



Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni

November 11, 2025

Dr. Samuel Eweni passed on November 11th, 2025. He was a distinguished professor of Computer Information Systems at Southern University at New Orleans for over 35 years. Dr. Eweni was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. A respected High Chief by tradition, and a devout Christian whose life was firmly grounded in faith in God. He served with integrity, wisdom, and a deep sense of purpose, both in his academic calling and in his community.

As an educator, he was committed to excellence and the advancement of knowledge, leaving a lasting impact on his students and colleagues. As a family man, he was loving, principled, and steadfast, providing guidance and support across generations. His strong Christian faith shaped his character and actions, and he lived a life of humility, service, and devotion to God.

Though deeply mourned and missed, his legacy endures in the lives he touched, the values he upheld, and the faith he so faithfully lived.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service to celebrate and honor the life of Dr. Samuel O. Eweni at Christ Church Cathedral, 2919 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115 on Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at 12:00pm. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Immediately following church service, a repast will take place at the

Eweni Family's Residence, 8031 Pebble Drive, New Orleans, LA 70128. The Celebration of Life will be held that evening from 7:00pm until 12:00am at the Jung Hotel & Residences, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

You will forever live in our hearts.

Dr. Beatrice Eweni, Wife and Family.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the American Psychiatric Association in honor of Dr. Samuel Eweni.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Church Cathedral
2919 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70115

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (CT)

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New Orleans, LA 70115

Tribute Wall

VP

“ *Deepest condolences to the family.*

Victoria Phillips - January 31 at 09:35 PM

OO

“ *I thank God for the life of Dr. Samuel Eweni—a man of calm spirit, godly wisdom, and genuine love for others. He had a special way of making people feel seen, valued, and encouraged.*

He took both of my sons under his care, guiding and supporting them throughout their educational journey. His sacrifice of time and effort was truly selfless, and our family will forever be grateful.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Matthew 25:23

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen. 🙏

Lolo Onyinyechi Obegolu.

California, USA

Onyinyechi Obegolu - January 29 at 12:20 PM

TB

“ I have the privilege of working with Dr. Eweni for over 20 years. Fifteen years while in the College of Business and Public Administration and ten years, when I was the Registrar’s Office and led the Office of Admissions. We worked closely together as the graduate admissions program was coming on board. He was considered a leader in the new program and at one point was slated to lead the Computer Science program. Dr. Eweni always had students’ best interest at heart and was a student favorite. He was a very hard worker and was well thought of by his colleagues. He was always very proud of his family. My thoughts and prayers will be with you as you go through this very difficult season in your lives. Dr. Eweni had a very humble and forgiving spirit and I believe that he would want you to remain strong as a family.

*Timotea Sanchez Bailey, PhD
Former Director of Student Services, CBA*

Timotea Bailey - January 25 at 06:30 PM

DA

“ David Alijani lit a candle in memory of Samuel Eweni



David Alijani - January 25 at 04:13 PM

CO

“ Prof, like I fondly called him, was with me at the ASA-USA Convention in Tampa, Florida in October. We were stuck with friendly conversations bothering on a lot of topics and activities. I jokingly and severally poked him on why he wasn't at ASA-USA Convention in Miami, Florida the previous year. Each time he kept apologizing. I even threatened him that I'm not going to be his brother anymore since he attends every convention each year except mine. I said all that to him because prof has been in almost all the ASA-USA Conventions that I attended. Prof Sam Eweni was a very quiet man with few words. He was very loving to his beautiful wife Dr. Oby. He's always had a good reason to laugh very warmly in every situation that I was opportuned to be with him. I requested of him before we departed from the convention hotel in Tampa, to be in a picture with me for... before i could finish, he said jokingly, "for obituary tributes." We laughed and told that its not our portion and we the shot. About three days before his demise, i reminded him to send me that picture we took, and he promised to send it later. Instead he sent other ones but that particular shot. He'll surely be greatly missed by all that knew him. My condolences to his wife and children. Jee nke oma, My prof!! Rest in Peace.

COLUMBA OKPALA - January 24 at 08:00 PM

ES

“ Subject: SAM EWENI
Emmanuel Eziakor Sr.

