukwu, Late Godwin Nduka, Sylvia, and Baldwin. The couple met and got married in Onitsha and after living there for a few years, they moved to Sapele, Delta State. They thereafter moved to Lagos in 1950. "VC" as she was popularly called by her friends worked at the Nigeria Ports Authority, Lagos until she joined her husband in England who was there for further studies. On her return to Nigeria, VC worked at the Shell Oil Marketing Company and then at the British Petroleum Limited (BP) from where she retired after 28 years of exemplary service. Upon retirement she went into the restaurant/catering business with a close friend for many years before relocating to the United States.

"Mumsy" as she was fondly called by her children and extended family, was fluent in several Nigerian languages including, Agbor/Ika, Igbo, Efik, Yoruba and Itsekiri and this endeared her to her many friends from the different regions in Nigeria. Mumsy was a woman of God and deep faith her entire life. She was a prominent member of the Bishop Tugwell Memorial Anglican Church, Lagos Nigeria. When she relocated to the US, she consistently attended DGM Church in Bowie, Maryland for over 15 years. Attending church on Sunday was the highlight of her week, she would always wake up early in the morning, dress up elegantly and eagerly await her ride to church at the door.

Mumsy was a great cook and loved to feed anyone who showed up at her house including her children's friends and many loved ones who to this day remember the many delicious meals they ate at Mumsie's house.

VC was also an influential leader in many cultural organizations in Lagos and Agbor. She had an extensive network of loyal friends to whom she was fiercely loyal as well.

Mumsy, your children remember you as an exemplary mother. You were completely

committed to our welfare and always prepared to give up everything you had to make sure we were well cared for even into adulthood. We, including your grandchildren and great grandchildren love and appreciate you for your sacrifices and unconditional love to us all. You will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace Grandma, we love you very much.

Virginia Asala is survived by her children, grandchildren and, great grandchildren.

Cemetery

Events

Union Cemetery of Montgomery
3001 Spencerville Rd
Burtonsville, MD, 20866

Viewing

10:30AM

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March Life Tribute Center
7601 Sandy Spring Rd., Laurel, MD, US, 20707

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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7601 Sandy Spring Rd., Laurel, MD, US, 20707

Comments



“ To view the live-streamed services of Virginia Asala, click the link below:



March Life Tribute Centers - February 03 at 12:35 PM



“ The Lord will comfort and stand by everyone of mama's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in Jesus mighty name. We celebrate her life and legacy and may her soul rest in peace in Jesus mighty name. Amen

Peter - February 06 at 09:26 PM



“ Condolences to the entire Asala family. May mama's soul continue to rest in heavenly peace! The Delalus'



Abimbola Delalu - February 06 at 12:11 PM



“ Oh mama, rest in peace. May God comfort your children and entire Asala family.

Chidinma Uka - February 06 at 01:48 PM



“ Mumsy was instrumental in getting my first employment while waiting for university admissions. My deepest sympathies to her children and extended family.

Ayo

Godfrey Ayo Gbadamosi - February 06 at 11:51 AM



“ Grandma, thank you for being part of the shining examples of women in my life that were strong, determined, while also warm and loving.

My earliest memories of you are also my earliest memories of what it feels like to be loved and received so openly. As your first granddaughter, I got to experience and feel that very special feeling of a woman becoming a grandmother and relishing in the happiness of your children. My mother made sure that you were around at all my birthdays, and that we visited you almost every single Sunday after church. I looked forward to seeing you in your restaurant, running your business, and being independent. And so I've always seen that - being independent, enterprising, and your own woman - as a positive. And I know it impacted the way my father raised me and my sister--to be strong, independent women just like his mother, which is how I ended up in the US, with you and Aunt. My parents trusted that I could find my own way, and knew also that I wouldn't be alone here.

And I wasn't. When I first came to the US and was on my own for the first time without my family, spending my summers and all those holidays with you and Aunt Sylvia reminded me that wasn't actually alone, and that I had family here. My favorite memory is when you let me style your hair in my punky frohawk style and take pictures--and also when we would watch MTV and gasp in shock at all those young people dancing naked on the beaches :D. I love every random gift you ever got me; every time you pretended you wanted to make me food so we could sneak a sweet snack for yourself from the kitchen when Aunt Sylvia wasn't watching (:D), all your delicious cooking, and - your - big - hearty - laugh. I will miss the sound of that, the sound of you guiltling me for not writing you handwritten letters, and for always asking after my siblings.

I love you grandma. I know you are looking fine and flawless in the afterlife, and I hope - I really hope - relishing in the knowledge of the dynasty of a family that you built with your courage, determination, and love. Rest in Peace. I'll love you always.



Spectra Asala - February 06 at 11:44 AM



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I'd like to say a few things about my mother Virginia Celena Asala. Her friends called her VC, we her children called her 'Mumsie' and as we got older and we had our children she became 'Grandma'.

One of the things about my mum is that she was a parent who was always ready at the drop of a hat to do everything for her children. She would sacrifice everything and would give her all to her children - even when we became adults.

A few key things I remember based on my personal experiences about who my Mum was is that:

Even when she was a young mother of about 28 with four children and I was a pesky child. She was always patient with me.

