



# Abimbola Abosede Izevbehai

January 25, 1959 - October 14, 2020

## BIOGRAPHY OF Abimbola Abosede Amope Izevbehai

Life is a mystery dotted with various landmarks, situations, circumstances, experiences, hopes, aspirations, encouragements, discouragements, and faith woven together and encapsulated to form every personality on the surface of the earth. Abimbola's life started with her birth on January 25, 1959 and ended with her homegoing on October 14, 2020. Between these two (2) points in life lies the making of a beautiful and special angel called Abimbola Izevbehai.

Abimbola Abosede Amope fondly called Abimbim growing up, was born to late Pa Christian Ebum Jawo and Augusta Modupe Olemoh alias 'say mummy' on the 25th of January 1959 in Epetedo, Lagos Island. She had her primary education at Lagos City Council Primary School, Lagos Island. She proceeded to have her secondary school education at Hope Grammar School in Ilesha, Nigeria.

She joined Nigerian Airways as an air hostess where she worked for years until she joined her lovely husband Philip Izevbehai in New York, USA in 1988 when she started a new and wonderful chapter of her life.

At the early stage in New York, Abimbola Izevbehai started her new life

abroad by first attending Dudley's Beauty College in pursuit of her passion to own a beauty salon. She attended several workshops / seminars to acquire advanced skills in hairdressing along with nail design sculpting. Abimbola attended Betty Owen Secretarial Systems where she successfully completed courses of study in word processing specialist. Having developed the necessary skills, Abimbola opened her first business in America, a beauty salon in Queens, NY called Nefertiti Beauty Salon. Nefertiti would go on to be a staple in the community for over ten years.

The next journey for Abimbola was in the food industry. In 2001, Abimbola attended the New York Culinary Institute, where she built up her skills in various ethnic dishes, food prep and restaurant management. Post graduation, Abimbola took a leap of faith and invested in the franchise Chester Chicken in Jamaica Queens, NY.

Thereafter, "Boss Lady" (as she is known at work) closed her Chester Chicken business on Guy brewer Blvd and opened the first Tropical Grill Restaurant. The Nigerian-American restaurant gained so much popularity that Abimbola had to expand. Abimbola relocated to 153-41 Rockaway Blvd, Jamaica New York and opened a "state of the art" restaurant known as Tropical Grill Restaurant, Bar and Lounge. Under the leadership of Abimbola Izevbehai this West African restaurant also morphed into a bustling night spot with DJs, cocktails, and social networking.

Abimbola Abosede Amope Izevbehai left behind a husband, two (2) lovely children, two (2) lovely grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews. Late Abimbola Abosede was a hard working woman, a loving wife, caring mother, a lovely sister, a true friend and most of all, a child of God.

## Tribute to My Darling Wife Abimbola Abosedo Jawo izevbehai

It is with heavy heart and demise that I am writing this tribute in support of my late beloved wife, my best friend, my partner , my kids sweet mother that I call during holidays “Beem with 7 stars”. Abimbola Abosedo Izevbehai, aka the BOSS LADY left us so soon to be with the Lord on October 14, 2020 after fighting a good fight with cancer. This tribute is too difficult for me to write, my wife and I took a journey in the last three(3) months that involves waking up in the morning several days of the week, going to see doctors, then to the clinic, then to the hospital and then back home with big HOPE of recovery and chemo-pain. What can I possibly say after seeing my wife lose so much weight and in pain, What can I say after seeing my Beem not able to eat regularly, no energy to walk that we normally do 5 miles on a good healthy day, All I can say is “it is WELL”. Abimbola Izevbehai came home to be with her lovely family after 12 days in the hospital before leaving the earth to be with the Lord in a better place where there is no more chemo /or pain, She was in the comfort of her home surrounded by loved ones. May her soul Rest in perfect! Perfect !! perfect !!! peace.

As I sat quietly on the day she left, I started reflecting for a while imagining her voice calling Phil, Phil, Phil as she does when looking for something or needing help, her face and warm loving smile guiding my thoughts. She truly left a hole in my heart that can only be filled with her beautiful memories.

The word LIFE is an interesting mixture of letters that we are always searching for its meaning. From the day we are born till the day we transition back to our maker we always wonder what LIFE stands for. Little have we ever considered that the meaning of LIFE is in its individual letters staring right

at us, we are just too busy searching for its meaning elsewhere to be able to tell. The first letter L in life stands for “loving”; loving what we have, loving the people around us, loving our partner, our children and above all, the God of creations and beautiful things he gave us to appreciate all around us from big to small. The second letter I, stands for “intensely”; intensely caring about the ones who care about you intensely, being a pillar of support for your emotional dependents and intensely being a beacon of hope for all the ones who need you when their hope has been starting to fade away. The third letter F in life stands for “ferociously”; ferociously defending the ones you love from danger and negativity and anguish with the strength of a powerful lioness who would do anything to protect her lion and her cubs in every way from any challenge or struggle they may come across as they develop. The last letter E in life stands for “eternally”; eternally watching over the ones you care about eternally inspiring and eternally living among us and guiding us for ever and ever. My wife, “BEEM with 7 Stars” was my everything and I always did, and I always will love her intensely ferociously and eternally just like she loved me in all the years of her life. Thank you my love for the wonderful legacy we built together and the lovely kids and grandkids we raised as a family. It was really hard to see her go so soon, after the pain she went through for years but I am at peace with my God because she is in a better place. Till we meet again to part no more continue to shine on us and watch over us. ONE LOVE Phil

