



## Kenneth Chiedu Utomi

March 26, 1959 - August 7, 2022

Kenneth Chiedu Utomi passed away on August 7, 2022 in Detroit Michigan. He was 63 years old.

Kenneth Chiedu Utomi was born on March 26, 1959, in Jos, Nigeria to the Late Emmanuel Okwuchukwu Utomi, of Ogbe Onicha, Ogwashi-Ukwu, and Florence Nkemdilim Ndabai, of Azungwu, Ogwashi-Ukwu, Delta State, Nigeria. Kenneth was the fifth of seven children.

Kenneth attended St Pius Xth Grammar School, Onicha Ugbo, Delta State, Nigeria. He was an exemplary student and was the Sanitary Prefect during his senior year there.

Upon completing his secondary education in Nigeria, Kenneth migrated to the United States of America, (Detroit, Michigan), to continue his University education. He completed his studies at Wayne State University, where he obtained an Accounting Degree.

Upon obtaining his Bachelor's degree, Kenneth accepted employment at the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department (DWSD) as an accountant. He was a dedicated employee of the DWSD Accounting department for decades. After accomplishing his career objectives, Kenneth married and that marriage was blessed with three children, his first child, Spencer, and twin daughters, Stacy and Stephanie.

If you asked Kenneth what his greatest accomplishment in life was, he would say "My children." He truly loved them and would give his all to them. He always wished he could give them more!

In addition to his children, Kenneth had genuine love for all his siblings, nephews, nieces and his grand niece. They all knew he loved them and they loved him back!

Beyond nephews and nieces and the grand niece, Kenneth loved all his in-laws, and cousins in our extended families in New Jersey, New York, Georgia, Illinois, UK and Nigeria. He kept in touch with everyone and was glad to banter and have long chats with everyone.

Kenneth was a God fearing man and loved family and godly living. He had a zest for life and wore a pleasant disposition that was sealed with a smile always. He was a kind spirit and was ready to help anyone that crossed his path with a need.

He was fun loving and made friends easily. He lived a jovial and simple life. He loved Christian hymnals, R&B music, Sports (basketball and football) and TV trivia. He was a frequent winner of prizes and called into the radio stations to give accurate answers to many perplexing questions.

Kenneth's departure has left a "huge" hole in our hearts, that only God Can Fill With His Healing Balm.

Let's be comforted a little bit, that Kenneth's zest for life carries on in his three lovely Children, Spencer Utomi, Stacy Utomi, and Stephanie Utomi.

A heartfelt farewell, Kenbull, from all of Us! 🙏

You will be missed by many!

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 West 10 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Service of Songs

SEP 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Albanians  
29350 Lahser Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034

## Celebration of Life

SEP 23. 8:00 PM - 11:59 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Albanians  
29350 Lahser Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034

## Family/Friends Time

SEP 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
4800 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201

## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 10:30 AM (ET)

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
4800 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201

## Repast

SEP 24 (ET)

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
4800 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201

*Repast is at Barth Hall immediately following the interment.*

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Chiedu Utomi.

February 17, 2025 at 06:53 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth Chiedu Utomi.



February 17, 2025 at 06:53 AM



“ Kenneth Chiedu Utomi

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ Kenneth Chiedu Utomi

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

AA

“ My dearly beloved brother Kenneth, fondly called Kenny, kenbul, Kenneth also recently grand uncle, 🥺💔 now i know why God created us a brother & sister. Missing you much. I didn't want to believe nor accept that your no longer here among the living. Because just the other day we shared a hot meal of rice & stew your favorite, pandon & vegetables egusi, Nsala ogbono soup you name it. You said I was an excellent cook& you love to eat& taste my cooking.

we had deserts tasting different ice cream flavors. You loved the pralines & creams.. We were always together sharing ,discovering, you taught me the American things sports food And so on. laughing, talking, reminiscing good & bad news events, even sharing pains that other are going through around the world 🌍. Never prepared that time will come when all these will come to end.

Well I thank Almighty God for loving & giving me an elder brother like you. You have been a major force in my nuclear family were all my children called you uncle Kenny. You & mama witnessed there entrance to life. You were there for my 1st grand child Blessing you enjoyed holding her loved the smell of baby shower products you were so real & caring for all infants babies. So I said you could have been a pediatric nurse on the side. hence the word grand uncle came into our vocabs.

