



Esther O. Phillips-Ige

May 7, 1957 - February 3, 2012

Ms. Esther Olufunmilayo Tutulola Phillips-Ige, age 54, died peacefully in her sleep at home in Odenton, Maryland, on Friday, February 3, 2012.

Born May 7 1957, in Lagos, Nigeria; she attended Reagan girls primary school and later went to Methodist Girls High School (MGHS) in Yaba Lagos for her secondary school.

She then proceeded to study nursing at the Eleyele School of nursing in Ibadan and upon graduation worked in Oshogbo for several years before relocating to the USA in the late 90's and eventually settled in Baltimore Maryland.

She worked as a Registered Nurse (RN) at several hospitals both in Nigeria and the Unites States making a difference in the lives of many.

Funlayo as she was fondly called by her mother was a very kind hearted person and a very devoted Christian.

Survivors include her mother Titilola Ashipa, brothers Olanrewaju Ashipa, Olumide Phillips and many uncles, aunts & cousins.

Wisdom 4:7-15

But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age...

Cemetery Details

Mount Zion

3900 Hollins Ferry Rd
Halethorpe, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 17. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Wake

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Tribute Wall



“ *Esther O. Phillips-Ige*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Auntie Funmi, I didn't have the pleasure of meeting you but I share the loving memories of our family. Rest in Peace.x*

February 19, 2012 at 08:41 AM



“ *Auntie Funmi... My one good memory is when you first came to the US and were staying with Uncle Yemi, we had come to visit and you kept pinching my cheeks! It has been a long time since then, and I'm sorry that I didn't get a chance to see you again. But I take comfort knowing you are resting in peace. With Love, Mosunmola*

Eunice Faleti - February 18, 2012 at 04:56 PM

AA

“ Funmi, How can I take it that you are gone? My memoir of you since your childhood will linger on until we meet at the foot of our Saviour.

Can I forget taking you about or queueing on your behalf overnight to get to Reagan Memorial Primary School and Methodist Girls high School for your secondary education both at Sabo in Lagos; or your visitation to me at the Onosode's house or your role as one of my bridesmaid or you arranging my kitchen store or even when I visited you in your abode when your nursing work took you to Oyo.

How will I tell the Onosodes, Captain Gbinigie or Joy Uyeye? How can I forget your 'dog white well-set' teeth and smiles?

No more sounds of 'Aunty mi'!

Thank God for the priviledge to have associated with you. I pray God consoles us.

My feeling right now is like the way I felt at the passing of my brother Alabi - Faleti. it took fastings and prayers to erase his memoirs from my brain.

RIP Funmi!!!

Adeola Alabi - February 18, 2012 at 04:39 PM

YA

“ I have thought about you a lot since the day I received the news that you had passed into glory. The news came as a heavy blow to me, and I started reminiscing about the good times we had together when we were growing up. You were so caring; and would make me laugh so much each time I glanced your way while we were watching a movie because I knew yet again you would be crying! Most of I'll always remember the conversation we had that day you called and spoke to me while I was in Chicago. Again we laughed a lot, and spoke for ages too sharing happy memories. I will treasure moments like that forever because cousin Funmi you were very special, and I eagerly look forward to the day I see you again. Your aburo, Yejidex

Reply Forward

Yejide Akinbulumo - February 18, 2012 at 06:51 AM

'A

“ My best memories of you was as a kid of less than 10, when you would come to Festac and always, always bought something worth looking forward too.

I didnt get to know you too well as you were faraway for most of my life uptill your passing.

The words expressed here shows however, the kind of heart you carried inside you.

RIP Aunty Funmi.

'Laolu Damilare Alabi - February 17, 2012 at 05:21 PM

TY

“ *In loving memory of our dear niece and cousin, Ms. Olufunmilayo. Since she slept in Christ, she is going to raise up again on the last day. Hallelujah. May her soul rest in perfect peace. Our heartfelt condolences to the Asipa and the entire Faleti family.*

The Odunbaku family in New York - February 17, 2012 at 01:46 PM

RO

“ *In loving memory of our dear sister and aunty.*

Risikatu Odunbaku - February 17, 2012 at 12:03 PM

AF

“ *Dearest Cousinsin Funmi,*

It's been a very long time since I've seen you, but from all that I have heard about you, I am sure you are resting peacefully with our lord above.

