



Mrs. Helene Birori

July 16, 1970 - April 28, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of Helene Birori, Daughter Sister Aunt and Friend:

HELENE BIRORI passed away on April 28, 2017 at her home in Detroit after a long battle with cancer. Helene was born on July 16, 1970 in Byumba, Rwanda to Leocadie Kazayire and the late Jean Ndegeya. Helene was their third child and a beloved sister to nine brothers - - Remy, Robert, Jean Paul (now deceased), Jean Pierre, Christian, Serge, Sacha, Yvan and Patrick. She is survived by her mother and eight of her brothers.

Helene was also an auntie to Carlene and Ronia Ndegeya, Leslie Tunga, and Elizabeth Umulisa and a friend to many both in Rwanda and the United States. Chief among these friends is Jeannette Munyandinda in Detroit.

Helene graduated from Kigali Independent University (ULK) with a BA degree in Legal Studies and worked at the Ministry of Justice before moving to the United States in 2006.

As the only girl of the family, Helene perfected the role of nurturing her brothers while trying to assure their good behavior. She was tireless in her efforts for her family's unity, and in encouraging peace and love in their household.

Helene was a generous person with her time and resources. Even as she battled cancer, Helene cared that her relatives and friends lived joyful lives. She knew how to celebrate or cry with others depending on what life brought to each one. Helene was a trustworthy friend, and it was easy to take her advice. Her friends knew she was concerned for their interests.

Helene's last days were marked with constant prayer. In spite of her weakness, and being surrounded by her mother, aunts, cousins and friends, Helene repeatedly shouted "Amen, Amen, Amen", recited the Our Father and sang scripture songs that she loved.

All of her loved ones are comforted in our sorrow knowing that God has accepted her into his Kingdom. Her mother encouraged her as she struggled in her last days, "Helene, go be with Paul, your father, and all our relatives who are in heaven."

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, May **6**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church
1000 Saite Anne St.
Detroit, MI 48216

Funeral Service

Saturday, May **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helene Birori*

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