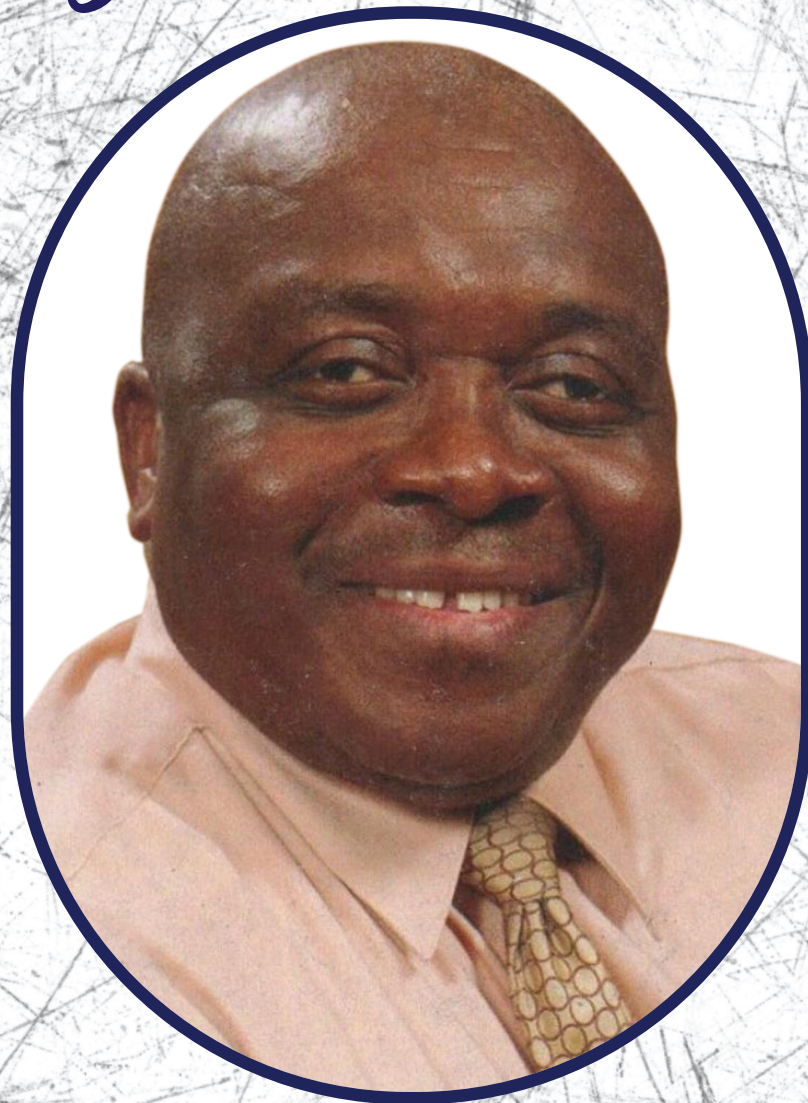


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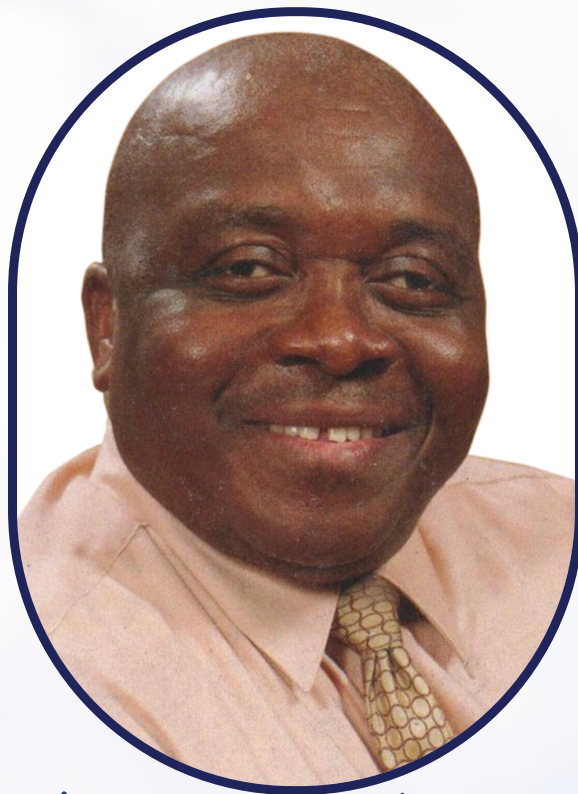


