



Cynthia Fati Kanko

June 20, 1973 - October 28, 2018

Cynthia Fati Ama Bako Kanko, beloved by many, went to Heaven after a 5-year battle with breast cancer. She was born in Ghana, lived in several countries, travelled extensively working for Pax Romana, and spoke several languages. Her daughter Jerusha was born in 2003 and in 2009 they moved to the US where she earned a Master's degree in French Literature at the University of Iowa. In 2011 they moved to Bloomington where she worked on a Ph.D. in French Literature. She was an active member of St. Paul's Catholic Center as a Mass coordinator, Eucharistic minister, and Lector. She was also a long-term member of the Knights of St. John's International. For the past few years she served as the Managing Editor for IU's Africa Today publication. She was exceedingly proud of her daughter Jerusha and had a profound impact on all who knew her through her deep faith, grace, wisdom, kindness, dignity, and excellent cooking! Cynthia was preceded in death by her father Edmund Benson Bako and is survived by Jerusha, mother Paulina V Amegashie, siblings Frank, Sylvester, Caroline, Sylvia, Phillip and Stephane all in Ghana, Sophia, London, 2nd Lt. John Bako US Army Tacoma, WA, Uncle John & Aunt MaryAnn Boateng Iowa City, IA, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends all over the world. Thanks to all the people who supported, loved, prayed for and cared for Cynthia and Jerusha during their cancer battle. There are too many to name, but they were always surrounded by compassionate Angels in the guise of family, friends, medical professionals, and university personnel. Cynthia's favorite quote was

“God is good” referring to all the blessings in her life. Services for Cynthia will be held on Nov. 3 at St. Paul’s Catholic Center: 9:00am visitation, 10:00 am Mass of Christian Burial, Bethany meal following. Contributions to Jerusha’s college fund can be made at Chase Bank 2642 3rd St, Bloomington (812) 331-4410 account name John Bako. Donations can also be made to St. Paul’s at hoosiercatholic.org, click make a gift, select HOPE Fund. Make online condolences at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

White Oak Cemetery

Bloomington, IN

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Keep you in my prayers..I was diagnosed HIV positive a few years back..your story gives me strength and hope

Maria Romanov - October 16, 2024 at 12:17 AM

BE

“ Today 28th september 2021, I am moving my house and came accross a letter Fati wrote to me in March 1993 after we finished high school together in Ivory Coast. We lost contact afterward. I decided to Google her name to get a chance to find her and guess what i failed on this devastating info. 🥹🥹🥹 Rip Fati



Benedicte - September 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Unfortunately, I never knew Cynthia, but I know her daughter Jerusha. Jerusha is one of the loveliest people I've met in this lifetime. She is a beautiful, strong and caring young woman, who always has a gleaming smile on her face. Jerusha wouldn't be how she is without her mother. Thank you Cynthia, for raising such an amazing young lady. She has been a great friend to all of us.

K - October 12, 2020 at 05:45 PM

AM

“ I got to know Cynthia in a relatively short time, but we connected in a way that most people might not understand. She was accepting, nurturing, meticulous and kind.

Cynthia: Jerusha will never be alone, she will always have a sister in Nana. Nana adores her very much. Rest in peace my friend.

Ama - November 08, 2018 at 06:06 PM

DB

“ Dear Jerusha. I had no idea and wish I had been able to offer you support during this difficult journey. I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother.

Donna Bernens-Kinkead - November 03, 2018 at 12:05 PM