Folks, it has been very hard and extremely difficult for me to wrap my head around this senseless, horrific... tragic loss of life. To say that I'm heartbroken and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Sam is an understatement. Even though I've spoken with the wife, I'm still lost for words!!

Sometime in 1978, in New Orleans, I received a phone call from someone from a Bell South public telephone booth. After the individual fished out my name and telephone number from the Bell South white pages. And that someone was Sam Eweni. He indicated that he had just moved to New Orleans and didn't know anybody and didn't have a place to stay. Then, after chatting on the phone, he asked if he could meet with me, and my answer was absolutely. The rest was history. Sam and I stayed together for several months before he could move to his apartment. So, Sam was like a brother to me.

To know Sam was to know, simplicity, humility, selflessness, diligence, hope, optimism, possibilities... decency. You name it. He was truly an embodiment of goodness!!! For so many years, Sam had participated in ASA-USA medical and education missions in Anambra state. He did make a difference and touched so many lives in extraordinary ways. He would be deeply missed.

May God Almighty welcome his beloved spirit into the warm embrace of His unending peace and everlasting life. His memory shall be a blessing. To his wife Oby and loved ones, me included, may God grant us the grit and fortitude to bear his loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with his immediate family. Ndo nu!!!

Emmanuel Eziakor Sr. - January 24 at 06:29 PM

“ Professor Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni was a GOOD MAN, a caring solid Christian citizen who was a mentor, senior brother, friend and someone who you would always count on to stand before anyone on earth to speak the truth.

Agu Oru, Idi, Eziokwu bu Ndu, most humble man who rather kept quiet than waste energy. He loved his friends and us his fellow members of Nigerian and the Igbo community, the New Orleans Crescent City Investment and Brotherhood club.

Agu Oru, you stood with truth and my young family when many whom we trusted temporarily came against and after me and my young family, but, your usual calm and truthful mode difused their actions. My wife, my now grown children and I will forever remember you, Ozo Chris Morah and your late colleague Prof Allison Anadi. You were brothers and yes, senior brothers who loved me and my family unconditionally. Only God knows how we have felt the absences.

My wife and I were blessed with great news of our 4th grand child few hours before the unthinkable happened. We were blessed with like number and gender and sequence of children who remain great friends until today. Our first son was Ebuka's best man. We wish we could find the true answer to what actually happened.

It is noted in my mind as double tragedy. However, the Lord knows that we your family friends, my wife, my fellow club members, my fellow loving citizens will miss you forever. It should not, could not and would not have been imagined but God knows best. Our faith have been shaken but knowing you, we seek redemption and forgiveness for the perpetrator and strength for your Prof Samuel O Eweni family.

We wish we could magically reverse this irreversible situation but cannot. We therefore pray that God will grant you eternal rest and comfort all that your absence will be felt so long as we live. Agu Oru, my family and all your junior brothers at Crescent City will be here for your family. No shaking, we are here. I will miss that lovely drawn Lord Ambassador, Akalaka, followed by that slowly drawn smile. It was legitimate. Thank you Sir for having touched our lives positively while you were physically here. Adieu!!!

High Chief Arc Gibson and Chief Dr Mrs. Florence Chigbu and Family.

Excuse any typos. Big fingers and small screen.

Gibson C Chigbu - January 24 at 06:06 PM

“ Tribute to a Man of Legacy

Dear Uncle Sam, Ezeani Eziokwu bu Ndu!

You will be missed. You made the world a better place in the way you lived. You embodied the virtue of humility. You saw the Imago Dei in people and treated people with dignity and kindness. Your humility allowed you to reach across generations, extending yourself in service. Service to which you were called to, even on the day of your death, answering the call of your dear friend who lost his wife.

You were a man of legacy. Legacy built on the foundation of faith and culture and evident in the family and communities you have built. You mediated interpersonal and communal conflicts and manage to preserve the dignity of those you serve. I am aware of beneficiaries of your service and generosity, not through you, but through those whom you uplifted. A testament to the type of man you are.

You were a truly man of family. It will be hard to not see you and Aunty Oby together. You both truly lived out the mystery of the oneness of marriage. You were truly one and inseparably bound by your martial commitment. You were a wonderful in-law to our town Nise, and took care of our Ada Nise who seamlessly honored and cared for you.