Will not find anyone who can edit & correct my writings. Your brain was like a ditionary so i depended on you to get my spellings right. My geography of the world I got from you cause you knew all the countries & capitals even the presidents yet you were so humble. So I said you can were your suits & be a weather man on any television station. Cause you were so informed of current affairs.

May your happy, joyful, family loving soul go on to rest. From the funs, toils & labor of this rugged life. Brother you ran a good race & you finished well.

You loved people, friendships, helping others with their struggles, jokes, acquiring more knowledge you love English payed attention

*to details, punctuation marks, which most people didn't care too much about.*

*You were distinct in that way. full of strength. Like to listen to your soft relaxing music. You knew all the radio station by their initials we sang our schools hymns together. You knew details of the pipe Organ sounds & cathedral organ sounds. Got off guard when the music you loved was played shouting out the artists names & saying "that's my song". I missed your voice the most.*

*However I am consoled to know as a Christian sister that your in a better place, away from pains, sickness disappointments of the fallen world. Am glad that according to John 14:2 "in my father's house there are many mansions".*

*So go ahead brother rest. I believe your Creator is saying to you, welcome my faithful son. You have been faithful over a little I will make you faithful over more.*

*You lived well by examples not mostly words. Loved, gave yourself & your time to others. Though you have created an irreplaceable void. I permit you by saying continue to rest in peace in the heavenly place joining with the choirs of heaven watching over us.*

*Until we meet to part no more where the power of death is quenched for ever. Rest in peace brother. Much love & peace*

*Brother! 🕊️*

*Your loving Sister.*

*Mrs Ngozi Adeline Afuwah.*

*Detroit Michigan.*

*USA.*

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**Adeline Afuwah** - September 25, 2022 at 08:12 AM

AU

*Telle bruise as he was fondly called at St Pius. Your death a shock. Every effort I made to find Kennerh ended today. What a loss. May her soul rest in peace*

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**Amos Ukor** - September 11, 2024 at 10:17 AM

AU

*Oops... may his soul*

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**Amos Ukor** - September 11, 2024 at 10:18 AM

KU

“ *Dear Family,*

*Please find the following Zoom information to Join Virtually*

*Join Zoom Meeting - <https://emich.zoom.us/j/82814474325?pwd=Y09OYTdmN3lmTEQ5eUJQUUVkeUdOUT09>*

*\*Topic: Services of Songs / Celebration of Life \_ Kenneth Utomi\**  
*Meeting ID: 828 1447 4325*  
*Passcode: 520773*

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*+13092053325,,82814474325# US*

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**Kanu Uwakaneme** - September 23, 2022 at 06:26 PM

FA

“ *An Eternal Memory until we meet again.  
Kenneth, my wife and I would always cherish the special moments you spent with us in our apartment.  
Kenneth, we had such good time.  
Kenneth, you had two BIG brothers, Henry your biological brother was the disciplinarian and loving brother. On the other hand, I was your carefree spirited brother, willing to see you take risks. Henry was a loving brother to you, and I admired both of you for your loving and respectful relationship. Kenneth! You left us all too soon.  
Kenneth, you sure loved playing the radio trivia games, which you won most of the time. The radio DJ knew you by your unique joviality.  
Those special memories of you, will always make me smile, if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do during my time in graduate school.  
Kenneth, you always meant so much to me, and always will do too.  
Kenneth the fact that you are no longer here, will always cause pain, but I will keep on holding dear those treasured moments spent with you, because you will forever be in my heart, until we meet again.  
Kenneth! Rest In Peace 🕊️🕊️*

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**Fidelis Asielue** - September 23, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MO

“ *Though I didn't know you personally, but our mutual friend where I met you earlier this year, is in pain because you were such a good hearted man. Journey well and shower your love and protection upon your family's and friends. May our Lord and Savior accept you into his kingdom.*

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**Mrs. Ifeoma Okafor** - September 23, 2022 at 06:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Chiedu Utomi.*



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September 22, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Mr Utomi, May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace. We shall all meet on that golden morning in Jesus Name Amen*