Aunty Ashipa,

May you take even a small amount of comfort in knowing that she is now at peace.

*With love,
Adekemi Faleti-Dosunmu*

Adekemi Faleti-Dosunmu - February 16, 2012 at 08:28 PM

PA

“ I thank God for the life you lived and for knowing you. Even though our meetings were brief, you left life lasting memories with me. I thank you for your tip about eating beans (ewa) for weight loss and guess what, it was part of my success for losing weight. Despite my sadness about your leaving so soon I'm happy that you lived your life the best way you knew how and now you are with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rest in peace Aunty Funmi with lots of love, from Niyi.

Paul Adela - February 16, 2012 at 05:47 PM

CA

“ My dear Funmi,
I was shocked and very sorry to hear the news of your passing. What can I say other than I will always fondly remember the good times we shared together.
Rest in perfect peace with your Maker.
With love, Aunty Aduke Akinbulumo - "Aunty mi".

Comfort Akinbulumo - February 16, 2012 at 04:11 PM



“ What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.
We love you, but God loves you best. Sun re oooo...

Kunle Faleti - February 16, 2012 at 02:38 PM

PW

“ *To Mrs. Ashipa:
So sorry to hear about the sudden passing of
your daughter, Funmi.. Condolences to you &
the rest of your family. I am keeping you in my
prayers.*



Pearl Williams

Pearl Williams - February 16, 2012 at 02:05 PM

WA

“ *Dear Aunty Fums,
The fondest memories of my "Larondohood" have you in them. I
remember the stories you used to tell me before I went to bed while
you were having you dinner after training, that would either awe
me or scare me. You helped me get a grip on Yoruba all those years
ago Don't really have the words to
express my thoughts big sister.. God knows best and I know heart
of hearts you loved him.
Sleep well egbon!!! Big love Akinwale*

Wale Akinbulumo - February 16, 2012 at 09:16 AM

AF

“ IN LOVING MEMORY OF OLUFUNMILAYO:

OLUFUNMILAYO YOUR MEMORY WILL LINGER
FOR LONG IN OUR HEARTS
YOUR AFFABLE SMILE
YOUR HONEST LAUGHTER
BUT YOU PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY
YOU LEFT US SO QUICKLY
WE COULD NOT YOU DELAY
WE NEITHER COULD COMPREHEND
BUT OUR GOD CAN COMPREHEND
REST IN PERFECT PEACE

YOUR UNCLE (FROM LONDON) FOLA FALETI

Afolabi Faleti - February 15, 2012 at 10:34 PM

'A

“ Funmi, Pam Brown said, "An older sister is a friend and defender - a listener, conspirator, a counsellor and a sharer of delights." You were all those things to me, and more. I have great memories of our time together in Ibadan - gosh, even Oshogbo! We shared days of love and laughter and so much fun, and I will never forget you. Rest safe in the arms of Jesus, and be at peace. 'Yemi

'Yemi Akinbulumo - February 15, 2012 at 07:34 PM

GB

“ My dearest cousin whom I have always referred to as "Aunty" Funmi not sure of where to start or what to say about you now that you have gone. Your departure from this world has really opened up my mind to a lot of things.