To your family left to mourn you, Aunty Oby, Ebuka, Ifeoma, Amalachi, and Chibueze - I extend my deepest condolences. You had a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Your father touched many lives and I count myself as a beneficiary of his fatherly wisdom, encouragement, and support. May you be consoled in the dignified life he lived. Rest in peace, Ezeani Eziokwu bu Ndu! Jee Nke oma! The positive memories you created lives on.

Mr. and Mrs. Ifeanyi Onor

Dr. Ifeanyi Onor - January 23 at 08:46 PM

NA

“ *A Tribute to a Man of His People with no enemy:*

Honorable Chief Professor Samuel Eweni, Idi Eziokwubundu of Akweze ((Aguoru as we passionately call you), you were a humble leader and servant who bridged people, religions and traditions. As a founding member of New Orleans Chapter of several organizations (President Ndigbo Foundation, PRO peoples Club of Nigeria International, and financial Secretary of the Association of Nigerians in New Orleans) you served us with humility, dedication, and compassion. You became the man, the leader the servant and the peace advocate of our job community. Your legacy and leadership style will forever live on in our hearts.

May the Angels rejoice as God receives your soul and grants you Eternal Rest, Peace and Glory.

*Hon. Professor Sir Nze NwaChinyereugo Odili Agwaramgbo
President Association of Nigerians in New Orleans (ANNO).*

Nze Lovell Agwaramgbo - January 23 at 07:54 PM

DO

“ TRIBUTE TO CHIEF DR. SAM EWENI

Good evening Brethren,

I write with a heavy heart, yet with gratitude to God for the life of Chief Dr. Sam Eweni, a man of integrity, wisdom, and uncommon kindness.

Before I came to America after my marriage, my late father, in keeping with our tradition, made inquiries concerning my husband. Among those consulted, Chief Dr. Sam Eweni stood out. He spoke well of my husband and gave his full approval, assuring my family of his good character. Because of his sincere and truthful testimony, my father consented to my marriage.

Before my journey, my father formally entrusted me into Uncle Sam's care — to guide me, watch over me, and stand as a father figure in his absence. From that moment, Uncle Sam became my backbone, especially in my marriage. Whenever challenges arose, I turned to him. He spoke to me with wisdom, patience, and love, and also knew how to counsel my husband appropriately. He was truly an uncle in the full sense of the word.

It pains me deeply that I saw him barely a week before his passing. Even more touching is that on the very day he passed on, he called me in the evening. We spoke at length about family, life, and the pictures from his recent visit. He joked with me, as he always did, reminding me lovingly that no matter how grown I was, I was still under his watchful care.

Uncle Sam was a man of truth. He never judged but listened carefully before speaking. He corrected with love, encouraged with sincerity, and stood firmly for integrity. He was not two-faced, nor easily swayed.

He was also my in-law, as my senior sister is married into his kinsmen, making him family in every sense. His loss is deeply painful. While his immediate family bears this grief most profoundly, I will miss him greatly.

Though we may not understand why God allowed this, we trust the One who knows the beginning from the end.

It is well.

Rest in peace, Chief Dr. Sam Eweni — my uncle, my guide, and my

backbone.
Loveth Rajis
Mkpurunma na Oba



Dr Loveth Orajiato - January 23 at 05:28 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dr Loveth Orajiato - January 23 at 05:24 PM

KP

“ *Tribute to my colleague and friend, Dr. Samuel O. Eweni*

It is with deep sorrow that I remember Dr. Samuel O. Eweni, a cherished colleague, mentor, and friend whose presence meant so much to so many. For decades, he was a constant and compassionate figure within the College of Business and Public Administration at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), serving as one of its quiet backbones through both calm and challenging times.

Dr. Eweni was known for his kindness, gentle nature, and ever-present smile. His office door, right next to mine, was always open, and he was unfailingly willing to help—patient, thoughtful, and calm in every interaction. Not long ago, we were together at a conference where he spoke fondly and proudly of his family, a moment that now remains etched in memory for its warmth and sincerity. He will be remembered not only for his dedication and professionalism, but for the steady, reassuring presence he brought to all who knew him.

Be your eternal soul in peace, blessing, and conscious existence with the grace of God.

See you some day on the other side my friend!