**DR. INNOCENT
AHAMEFULA
IROETUGO**



**Hanes- Lineberry Funeral
Home, Sedgefield Chapel
Greensboro NC**

Saturday, September 2nd, 2023 | 10:00am



Biography Of DR. INNOCENT AHAM IROETUGO

Ahamefula Innocent Iroetugo led a life well lived in multiple senses of the term.

Born 64 years ago to Hezekiah Ojiogu Iroetugo and Susanah Odiche Iroetugo, he led a life of giving in both his chosen profession, medicine and life in general

He obtained his medical degree at the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He bestowed his generosity on people with magnanimous dedication

to medical philanthropy. His distinguished medical career spanned dedicated spadework in both Nigeria and the USA. He was an internist and was affiliated with various hospitals over the span of a career in the United States, the longest of which is High Point Medical Center in High Point, North Carolina.

For people who did not know Ahamefula, their mental picture of him may be of a taciturn charmer with a stethoscope; he was more

than that. He took many lessons of his father, Hezekiah's philanthropy to heart, and fluttered pulses with his magnanimity. He endowed scholarships in education. He was dedicated to giving back to the community what he earned in his career in medicine, which spanned over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Nneoma, daughter, Adanna, brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles, and aunts.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Hymn I

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

Bible Reading I

1 Corinthians 15:39-58

Hymn II

Rock of Ages, Cleft for me

Bible Reading II

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Hymn III

When Peace Like a River

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Exhortation

Prayer for the Family

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Benediction

Hymn I:

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us.
Hallelujah!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Naught from us His love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from His keeping ever.
Hallelujah!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of Life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Hallelujah!

Jesus lives! to Him the Throne
Over all the world is given;
We, in spirit with Him one,
Rest and reign with Him in heaven.
Hallelujah!

Jesus lives! for us He died;
Then alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Savior giving.
Hallelujah!

Hymn II: *Rock of Ages, cleft for me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Hymn III: *When Peace Like a River*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

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

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall
descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Hymn IV: *Peace, perfect Peace*

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties
pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and
ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
and Jesus call to heaven's perfect peace.

Closing Hymn V: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Graveside Service

Hymn: Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
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, O abide with me.

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.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

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.

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.

Eulogies

To my dear Husband Aham

Words fail me on how to describe Aham, the fantastic man I took the journey of marriage with. I remember my dearest husband, Aham, the most affectionate and loving man taken from us too soon. From the moment I met him, I knew that he was someone special. His warm smile instantly set me at ease, and it wasn't long before his kindness and generosity shone through. Aham, you were an exceptional man, and I am so lucky to have called you my own. Losing my best friend, rock, soulmate, and the man I loved more than anyone has been devastating.

The love and bond that Aham and I shared were unique and special. A wonderful husband and father, Aham's warmth could be relied on to always come through for me and our family. As a father, he offered our daughter the guidance she needed as she began navigating the world; his wisdom and life lessons were grounded in his upbringing. The lessons he taught her – hard work, respect, and compassion – will remind me of him as I see her continue to grow, and I know he is proud of her. It didn't matter what was going on, he was a source of support and strength. In every sense of the word, he was my partner. He taught us the importance of

hard work and dedication but never failed to put family first and go to any length for our happiness. Together, we made memories that will last forever, and I will hold those treasured memories of him deep in my heart. We laughed every day and shared the most beautiful moments. No one can replace Aham, and he will never be forgotten. Aham's kindness, strength, and humility touched our family and all who knew him.