A Tribute to my mother Daughter, Temitope Izevbehai

It's been nearly one month and everyday since your passing, I wake up hoping this is just a dark twisted dream and not my reality. It's because I feel you mommy, I see you mommy, and most importantly I hear you mommy. That's how heavy your spirit is. A positive, courageous and beautiful spirit. So beautiful that many people had no idea what you were personally going

through. You fought a brave fight with cancer and always had a positive attitude and most importantly kept your faith! You are a true fighter indeed, you fought for your health, you fought for your loved ones, you fought for your businesses, and you always fought for your children. What is the definition of a great mother? Without a doubt it is you. I love you so much mommy. I'm having a hard time digesting that you were taken away too soon, but I find comfort in knowing that you are truly free. Free of stress, free of worries, and free of pain. My guardian angel. "Best believe me, you will see me on the other side." Your daughter, Temitope Christine Izevbehai

A Tribute to my mother - Son, Philip Izevbehai Jr.

"What's up momma" , "What's up papi" . How I wish I could hear you say that again ! Life has been in flux since you haven't been around to call and say "I was just checking on you" . Everything is different, life has drastically changed, I've never experienced this much immense pain in my life . I miss you dearly mom ! With all that being said, your little voice in the back of my head manages to make me smile, continue to push forward and leave behind a legacy for our family . My Queen, you didn't leave without giving your children unbelievable blessings, will to succeed and everlasting love to pour onto our loved ones. I cannot wait to kiss you on your forehead again and visit paradise together!!

# Previous Events

## Friday Visitation

NOV 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
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## Friday Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Gathering at Funeral Home of Family and Friends

NOV 14. 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Prayer Service

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NOV 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

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NOV 14 (ET)

Pinelawn Memorial Park  
2030 Wellwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(631) 249-6100  
<http://www.pinelawnmemorialpark.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai*

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November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai.*



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November 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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“ When you loose someone so close and so dear it has an impact so many lives, because in one way or another that special life has touched the life of another. In the case of sister Bimbo she has most certainly touched many lives.

*I remember the 25th of January 1997 was the day I told my husband that we were expecting our first child, as soon as I told Banji, he said he wanted a girl which The Lord blessed us with. Banji named her Abimbola. Banji always talked about sister Bimbo.*

*In 2010 both Banji and I with our kids had the pleasure of staying with sister Bimbo and her family for a week. She always had a nice bottle of wine in the fridge for me to share with Uncle Philip. She was so accomodating and she loved Banji dearly.*

*Sister Bimbo will be missed and I pray that The Lord will fill that void that has been created in the many lives she touched.*

*Rest in perfect peace.*

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**Taiwo Jawo** - November 14, 2020 at 08:54 AM

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“ From Adebajji Jawo

*To my beloved big sister, it's been a heavy burden on my heart to say goodbye to someone who is not only so close, but also shares the same passion and ideas as me.*

*Sister Bimbo has the same characteristics as me, she's a go getter and no matter how many times she gets knocked down she keeps going until she achieves that goal.*

*I remember when she was getting ready to launch Tropical Grill and she was discussing on the gift she would like to give back to everyone when they visit, and that was to make everyone feel special. It was a great honour working with my sister to create the signature dish of Buka stew. This was so unique and yet so intimate, that I jealously guard the receipe till this day.*

*Although I am one of the youngest of our siblings, what amazes me about sister Bimbo is that she always takes the time to listen to me because to her I sound and look like our Daddy which gives me greater joy inside.*

*The last time we spoke, it was at length, discussing new ideas for Tropical Grill. I suggested a new creation to add which she agreed straight away. I was so looking forward to working with her again. It would be like two artist coming together to collaborate on something new.*

*The Lord indeed loves you more. I know to a lot of people she is like the moon because she has a big heart. But to me, you will always be my star.*

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**Adebajji Jawo** - November 14, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai.



November 12, 2020 at 02:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai.



November 12, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai.



November 11, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedede Izevbehai.



November 11, 2020 at 01:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Abimbola Abosedo Izevbehai.



November 10, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ From Dr. Oluyemi Badero & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Abimbola Abosedo Izevbehai.



**From Dr. Oluyemi Badero & Family** - November 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Junior Izevbekhai purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Abimbola Abosedo Izevbehai.



**Junior Izevbekhai** - November 08, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Vera Izevbekhai purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Abimbola Abosedo Izevbehai.



**Vera Izevbekhai** - November 08, 2020 at 05:20 PM

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“ *Aunty you lived a life of love and service to humanity. May you find eternal rest. May the Lord comfort all those that are left behind. Amen.*



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**Ozioma Nwosu** - October 31, 2020 at 10:43 AM