Dr. Krishna Poudel

Krishna Poudel - January 23 at 03:29 PM

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“ My uncle Prof. Idi Samuel Eweni was a great, selfless man. Uncle you were there in every season of my struggle and successes. Your encouragement and advice brought me this far. You were kind to everyone that came across your path. My heart is still bleeding from your death. I can't question God because I know He has his answers. You were a father to me, always checking on me. I pray that the Lord will continue to comfort your wife, children and everyone that is mourning your demise. When death took, it took a whole lot from us your loved ones. I can't believe I am writing this. Keep resting in the warmth embrace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

ogoma ilechukwu - January 23 at 05:59 AM

PA

“ Prof. E. Aka, Ph.D.

a few seconds ago

What a shock! What a waste!! Meaningless world, vanity upon vanity!!! Glad to know this gentleman, highly principled, trustworthy, truthful, honest, humble, hardworking, and a man of integrity.

We last saw each other at Tampa, joked as always, even discussed about the forthcoming ASA-USA Missions to Anambra State next year. He even invited me to his son's wedding on December 27 in Nigeria. Death, why?

I have known this gentle soul for many years and all along he proved himself as indicated above. What a colossal loss to his family, Akwaeze Community, Anambra State, and ASA-USA. May his gentle soul rest in peace in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God Almighty grant the family the fortitude to bear this irreplaceable and irreparable loss.

My friend sleep well until we meet once more. Goodnight.

Dr. Eweni should be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Prof. Osita E. Aka, Ph.D.

ASA-USA Education Mission Team.

Prof. Sam. Eweni was a valuable and a reliable member of the Team.

Prof. Osita E. Aka - January 23 at 12:37 AM

DS

“ Tribute to High Chief Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni

Our community has once again lost an epitome with the untimely passing away of High Chief Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni. Dr Eweni was a true paragon of exemplary leadership in our New Orleans Nigerian community. He was a kind, gentle and compassionate man. He brought peace and understanding when and wherever there was agitation and confusion. He was always there to render his support in sadness or in happiness. We had the blessing of knowing him over more than four decades, and he was, without a doubt, a man of conscience, peace, deep understanding and had a special gift of relating to everyone. Rest in peace, our brother, teacher, father, husband, uncle, cousin, grandfather and friend.

*Dr. Ben & Mrs. Gloria Idowu and family.
January 22, 2026.*

Dr. Ben E. Idowu, Sr. - January 22 at 09:01 PM

CO

“ Tribute to Dr Samuel Eweni

*Your passing into glory was a hard one to swallow but it reminded us about the brevity of life. You were one who loved God, your family and your community. My prayer is that our good Lord will continue to comfort your family and the Nigerian community at this time. Rest in peace in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen 🙏
Dr Chioma Ogbuefi and family*

Chioma Ogbuefi - January 22 at 06:51 PM



“ *Tribute to Dr. Sam Eweni*

Dr. Sam Eweni was instrumental in my journey to the United States and in helping my siblings and me settle into a new life here. From the very beginning, he showed uncommon kindness and generosity. He personally picked me up from MSY Airport and ensured I had a soft and welcoming landing in New Orleans. In many ways, he became my guardian and mentor.

Dr. Sam played a significant role in my success story. He supported me through the many challenges international students face, helped me secure a work-study opportunities, and even gave me my first car in the United States; acts that went far beyond duty and reflected the depth of his compassion. He consistently encouraged me, believed in my potential, and later inspired me to run for the presidency of ATU-USA.

Through every challenge and milestone, Dr. Sam cheered me on and stood firmly by my side. He remains one of the kindest and most impactful people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. His legacy lives on through the lives he touched, and the influence he had on mine can never be overstated.

He will be deeply missed, but his kindness, guidance, and love will forever remain in my heart.

Rest in peace, Dr. Sam Eweni.

Ebelenna Anekwe





Samuel Ebelenna - January 22 at 09:32 AM

CO

“ *In Loving Memory of My Uncle, Professor Samuel Eweni*
November 11, 2025

My heart is heavy as I remember my uncle, Professor Samuel Eweni. He was a truly good man—soft-spoken, kind, and selfless. He carried himself with quiet humility and grace, and his gentle spirit left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

To me, Uncle Samuel was more than an uncle. He was a father figure in my life. He loved me, guided me, and showed me by example what true strength and genuine goodness look like. His presence brought comfort, and his words—though often few—were always filled with wisdom and care. Losing him has left a huge void in my heart, one that words cannot fully express.