He was there for me through the good times and the bad and could always put a smile on my face. I will be forever grateful for how much joy and love he brought to my life. I am beyond grateful he was by my side through our incredible journey, and I will never forget the love in his eyes that melted my heart every time he looked at me.

Aham was a man who inspired everyone around him and whose integrity and passion were a defining part of his character. His contagious smile and goofy sense of humor would light up any room he was in and make even the worst day seem a bit brighter. Aham was more than just my partner; he was a wonderful husband, father, and friend to all. As a friend, he was the most dependable one could ever ask for. Aham touched many of our lives and will

always be remembered for his profound commitment to his profession and patients. His selflessness was one of his most astounding qualities. It didn't matter who it was; he would find the good in them. His loyalty and dedication marked him out as someone extraordinary. One could rely on him to be there for you no matter what, with a shoulder to cry on, a friendly ear to listen, or just a hand to hold. That openness and ability to communicate so well made our relationship as unique as it was.

He leaves behind a mark on those who knew him and one that will be remembered forever.

Although he may be gone from this world, his legacy lives on through the people he touched. We carry his memory with us, and it brings me comfort to know that so much of him is alive in friends and family. I promise to live my life with your greatness in my heart.

Goodbye, Aham, my love. Rest in peace; I will miss you more than this eulogy could ever say, and I know we will be reunited one day.

Always your Nne.

Nneoma Aham-Iroetugo

(Wife)

Eulogies

To my Daddy

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Adanna Aham-Iroetugo, and I am Dr. Iroetugo's only child.

When I was growing up, my parents always told me that I was supposed to be named my middle name, Chiedoziem when I was born, but when I came out, I looked so much like my daddy that the plan was changed. I was named Adannaya, which in Igbo means "her father's first daughter." My entire life, I couldn't go anywhere in public with my father without at least one person telling me I looked exactly like him. Most recently, in May, a man told us the same thing, and Daddy and I looked at each other and did the same thing that we always did: laugh because we knew it was the absolute truth. It was something that made me proud and still does because he was such a wonderful man.

My daddy was my hero. Though many thought of him as a man of very few words, which he was, his ability to make his presence known in a room was unmatched. Growing up, my daddy was incomparable. He was and still is my Superman. Any help I have ever needed in my life

before I begin to panic, I would call my daddy because he would have the answer for me so quickly. My father was the most intelligent person I knew, and the reason why academic success is such an essential part of my life. I am so thankful that my dad got to see me graduate from college with both of my degrees.

There are so many things I am going to miss about my dad. His ability to calm me down and make me appreciate the positive points in a situation. His ability to understand my humor like no other person. Our shared love for music and the songs that were exclusively for him and me. His selflessness and his kindness and love for all of those around him. His unconditional love for me and my mother and the joy that being in our little family gave me. My dad told me that he was proud of me and all the accomplishments that I have achieved so far. My dad showcased his love in ways that I didn't completely understand when I was younger. I remember when I was about 10 years old, I told my daddy that I loved granny smith apples and without fail, at least 3 times a week my daddy would come home

after work with Granny Smith apples. He would never say that he bought them for me. He would always just say, "Adababy, there are some apples in the kitchen. Be sure to have one."

My daddy was never one for making things a big deal, but he was the biggest deal to me. I hold him in the highest regard, and I will do everything in my power to make him proud of me each and every single day.

Daddy, I miss you so much every single day. I will live my life and make decisions that will make you proud. It's been hard knowing that I will never get to hear your voice or hold your hand again, but I know that you are watching over me and I thank God every day that I was lucky enough to experience love from a father like you. Just know Mommy and I will be alright. Your girls, as you liked to say, are so strong, and you helped make us that way. I love you so much, Daddy, and may your beautiful soul rest in perfect peace. Thank you.