Last Sunday's sermon from my church was from the book of Philippians 1 ; which reflect's on a lot of your pursuit of the word and some of the different experiences that you encountered along the way. RIP

Philippians 1 12-18

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Gboye - February 15, 2012 at 01:55 PM

JM

“ I knew Ms Phillips as a co-worker. she was a wonderful person and will truly be missed by me as well as the people she worked with and delivered services to, Rest well and God Bless you John Moss Bs,PAC Corizon

John Moss - February 15, 2012 at 01:17 PM

OA

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I always told Aunty Funmi to quit worrying about not having children because she was already living a great life. Not because she truly loved and served the Lord with all her heart, but she also exemplified the true meaning of empathy and generosity. You would laugh and say, “Abi e gbo? Larondo ojosi? Oyinade! Mo ma to bi e lomo!” I would, laugh back and give her one of my many responses like, “Story niyen joor Aunty Funmi” or “Larondo ma ti di bi gal.”

She loved life and was the best co-pilot and shopaholic to roll with. She fed the homeless and gave to the needy downtown Baltimore. She also gave to family, friends and children with a big smile that can only come from the heart. The irony of life!

You were beautiful – in and out! Although the world is forever missing a beautiful and FAB angel, the Lord is happier to have you by his side. Rest well my loving big sister, rest well!

Oyinade Faleti Adelae - February 15, 2012 at 12:11 PM

BA

“Dearest OLu:

Your sudden and premature departure shocked us, we believe that if Jehovah had wished he could have prevented that you leave us hence the whole family anchors on our GOD for courage to bear the loss until we meet at JESUS feet. We all love you

Your mom (Titilola) and the family. Rest In Peace.

Beatrice Titilola Ashipa - February 15, 2012 at 09:26 AM

MB

“ Auntie Funmi, you left us way too soon but God knows best. He loves you more than we do. When I went home in January for my mum's burial ceremony, I thought about you and also talked about you with Auntie Ashipa. May your soul rest in perfect harmony and peace.

Margaret Balogun - February 15, 2012 at 07:59 AM

SA

“ You opened up your home to me and for that i will be forever grateful. Rest in peace.
Sade Adewunmi

Sade Adewunmi - February 14, 2012 at 09:24 PM

GT

This is for Esther's family and friends.

Esther was a co-worker, very hardworking and diligent about her work. We got along fairly well. I am sorry for her passing but God knows best. My deepest condolences to you her

family members. May she rest in peace.

Gwen Thiam, RN - Corizon

Gwendolyn E. Thiam - February 15, 2012 at 04:52 PM

TA

“ Gone too soon.It was a joy to have known you.Rlp.

tunji adigun - February 14, 2012 at 06:41 AM

AF

“ 1 file added to the album *Funmi Ige (Nee Phillips)*



Adegboyega Faleti - February 13, 2012 at 09:14 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - February 13, 2012 at 02:27 PM

AF

What a void you have created for all of us that had the opportunity to know you. RIP

Adegboyega Faleti - February 13, 2012 at 09:08 PM

AF

You have touched our lives and your light will shine ever in our heart. Growing up you were always full of life and very friendly. I know the peace of our Lord Jesus surround you; sleep well my dear.

Adeyemi Olusegun Faleti - February 13, 2012 at 11:29 PM

OA

Aunt funmi it was very hard for me to believe, but i know you are resting in the bosom of our lord jesus christ. I remember the last prayer meeting we held together in pastor's place. you pray that day like you knew the next news am going to hear is this. since then pastor has been worried about you where about asking everybody about your phone number.

omotayo adesina - February 14, 2012 at 09:54 PM

AF

"Aunty Funmi" We love you, but God loves you best... Sun re ooo

Adekunle Faleti - February 15, 2012 at 03:33 AM

TO

"Aunty Funmi" Gone so soon! but, your smile lives on. RIP.....

Tony Chigbolu

Tony - February 15, 2012 at 10:24 AM

RA

Dear sis Easter we met in jessup and you are a hard working lady and always smiling and happy doing your job. It was a shock when we heard about your untimely death we love and miss you but God love you most. Sun reeee oo aunty easter

Remi Adelugba

Remi Adelugba - February 15, 2012 at 11:32 AM



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Kunle Faleti - February 16, 2012 at 02:33 PM

CH

Rest in perfect peace. Amen! Veronica Ike.

chichi - February 17, 2012 at 02:23 PM