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**Pastor & Dcns Olatunde** - September 21, 2022 at 04:39 PM

AO

“ Time and space will fail us to detail our amazing memories of you but we summerize hereunder with the acronyms of your names:

*K — Knowledgeable and Kind*

*E — Enduring friendship, Eloquent*

*N — Neat, exquisitely so. Ken was the Sanitary Prefect in our graduating session. N — Noble, Nigerian-American*

*E — Extroverted, Expansive T — Transparent, Teachable H — Hardworking, Humorous*

*C — Christian, Caring H — Humble, Honest*

*I — Intelligent, Ingenious E — Ebullient, Easy-going*

*D — Disciplined, Dedicated*

*U — Unflinching in purpose, Unassuming*

*U — Undaunted, Unrelenting T — Trustworthy*

*O — Optimally driven M — Mentally strong I — Indefatigable*

*We have it on good records that you were a faithful and committed husband, father of thee, uncle, cousin and in-law and that you served meritoriously as an Accountant for decades with the city of Detroit Water and Sewage Department. We thank God for all these and we are certain that your children have imbibed these core values from you.*

*Our creator, the Almighty God, wrote the script of your life and was the Producer and Director. the highs and lows experienced were part of the total package that transformed you into an amiable and impactful adult. Like your Nigerian middle name Chiedu connotes, He guided you in all your ways and then said “COME HOME SON”, on that fateful day. August 7, 2022.*

*We can't question Him, though we mourn. It is a lesson to us, to number, the rest of our days and make peace with Him while alive. We are grateful to God for the times we shared though brief and mostly distant and the memories of you will always be alive in our*

*hearts. We identify with your family in this trying season.*

*We pray that the God of All Comfort, comforts and keeps your family, immediate and extended, now and always.*

*Adieu Brother Ken. Rest in the Lord till we meet to part no more.*

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**Afam Obuaya** - September 21, 2022 at 03:41 PM

“ **TRIBUNE TO OUR FRIEND AND BROTHER: ACCOUNTANT  
KENNETII CHIEDU UTOMI (1959 — 2022)**

*Kenneth, our friend, and brother came into our fold in January 1972 when we were together, we commenced our high school (secondary) education from year one at St. Pius X" Grammar School, Onicha-Ugbo, in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State, Nigeria. We came from diverse backgrounds, were young, largely irresponsible, and not too sure of what to expect, except that Providence had brought us together to a school that had (and still has) a pedigree for excellence. Ken was more relaxed than most of us because his elder (big) brother was two years ahead of us, at the same school.*

*Overtime, we fraternized, rubbed-off on one another and bonded. The school curriculum, our seniors and much more, our teachers, spiritual and academic, shaped us into responsible teenagers ready to take on world. Ken is as fondly called 'Tekii Tele', an alias he acquired in the course of time and there was no dull moment with him. He was remarkable academically and his extracurricular involvement in the school's Drama and French clubs, which sometimes entailed travelling and camped competitions, which made him even closer to some others on the set.*

*Thankfully to God, we graduated in June 1976 and we were released. Life started on different notes for different people. That was an 'analogue' era when communication was tenuous and we could not follow up on one another as we would have loved to. Time raced by and most of us didn't have the privilege and pleasure of the physical Association with One another as young adults. Then came the digital era, thank God, it resulted in assembling most of us on a platform, now in our middle age years, scattered in Nigeria and all over the globe (still searching for some) and remarkably established in our God-given fields of endeavour and families. Ken, an accountant domiciled in the United States of America. The platform has been reeling and rocking with jokes and laughter. God*

*has been faithful. But some had gone ahead of us, to the other side of eternity.*


*For Brother Ken, the news of his passing 'as a profound shock to us, and we were filled with utter disbelief especially coming on the heels of the demise of another of us. Our platform literally shook with grief we truly mourn your physical departure from us. Our friend and brother. We share the grief with the family you left behind.*

*Continuation -*

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**Afam Obuaya** - September 21, 2022 at 03:14 PM

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“ *May your gentle soul   
rest in peace bro Kenny.  
We all miss you.  
DiEkehs Family*



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**Reubie** - September 21, 2022 at 01:48 PM