Adanna Aham-Iroetugo

(Daughter)

Eulogies

Ezinwanne, Olateru Umunneya.

When we heard of your ill health, we were all communicating with you, believing God for a miraculous healing. Then we had the last video call that you wish to be buried in the USA. We didn't still believe you were not going to make it... Behold, you passed on the 19th of August 2023.

Laa n'udo Ezinwanne, Gaa nkeoma, onye obioma. Rest in the blossom of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen .

Your most senior sister

Ezinne Chinyere Nkem Iroetugo (OOW)

For Brother Aham

Losing my brother is heartbreaking and devastating. I can't believe that he is really gone to be with our Lord. Aham was a charmer. He was loved by everyone.

We actually became really close and that makes this even more difficult. I can't imagine my life without him. The legacy he left behind will keep alive my memories of him. He was quiet, humble, and a good listener and didn't say much. He was positive and gentle and saw the best in everyone and everything. He was a hard worker and a provider. He touched many lives in a positive way. I feel like I lost a

piece of my soul.

When I think of my brother, I remember his smile. I know he is smiling down at us because he rededicated his life to Jesus Christ. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal savior before he passed on. I take solace in the realization that he is in a better place-with God.

He was organized and planned ahead.

So good bye my brother. I am going to miss you. I will do my best to keep you smiling. Love, always!

Joe Iroetugo (brother)

In loving memory of our dear brother

Who brought immense support and guidance to our family.

You were not only a role model, you also epitomized qualities of a devoted and caring father figure. You instilled in us the importance of family bonds and unconditional love. Your contributions to our family are immeasurable, and your memory will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts.

Rest in peace, dear brother, and thank you for being our rock of strength and endless inspiration.

Ndudi Iroetugo (brother)

In loving memory of our dear brother,

Zaman, who brought immense support and guidance to our family. Not only were you a role model, but you epitomized the qualities of a devoted and caring father figure. Your selfless love and unwavering commitment served as a guiding light, providing us with the strength and inspiration to navigate life's challenges. Through your nurturing presence, you taught us invaluable life lessons and instilled in us the importance of family bonds and unconditional love. Your contributions to our family are immeasurable, and your memory will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts.

Your absence has left an indescribable void within our lives, but we find solace in knowing that your love will forever be etched in our hearts. We are grateful for your unfaltering support, inspiration, and unwavering love. May your legacy of love and guidance continue to inspire us to become the best versions of ourselves. Rest in peace, dear brother, and thank you for being our rock of strength and endless inspiration.

Eulogies

Uche Iroetugo
(brother)

Aham, I'm still in shock about your demise.

I can't exhaust all the good things to write about you.

You were a very sweet brother, full of love and very kind. You were there for everyone of us. You united the family. I was convinced that you were going to pull through the illness, but God wanted you back.

I am so happy that you received salvation before your last breath, and I know you are sleeping in the bosom of the Lord. Sleep on my brother, we will meet at the sound of the trumpet.

Helen IROETUGO
(Sister)

To A Sweet Soul

Time fails me in expressing all I feel in my heart. Your words, advice, your teachings, rebuke, kindness, and more are all timeless and they are engraved deep in my heart.

You were a brilliant scholar, and you gave everything to medicine and philanthropy. I will forever cherish your touching of lives positively. Writing these lines makes me sad.

I know you're in a better place. You are forever in my heart.

Rest in peace, dear brother

JOY OGUZO
(Sister)

Adieu, My Big Brother, The Doc.

Your going to be with the Lord is still like a dream to me. In a video conference call on Thursday the 17th of August, 2023, you said that it had been tough, and pointed out your wish if you didn't make it. We urged you to expunge such thoughts; we believed you would pull through. Yes, we prayed and believed for your healing, but I take solace in the Word of God in Isaiah 57 v 1 NLT: "Good people pass away; the goodly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why? No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come"

You were one of the kindest humans I have ever known. My joy knows no bounds knowing you said yes to Jesus before your demise. I know you are with the Lord and that makes me rejoice.