Uncle Samuel was a devoted Christian who lived out his faith daily. He served God through love, patience, and compassion, never seeking praise or recognition. He lived quietly, but his impact was deep and meaningful. His life was a true testimony of faith, kindness, and integrity.

As we grieve his passing, my prayers are especially with the family he loved so dearly—my aunt and cousins. I pray that God will surround them with His peace, strength, and comfort during this incredibly painful time.

Uncle Samuel, thank you for loving me the way you did. Thank you for being a father to me, a role model, and a blessing in my life. You will always be remembered, always be loved, and always be missed. May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Chinedu Oranu.

Chinedu Oranu - January 21 at 05:28 PM



“ *Tribute to Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni*

Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni was a truly good man—one whose life was defined by integrity, kindness, and selfless service to others. He was a man of wisdom, humility, and strong moral character, whose presence brought encouragement, peace, and inspiration to everyone around him.

As a professional and a mentor, Dr. Eweni exemplified excellence, dedication, and compassion. He was deeply committed to helping others grow, always willing to offer guidance, support, and a listening ear. His actions spoke louder than words, and his life reflected values worthy of emulation.

Dr. Eweni's legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the knowledge he shared, and the love he gave freely. Though he is no longer with us, his impact remains unforgettable.

May his soul rest in perfect peace, and may God grant strength, comfort, and consolation to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss.

Rest in peace, Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni. You were truly a good man, and you will always be remembered. 🕊️

Obianuju Obi - January 20 at 01:47 AM

“ A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR SAMUEL OGBONNAYA EWENI,
PHD, MS, MBA, BS

Professor Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni, Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems, was the longest serving employee in both Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department and the College of Business & Public Administration, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) at the time of his passing. He faithfully served the University from 1988 until November 11, 2025. He was initially hired as an Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, and was later promoted to Associate Professor. Professor Eweni was one of the founding members of the MS-Computer Information Systems program and served as its Chair from 2002 to 2005.

Prof. Eweni earned a PhD in Mathematics Science Education from Southern University and A&M College Baton Rouge; a Master of Science in Computer Science from Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge; a Master of Business Administration from East Texas State University Texarkana, Texas; and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Throughout his distinguished career, he published numerous professional conference proceedings and peer-reviewed journal articles. He was actively engaged in numerous academic organizations and frequently chaired sessions and presented his research at conferences and scholarly forums. In addition to his formal education, Prof. Eweni earned numerous IT certifications from Oracle, IBM, Google, and Microsoft, to name a few.

Prof. Eweni was deeply passionate about teaching and approached his students with a welcoming smile and an open mind. He was often entrusted with teaching challenging courses that required exceptional patience and understanding. He was a consummate recruiter, he championed not only the CIS Department but also the College of Business & Public Administration and the University as a whole. He was the face of the CIS Department at career fairs and community engagement events. As the Advisor of the CIS Club, he

led students on numerous field trips, hacking competitions, seminars, and IT certification programs. He had a unique gift for identifying students with untapped potential and nurturing them toward graduation, successful careers, and advanced academic pursuits.

Prof. Eweni was a delight to be around. He was much loved by his colleagues and brightened the mood of every room he entered. He willingly volunteered for assignments when called upon and frequently interrupted his family time to substitute for a colleague during times of emergency. A true peacemaker and an intercessor, he could not stand by when others were hurting without seeking ways to help. He served as a SUNO Faculty Senate member numerous times where he helped to craft and implement policies that promoted shared governance at the University.

