

Edith Bah

Her life continues to inspire – A Biography

Edith Bah was born at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in Kumbo, Cameroon on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1974. She is the third daughter of Mr. Samuel Bah and Mrs. Roseline Biy. She attended primary school at the Government Primary School in Mbokam, and secondary school at Crown College of Commerce and Technology (CCCT), Jakiri.

A pivotal moment in Edith's life was her pregnancy while in secondary school. Rather than succumb to the pressure of abandonment she faced during the pregnancy, Edith embraced her challenge and dropped out of school to take care of her pregnancy. She later gave birth to her son, Eugene. Edith was blessed with a strong family that came together and assisted in raising her son. A strong, courageous and persistent person, Edith did not give up her dreams. She completed the rest of her education informally and later moved to Douala, where she further trained and specialized in computer sciences. Douala being a predominantly French speaking region of Cameroon, Edith quickly developed a strong command of the language and was ready for the job market.

She landed her first job as a Secretary at CAMITEX International Company, Douala. She later got a lucrative job as Assistant to the Purchasing and Logistics Manager at Wilbros-Spie Capaq Pipeline Construction Company, an American-French Joint Venture Company that was responsible for the Construction of the Cameroon-Tchad Pipeline. Her outstanding performance at the Company endeared her to many managers and colleagues. In 2003, Edith left the Company for greener pastures in the United States.

Edith settled in Worcester, MA when she arrived in the US. She took up nursing as a profession; she obtained her CNA and LPN certifications and finally obtained the Registered Nurse (RN) certificate from Mount Wachusett Community College. Edith accomplished all these while working full time and taking care of her family.

Edith worked in many nursing home communities in Leominster/Worcester area before gaining employment at the Leominster Health Alliance Hospital where she distinguished herself as a well-rounded nurse. In 2013, Edith ventured into psychiatric nursing and was later employed with the State of Massachusetts at the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, where she worked diligently till her abrupt departure.

Despite her love for nursing, Edith had so many other passions. Because of her enduring love for home shopping, Edith became a realtor and helped so many families in the Worcester area buy their first homes. Her love for community kept her actively engaged in various groups. She served variously, as the Vice President of Reliable Sisters, Financial Secretary of Cameroonian Social Club (CAMSOC), Financial Secretary of BongAbi New England and a very influential member (Maya Komgir) of the Wimum Community USA (WICUDA) and was also a member of the Bui Family Union, USA (BFU-USA). With these passions and responsibilities, Edith quickly became a huge pillar in her community. She opened her house to everyone regardless of ethnicity, race, and denomination; she personally helped a lot of families settle in the Worcester area.

Edith's passing was sudden and heartbreaking. She leaves behind her sons James, Eugene, and Samuel, and all the children she helped take care of in Cameroon; grandchildren, Evianna, Lemuel, and Berlin; sisters, Rose and Immaculate; brother, Edwin; and her beloved mom, Roseline, who meant the world to her. She was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, friend and colleague to so many. We will miss her. Her life, while short, has been an inspiration to many and will continue to inspire many more. May her Soul Rest In Perfect Peace.