Adieu my big brother, THE DOC, until we meet again when the Trumpet sounds.

Chidi IROETUGO
(sister).

Gone Too Soon Eulogy To My Son In Law

Years ago, when Aham came to the village to seek consent to marry my daughter, my reaction was outright rejection, but the custom requested that I first consult my daughter in order to know where she stood.

It was good that I did not neglect the tradition of my people. So Aham came into my house and into my life. His humility and inspiring carriage turned out to be only a mask that hit the gem that Aham really was.

His entry into my home was like the birth of a son, and the relationship was steadily developing into a dependable and hard-working alliance. As time went on, I realized that from that region where I had expected not much in the way of cordiality, great friendliness developed.

But oh! How short that excitement lasted!!! How great our grief has been! We can't question God. He knows the best. May He give Aham peaceful rest in His bosom. AMEN.

Mr Emenike Ndubuisi
for the Ndubuisi Family

Eulogies

My dearest and most beloved Uncle,

I write this with so much heaviness in my heart because you have left us so soon, but I find solace in the quality of life you lived while you were with us. Your 64 short years doubles for a hundred years of great impact that no one can contest.

You took me as your own child and trained me from an early stage of my life; you never failed to cater to every of my needs that came to your attention. Growing up, you took me again as one of your siblings and gave me great responsibilities because of the trust and love you had for me. I love you dearly, and I will miss you forever.

A few words will not cover all that you were to me, how great a person you were, and the full extent of the sacrifices you made for your people; but posterity will testify.

Thank you for all that you were to the entire family and to me, especially. Thank you for yielding yourself to being an exemplary blessing. You have established yourself as an icon that will not be forgotten, and we will forever carry the best memories of you in our hearts.

I pray that you find unending joy with the Lord in heaven and dwell in His bosom where the testaments of your

faithfulness on earth will find you space among the great patriarchs of old.

ADIEU UNCLE AHAM

Angela Akeju

Your Niece

Dearest Uncle Aham,

Speaking of you in the past is the hardest thing to bear. I find it completely alien.

The images of you in your last days were so heart wrenching. They will remain etched in my memories for as long as I am a living sapien.

For consolation I know without a doubt that you are in a better place with the Lord, as you remain our shining beacon.

Growing up as a little girl you were a father figure. I looked forward to your short visits when you were not always in Kano, and your awesome persona would announce your presence like a noble siren.

You were always genuinely concerned about my welfare, you pushed Angie and I to always be at the top of the class, as perfection was the only standard that you condoned....with good reason.

As much as I never met your father (my grandfather Mazi Hezekiah Iroetugo), but in reality, I met him through you in no measure subservient.

In this moment I remember my granny special (Sweet Mother Susannah Iroetugo), knowing that she would be proud for the legacy you upheld, and now pass on after living selflessly.... living for others was a mantra you wore unapologetically.

There are many parts of you I will miss:

The Achiever...in all facets of your life, you excelled and made it seem effortless.

The Supporter...with a kind word for all situations, that incentivized more than it chastised.

The Advisor...with words wiser than your years and made you seem older than your peers.

The Provider....from the abundance of your heart, mind and deepest parts of your effervescent soul.

The Caregiver.... nurturing all around you and with a phenomenal commitment to good health.

