

## Bertram S. Igwe

December 11, 1944 - September 27, 2024

Bertram S. Igwe, September 27, 2024 age 79 of Canton. Beloved husband of Victoria. Loving father of Doris Igwe and Kenneth Igwe. Dear brother of Gloria Chukwurah, Felicia Okezie, Augustine Igwe, Amaka Ezedinma, Nnaemeka Igwe and Tony Igwe. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws that will love and miss him dearly.

Visitation Thursday, October 17th from 4 until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Funeral Service Friday, October 18th 11 AM, also at the funeral home, followed by a procession to United Memorial Gardens. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Cemetery Details

## United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertram S. Igwe



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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - October 20, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bertram S. Igwe



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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - October 15, 2024 at 06:21 PM

NM

“ How do you explain someone touching your life so deeply that you’ve never met?

*I think it’s because Mr. Sunday Igwe was one of the kindest people I ever encountered, and his compassion wasn’t dependent on anything you did or said, or even whether you deserved it. I could tell that I mattered to him and that meant a great deal to me.*

*Whenever he spoke to me on the phone, he was always so kind, always looking out for my best interest. One time my father, Roddy Nwokeabia, asked for his help in sending me \$100 when I was in school in Wisconsin and he took great pains to make sure that I received it. More than that it was his carefully worded emails, and the fact that he checked in a few times to see how school was going for me.*

*He spoke to me on the phone during one of the most difficult times in my life when both my mother and brother were sick in Germany. I don’t remember anything about that conversation, just that he cared enough to speak with me—that meant a lot.*

*I remember one time asking my father about two of his friends that he always spoke fondly about—Sunday Igwe and Bert Igwe. That’s when he told me they were the same person! And that he was originally his uncle’s friend but had played a big part in his wedding and been close to him since then.*

*I will miss seeing the wistful smile on my father’s face after a phone call with his friend, the bombardment of WhatsApp messages, and most of all the opportunity to meet for the first time and say “thank you” in person.*

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**Nmachi Moemeke** - October 17, 2024 at 05:40 PM

RI

“ I have many fond and wonderful memories of Bert Igwe ( I called him Uncle "Baht").

*His wife "Auntie Chi" is my brother Vinnie's God-mother and she had a passion for cooking. Their daughter Doris was very close to me, my brother Vinnie, and my late sister Olive when we were growing up.*

*What I remember most about uncle was his distinct voice. It is unmistakable; a mixture of deep and gritty. He also had an endearing & raucous laugh.*

*Back in the days when we had a land-line based phone in the house (before Caller-ID & Answering machines were ubiquitous), I remember answering the phone and hearing his voice greet me on the other end. I immediately knew who I was speaking to without any clarification needed! He was always kind to me, and always got to the point whenever we communicated.*

*I remember uncle was an extraordinarily intelligent man who harbored keen wit, strong self-determination, and had dynamic insights.*

*I remember my uncle being an expert with computers as early as the late 1980's or early 1990's when very few people owned a computer, or knew how to use them. When our family eventually bought a home computer, I remember uncle came over and helped my dad understand how to hook up all the cables to the right ports, explained how to enter command prompts in D.O.S, and install all the software the computer needed by manually loading dozens & dozens of 3-1/2 inch floppy discs into the hard-drive, 1-at-a-time. Decades later, I remember my uncle helping connect the Igbo community via an internet group.*

*He was a hard working, responsible, and humble human being who loved his family, and treated others like me like family. He opened his home to countless travelers and provided support and guidance.*

*I will miss you very much Uncle. I will always regard you and the Igwe's as an extension of our families. I loved you like family, and we're blessed that you and Auntie Chi were able to bring into this world a remarkable daughter in Doris, who has inherited so much of your likeness. Thank you for your unique sense of humor and pragmatic sensibilities. Thank you for driving me to McClumpha Park in Plymouth for an event on short notice (and getting me there on time). Thank you for celebrating my birthday at your home in Canton when I was a child (I remember it fell on Easter that year).*

*I had many joyful adventures as a child, playing in your backyard and basement, spending time with you and your family, and when Doris would come over to our house in Plymouth.*

*Rest in Peace Uncle. I will remember you!*

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**Richard Ikeh** - October 17, 2024 at 03:58 PM