Prof. Eweni was more than a colleague – he was a counselor, guardian, mentor, and friend to students, faculty, staff, and the members of our community. He is profoundly missed. May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

*Prof. Igwe E. Udeh, PhD
Alvin James Lawson Endowed Professor of Business
Dean, College of Business & Public Administration
Southern University at New Orleans*

Igwe Udeh - January 17 at 12:59 PM

PP

Glad to know this gentleman, highly principled, trustworthy, truthful, honest, humble, hardworking, and a man of integrity. We last saw each other at Tampa, joked as always, even discussed about the forthcoming ASA-USA Missions to Anambra State next year. He even invited me to his son's wedding on December 27 in Nigeria. I have known this gentle soul for many years and all along he proved himself as indicated above. What a colossal loss to his family, Akwaeze Community, Anambra State, and ASA-USA. May his gentle soul rest in peace in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God Almighty grant the family the fortitude to bear this irreplaceable and irreparable loss. My friend sleep well until we meet once more. Goodnight. Dr. Eweni should be sorely missed by those who knew him.

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ASA-USA Education Mission Team.
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(edited)*

Prof. Osita E. Aka, Ph.D. - January 22 at 02:55 PM

DA

*I missed the God loving man and absolutely caring friend. My days are lighter with his memory. I am missing you my friend.
David Alijani
Professor and Chair of CIS Department*

David Alijani - January 25 at 04:00 PM

OI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



ogoma ilechukwu - January 11 at 08:10 PM

VM

“ *Prof. Samuel Eweni,
It was a special honor to serve as one of your PhD supervisors. You
will be sorely missed. Reign in Paradise (RIP), my beloved brother
and High Chief. Your legacy lives on.*

— *Victor & Irene Mbarika*

Victor and Irene Mbarika - January 10 at 10:52 PM

“ TRIBUTE TO

*Chief / Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Leader, and Scholar*

Chief, Dr. Samuel Eweni was, above all else, a devoted family man whose life was anchored in love, responsibility, and unwavering commitment to those he held dear. Within his family, he was a pillar of strength, a source of wisdom, and a constant presence of reassurance and guidance.

As a husband and father, he led with patience, integrity, and quiet sacrifice. He believed deeply in the importance of character, education, and discipline, and he instilled these values through both counsel and example. His home was a place of learning, respect, and compassion, where encouragement was freely given and support was never lacking.

Chief Dr. Eweni took great pride in the growth and accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He celebrated their successes with humility and walked with them through life's challenges with steadfast faith and resolve. His words were thoughtful, his guidance steady, and his love unconditional.

To his extended family, he was a unifying force—one who valued togetherness, honored tradition, and nurtured strong family bonds across generations. Family gatherings were enriched by his presence, his stories, and the sense of unity he so naturally fostered.

While his passing leaves a profound void, his legacy lives on through the lives he shaped and the values he passed down. His family remains his greatest testament—a reflection of the love, principles, and dedication that defined his life.

Chief, Dr. Samuel Eweni's life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and his love an enduring gift. Though he has departed this earthly life, he will forever remain in our hearts. And, may the family

he left behind be consoled and comforted by God who mends the hearts of the affected.

*“A life of service, a legacy of love.”
May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen!*

From All of US – Chief/Dr. Azubike Okpalaeze (Ezisi Ekwusigo) & Mrs. Uzoamaka Okpalaeze



Azubike D Okpalaeze - January 10 at 06:12 PM



Olugbenga Akingbola MD
*Tribute to Chief, Dr. Samuel Ogbonnaya Eweni.
Dr. Eweni was a consummate gentleman. He was affable, easy going and willing to extend himself in anyway possible to help others . The Nigerian community will miss him. In his own quiet and unassuming way he did a lot for the Nigerian community in New Orleans. His good deeds will trail him even in death ; his family, wife and children , will reap the fruits of his benevolence in Jesus name. May his gentle soul rest in peace*

Olugbenga Akingbola - January 14 at 09:44 PM



Tribute To My Dear Brother - Idi, Professor Samuel Ogbonnaya Nwora Eweni (Phd)

I give thanks to our Almighty God for the beautiful and priceless moments I shared with you, my dear brother, from our childhood years until the very last day I spoke with you on the 11th of November 2025, during my journey from the United States to Nigeria. Accepting your passing has been profoundly difficult, and your sudden death is especially painful because I did not have the opportunity to say goodbye. I never imagined that death would knock on your door just two hours after we spoke on the phone, while I had arrived at Istanbul Airport with my husband on that same Tuesday, the 11th of November 2025. During our journey to Nigeria, you were suddenly taken away from all of us through such a painful and shocking circumstance. We remain deeply saddened and heartbreaking.