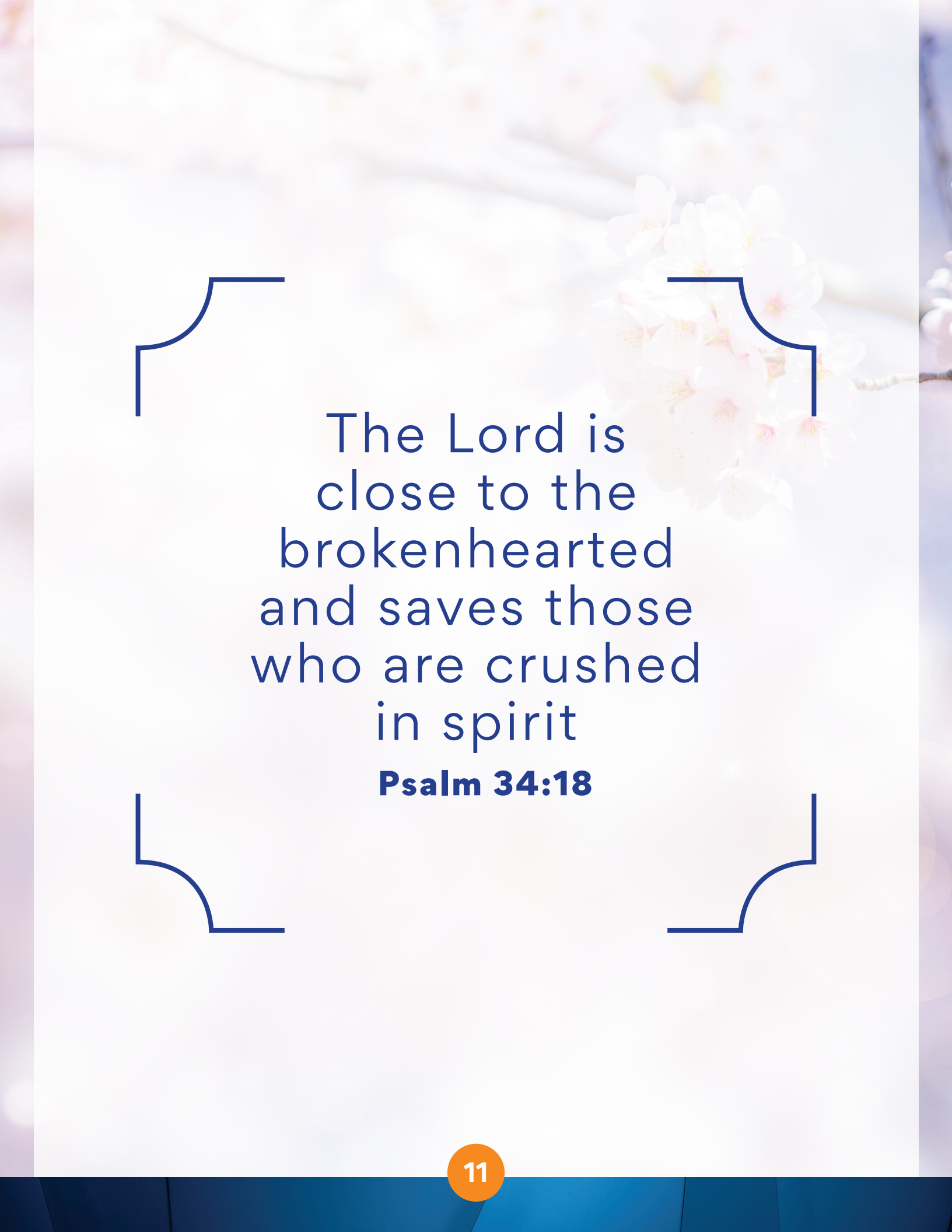
The Protector.... keeping all around you from harm's way.

As hard as it is to bear, we will commit your body to earth whilst your heart lives with us for as long as we live.

Rest well Uncle Aham.

Brenda Nsofor

Your (lil') niece



The Lord is
close to the
brokenhearted
and saves those
who are crushed
in spirit

Psalm 34:18

THANK YOU

We sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude for your presence and support during this challenging time.

Your love, presence, and acts of kindness have been a source of immense comfort to our family.

May the good Lord bless and be with you as you journey back to your various destinations.

Iroetugo Family

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