Even as a teenager when I was unserious about my studies. She did not give up on me when I would come last in my class. She sent me a letter. I don't remember what it said exactly but it worked like magic because from then on I was a serious student and it paid off as I went to get a higher education abroad.

I remember later on when I was doing my MBA in the US, she came to visit my wife and I and arrived with a beautiful dress she had sewn for my wife. My mother was a great seamstress and this is one of my best memories and one of the best pictures ever taken of my wife that we still have hanging up on the wall in our home.

In addition to a great seamstress, my Mum was a polyglot who spoke several languages - including Igbo, Yoruba, Efik, Sekiri and English. This made her very popular and she had many friends and was an extremely loyal friend herself.

Her multicultural network exposed her to different cuisines and my mother was a GREAT cook. She would cook all sorts of soups.

And as she was a really hard-working woman, when she worked at VP, she ended up also being in charge of the cafeteria. The gateway to her opening up own restaurant and catering services with her friend. A business that ran until she left Nigeria for the US.

I could go on and on about my mother. I am sure that my siblings also have their experiences.

I will close with this: Virginia Celena Asala was a beautiful dominant entrepreneur - a feminist before her time. A great matriarch who now has successful grandchildren all over the world following in her footsteps.

I dedicate this poem to you:

A Mother's Love
My Mother was a special gift,

Sent down from God above.
To share a bit of Heaven,
With all her tender love.

You see, she worked not for herself,
But for her family's care.
So she lovingly she carried,
This burden she had to bare.

So many times her labour would go,
Unseen by other's eyes.
We do not know of all the prayers,
Or many tears she cried.

Yet, through the joy and through the pain,
From day to day she gave.
To see her family happy,
Is the reason she lived.

So now we thank you Mother,
We know we can't repay.
For all that you have given.
Each and every day.

Mumsie, you were a great mum. You were a parent who gave your all to your children. Your life was well-lived and I know that you are resting in perfect peace now.



Chuks Onyeche Asala - February 06 at 11:27 AM



“ Baldwin Asala Jr lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Baldwin Asala Jr - February 06 at 11:11 AM



“ Mama (Virginia), thanks for all you did for all of us while you journeyed through life! You were full of love and concern for the welfare of others. I remembered you did what you could (at the time) to have me stay and complete my NYSC... you did not know me well but through your son's (Ifeyanyi) referral, you took me as your own. We definitely will miss and may you RIPP IJN, we pray Amen! - Dr. Peter Methodius-Ngwodo



Peter Methodius - February 06 at 10:57 AM



“ A royal colour for one of my first examples of feminism in life as a little girl who felt so proud and inspired knowing that her grandmother owned her own business. Thank you for that, Grandma :) Continue to rest in perfect peace.



Kizzi 'läny' Asala - February 06 at 10:06 AM



“ Spectra Asala lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Spectra Asala - February 05 at 11:02 PM



“ Spectra Asala is following this tribute.

Spectra Asala - February 05 at 06:31 PM



“ Mrs Veronica Betiku lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Mrs veronica betiku - February 05 at 05:50 PM



“ Mummy

I can not believe that I will not see you again. I thank God for your life. You were a light and a bundle of joy. A God sent helper to me. I will never forget those times we spent together when I was growing up and schooling in your care. I give glory to God. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Mrs veronica betiku - February 05 at 06:08 PM



“ You were very industrious, you made a lot of things out of very little. You made new things from old by changing the look. You succeed in so many things. You were my champion.

Mrs veronica betiku - February 05 at 07:04 PM



“ May God comfort the Asala family. May mums gentle soul Rest In Peace.

Lolade Akanni - February 05 at 03:58 PM



“ Sylvia lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Sylvia - February 05 at 09:25 AM



“ Mumsy, I never thought this season would arrive. My mama. I can't stop crying. But I know you are in God's loving bosom and at peace. I miss you every minute. I miss your loving looks and gentle smile. But God has spoken. Rest , free from battles. Rest in joy. Rest In Peace. I love you. I will love you forever

Sylvia - February 05 at 09:18 AM



“ Be strong my dear friend. I mourn with you. She is at peace.

Peter Opara

Peter Opara - February 05 at 10:49 AM



“ Precious Asala lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Precious asala - February 04 at 05:46 AM



“ May her soul rest in perfection, as she has perfectly contributed to this world as evidenced by the number of gifted and humane off-shoots she nurtured and left behind.

Eben Abiodun Amu - February 04 at 12:04 PM



“ My condolences to the entire Asala family. May mumsie’s soul continue to Rest In Peace



Teni Kabiaqu - February 03 at 05:36 PM



“ Thanks sis, appreciate it.

Bim Asala - February 03 at 05:43 PM



“ Baldwin Asala lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Baldwin Asala - February 03 at 04:06 PM



“ Kay Okegbenro lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Kay Okegbenro - February 03 at 01:39 PM



“ Bim Asala lit a candle in memory of Virginia C. Asala



Bim Asala - February 03 at 01:27 PM



“ My condolences to the entire family. May mama's soul Rest In Peace. Graclyn

Graclyn Abosi - February 04 at 09:42 PM