The grief, pain, and emotional turmoil I am experiencing cannot be fully described by words or understood by anyone except God alone. Yet, I look up to God, for HE alone is able to comfort your wife, your children, myself, my husband, my children, their families, and all who truly loved you. Your sudden and painful passing has reminded all of us—your wife, your children, my family, and even those who saw and spoke with you just minutes or hours before your passing of the fragile brevity of life. What a cruel and unexpected loss. Throughout your lifetime, you exemplified true Christian virtues through your actions. You selflessly supported and assisted your brothers, sisters, relatives, non-relatives, cousins, friends, and even strangers. You extended kindness to all who crossed your path. Despite being a civil servant, you went as far as building houses for your brothers, demonstrating uncommon generosity and sacrifice.

Indeed, God remembered you and your entire family on August 27, 2005, during the devastating floods in New Orleans, USA, caused by Hurricane Katrina. While countless buildings were completely submerged, your family home and compound were miraculously preserved and left untouched. Likewise, the church where you and your family worshipped during those years was among the very few buildings spared. My husband and I later visited New Orleans and witnessed the devastation firsthand. This was a powerful testimony that only God could explain. The legacy you left behind continues to speak loudly on your behalf. Though you were taken from this world, our Almighty God—who knows all things—can never be questioned. According to the Word of God, we are taught to give thanks in all circumstances, whether in joy or in sorrow. I am confident that the God whom you served wholeheartedly has, through HIS boundless grace, received you into HIS heavenly kingdom—a place free from hatred, envy, and wickedness, where joy, love, and peace reign eternally.

I take comfort in knowing that you are now in a better place, in the presence of the Lord, HIS angels, and the saints in heaven. Since it pleased our Almighty God to call you home at this time, may HE grant your wife and children, myself, my husband, my children, and all who mourn you the strength, grace, and fortitude to bear this great loss. Amen. mAlthough your passing has created a great void in your family, I pray that God, in HIS mercy, will refill that void with comfort, strength, and hope. May the peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, guard your gentle soul and grant you eternal rest in the bosom of our Lord. My dear brother Sam, rest peacefully until we meet again on the resurrection morning, where we shall part no more. You will forever live in our hearts. We love you, but God loves you more.

Lady Gladys Chinwe Oranu (Adadioranma)

Azubike Okpalaeze - January 19 at 01:20 PM



Chief, Dr. Samuel Eweni was, above all else, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and family man. To his family, he was a source of strength, wisdom, and unwavering support. He led not only by words, but by teaching the values of integrity, humility, hard work, and compassion through the life he lived every day.

Within his home, he was gentle yet firm, thoughtful yet purposeful. He believed deeply in education, discipline, and character, and he instilled these principles in his children and those he raised as his own. His guidance was steady, his counsel wise, and his love constant. He celebrated the successes of his family quietly, prayed over their challenges faithfully, and stood by them through every season of life. As a husband and father, Chief Dr. Eweni carried his responsibilities with pride and devotion. He understood that leadership begins at home, and he nurtured his family with patience, understanding, and unconditional love. His presence brought reassurance, and his words brought clarity and encouragement.

To his extended family and loved ones, he was always ready to listen, advise, and support. Family gatherings were richer because of his stories, his laughter, and the sense of unity he fostered. He valued togetherness and believed strongly in maintaining strong family bonds across generations.

While we grieve his passing, we find comfort in the legacy he leaves behind—a legacy written in the lives of his children, grandchildren, and all who were blessed to call him family. His values live on through them, and his love remains ever-present in their hearts.

Chief Dr. Samuel Eweni's life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and his love a lasting gift. Though he is no longer with us in body, he will forever remain with us in spirit. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

*Royal High Chief Godwin Ndukwe & Lolo Onyi Ndukwe
(Aka Ji Mba and Family)*

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Rest in peace Dr. Eweni.

I was very fortunate to have Dr. Eweni as one of my instructors at SUNO. He gave me the opportunity to take classes at the UNO Tech Center where I got certified by Oracle as a DBA. He was soft spoken gentleman that was admired by many. His instruction will be greatly missed. Brother, your work is done here. It's now time to rest in God's eternal grace.

Dr Roy J. Mack

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