OA

*Igwweeee! I can't believe that I never got to meet him in person even though we talked regularly. He grew up in my hometown, Awgu, and was friends with my cousins. He also taught at the high school that I later attended. He was full of good advice and compassion. He will be surely missed. Let him go in peace and rest before returning to continue the good work that God sent him to do on earth. Igwweeee!*

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**Onwubiko Agozino** - October 17, 2024 at 06:24 PM

EN

“ *My my dear brother, engineer Sunday Igwe is a very close relative. We fondly called him Sunny. I am older than him but we always had so much to talk about.*

*He made my stay here in America not so lonely, as we would talk on the phone for hours on end.*

*It's hard to believe he's actually gone. It's gradually dawning on me, because those phone calls are not coming.*

*My daughter Ifeoma and I will miss him sooo dearly, he was such a gentle man. Sunny! May your gentle soul rest in peace in Jesus Name. Amen!*

*Mrs. Evelyn Nwokeabia.*

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**Evelyn Nwokeabia** - October 16, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bertram S. Igwe.*



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October 15, 2024 at 05:03 PM

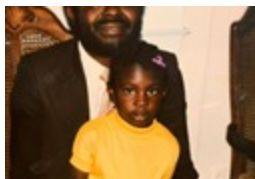
DI

“ One of my fondest memories of my dad is from the days we spent traveling together. Whether we were exploring new places or simply driving through familiar ones, he made each journey special. He had a way of turning every trip into an adventure filled with stories, laughter, and life lessons.

Another memory that stood out most about my dad was his deep sense of responsibility to both his family in Nigeria and to people here in the States. He always stayed connected to his roots, sending support back home to relatives and friends in Nigeria. Whether it was financial help, advice, or just a kind word, he never forgot where he came from and always tried to lift others up. Even from across the ocean, he found ways to help his loved ones and community back in Nigeria, ensuring they felt his presence despite the distance.

Here in the States, his generosity didn't stop. He helped people whenever he could—whether it was by offering his home to someone in need, guiding people through tough situations, or providing assistance to anyone who crossed his path. My dad never hesitated to be of service, no matter where he was.

And when it was time to celebrate, he made sure we enjoyed the rich traditions of Nigerian parties. I remember dressing up in beautiful attire and attending those lively gatherings filled with music, laughter, and dancing. He would beam with pride, sharing the culture with us and ensuring us to embrace our heritage. Those parties were always full of life and joy, and it was clear how much he loved being surrounded by his community. His ability to care for others while also celebrating life so fully is something I will always carry with me.



**Doree I** - October 14, 2024 at 10:02 PM

AO

“ *Engineer B. Igwe or brother Bert as I fondly refer to him was a special person to our family. He was the first Igbo/Enugu/Awgu person that I was introduced to when I relocated from Nigeria to America to join my husband.*

*There he was in the picture below walking me down the aisle on our wedding day in 1987. His genuine smile and laughter was unmatched. It seems so sad and unfair to lose someone so dear, but your memory will forever remain a treasure in our hearts. Sleep well brother in God's house until Resurrection morning 🙏*



**Amaka Okolo** - October 14, 2024 at 08:32 PM

II

“ *from Sampson Ik Ihemefor, your cousin. B S is one of the best gifts to our family and many. B S understood his purpose and he achieved it. you were too good and busy to be distracted. you were sincere and straightforward with zero tolerance for laziness and foolishness. thank you for working very hard and long to raise the family. we are missing a father, a great leader, dear brother, friend and patriot. it's your time to rest from all your work. good night, see you in the morning.*

**Ihemefor Sampson Ik** - October 14, 2024 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ *My Big Bro BS as we fondly recall! It's so sad and heartbreaking to me that I can only keep recalling the pleasant moments of being with you, especially our long conversations on phone. You truly lavished love on us all and you were so kind and generous to us. The Lord will comfort and be succor to your wife, daughter and son. And all of us as a family. Who you showered with your fatherly love and care. We all miss you terribly. And I wish I could be your sister again. You are one - of- a-kind!!! Adieu ! Big Bro !!Rest on peacefully in the bosom of the Lord. You're now in a better place, no more pain and suffering of this world. It is well with us indeed!!!*



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**Dr. Ify Madueke (Maternal Cousin)** - October 13, 2024 at 09:02 PM