A Celebration of Life

Service of Songs



Lady Alice S.M. Okafor Agueze

Aged 91 Years

Saturday, October 24, 2026
4:00 PM - 10:00 PM ET (9:00 PM WAT)

12413 Alamance Way, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Virtual Service & Brochure Link: www.agueze.com

With Gratitude

The family of Lady Alice S. M. Okafor
sincerely thanks you for your prayers,
love, support, and for being with us as
we celebrate her remarkable life.
May God bless you.

Reception

Please remain with us for the reception
following the Service of Songs.

Forever in Our Hearts

Agueze • 91 Years of Grace & Legacy

Welcome

Today we gather in love and gratitude to remember and celebrate the beautiful life of Lady Alice S. M. Okafor - our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher, woman of faith, and friend. We give thanks for 91 years of a life marked by humility, kindness, generosity, prayer, and genuine love.

In Loving Memory



Order of Service

1. Opening Prayer
2. Praise and Worship
3. Hymn 1: Abide With Me
4. Hymn 2: Amazing Grace
5. Scripture Readings
6. Homily
7. Hymn 3: Blessed Assurance
8. Hymn 4: It Is Well With My Soul
9. Vote of Thanks
10. Closing Prayer

Reception

1.	Welcome by the MC
2.	Introduction Of The Okafor Family
3.	Opening Prayer
4.	The Life & Legacy of Sir Fred and Lady Alice Okafor (Agueze)
5.	Tribute from the Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
6.	Remembering Lady Alice - Speeches
7.	Dinner
8.	Family Celebration Dance With In-Laws
9.	Erudites Club Special Dance & Presentation
10.	Music
11.	Iyom Ijelenwanyi Ceremonial Dance
12.	Idemili LGA Association (DMV) Special Dance
13.	Music
14	Vote of Thanks
15.	Closing Prayer
16.	Music

Her Story



The Life of Lady Alice S. M. Okafor (Agueze)

Lady Alice Scholastica Mgbafor Okafor (née Ibekwe)

Alice was born in the early hours of August 21, 1934, in Obudu, present-day Cross River State, where her father, Eugene Ibekwe, worked for the British colonial government. When his assignment ended, the family returned to Enugu and settled at 19 Broderick Street, Coal Camp. Alice grew up in a warm, loving home that encouraged and supported its children.

In 1954, she married Teacher Fred of St. Patrick's Primary School, Coal Camp. They later moved to Onitsha, where he taught at Saint Charles Teacher Training College. In 1962, Alice joined her husband in Leicester, England, while he pursued his BA in Classics at the University of Leicester. They returned to Nigeria in 1964 and lived in Onitsha until the Civil War began in 1967. After the war, they resumed life in Onitsha. Her husband's work took the family to Nsukka in 1972, Aguleri in 1974, Amawbia in 1976, and back to Nsukka in 1979.

Throughout these moves, Alice pursued her own education. She earned a Teacher's Grade II Certificate at Saint Joseph's Teacher Training College in Adazi and later obtained an Associate Certificate in Education at The University of Nigeria, Nsukka. She and her family remained there until her husband's death in June 1994.

Those who knew Alice remember her constant smile, humility, peaceful nature, and inner strength. In the months following her husband's death, she also lost her first daughter, Martina, and then her mother. Despite these profound losses, she endured with courage and steadfast faith, reminding those around her that God controls the affairs of men.

After her mother's death in 1995, Alice relocated to America, where family welcomed her. In her later years, she visited Nigeria more regularly and remained active in religious life. Strong-minded and faithful, she was known for responding to greetings with her familiar words:
"Otito dili Jesu."

She passed peacefully in her sleep, leaving behind a legacy of faith, resilience, love, and quiet strength.

Adieu.

Congregational Hymns

Hymn 1
ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me,
fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens,
Lord with me abide
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless,
oh, abide with me

2. Swift to its close
ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim,
its glories pass away
Change and decay
in all around I see
O Thou who changest not,
abide with me

3. I fear no foe,
with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
if Thou abide with me

4. Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me

Hymn 2
AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost,
but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

2. When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
Than when, we first begun

3. Through many dangers,
toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me
safe thus far
And grace will lead me home, home

4. Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost,
but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

Congregational Hymns

Hymn 3
BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance,
Jesus is mine,
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God
Born of his Spirit,
washed in His blood

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior
all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior
all the day long

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture
now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy,
whispers of love

(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture
now burst on my sight
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness,
lost in His love

(Refrain)

Hymn 4
IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river,
Attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Refrain:

It is well, it is well,
with my soul, with my soul
It is well, it is well, with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded
My helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss
Of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
And I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

Remembering Agueze



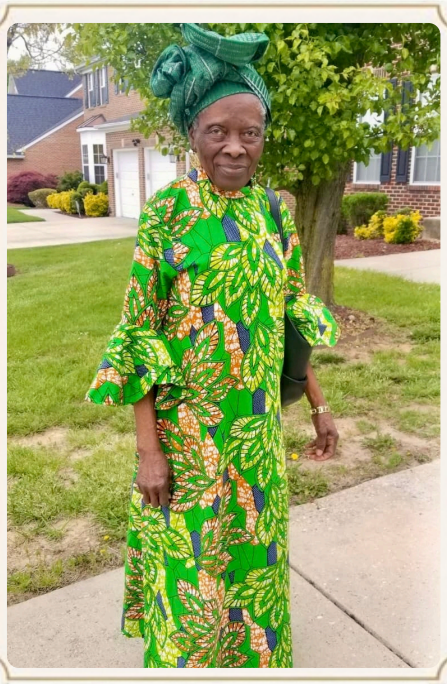
Sir Fred & Lady Alice Okafor + Family



Alice S.M. Okafor



With her students on a school trip



Agueze 1!



With her beloved sisters on her 90th birthday

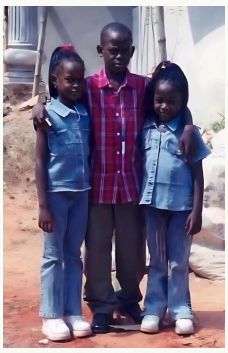
91 years of love, faith, laughter & legacy.

Agueze's Legacy

Grandchildren + Great-Grandchildren + In-Laws



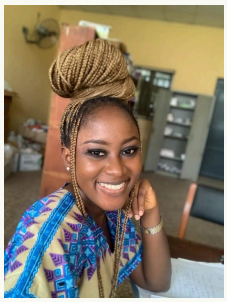






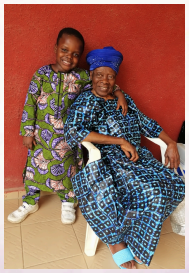
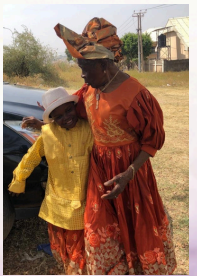
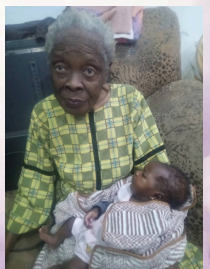










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Grandchildren + Great-Grandchildren + In-Laws



Sir Ifeanyi & Lady Jane (KSM) Okafor and Family



Dr. Sunny & Dr. Mrs. Freda Amaka Ekwunife (née Okafor) and Family



Mr. Chuks JC & Mrs. Felicia Okafor and Family



Mr. Francis Elochukwu & Mrs. Chinwe Okafor and Family

Forever Connected

Joining Us Virtually?

For family and friends near and far,
we invite you to share in this celebration
of Agueze's life with us.

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