



Ubong Joseph David

January 2, 1992 - April 6, 2014

Services for Ubong Joseph David, 22, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Rev. Justin Braun officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. David passed away April 6, 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky.

He was born January 2, 1992 in Tyler to Joseph Ime and Cecila Ekanem David

Ubong was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and was baptized by Bishop Joe Strickland. He attended Saint Gregory School, transferring to Rice Elementary, Hubbard Junior High School. He was a 2010 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where he played basketball, football and track. Ubong was currently attending the University of Kentucky where he was to graduate this May with a degree in Kinesiology.

He is survived by his loving family including his parents, Joseph and Cecilia David of Tyler; two sisters, Edidiong and Emem David of Tyler; his grandmother and grandfather and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other close family members.

Pallbearers will be Charles Bryce, Kingsley Bryce, Aniefiok Ukpung, Aniekan Umana, Omon Aburime and Aniekan Isong.

A Rosary will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Stewart Family

Funeral Home, with visitation following the Rosary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Ubong David Foundation, 629 W. Heritage Dr., Tyler, Texas 75703 or visit www.ubongdavidfoundation.org

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation

APR 11. 6:30 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
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Service

APR 12. 2:30 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Ubong was a great friend, teammate and leader. I was honored to have been able to know him while he was with us. I hope the David family knows how many lives he touched and how great he will be missed. I loved being around him and I will never be able to replace the memories we spent together. As tough as this time is for so many family and friends, I know we all can rest knowing he is with God in paradise today. His parents did an outstanding job of raising such a great man and he showed it everyday through his actions and words towards others. #6 I miss you but I will never forget you. Love ya bud!



Luke Wagner - April 13, 2014 at 07:03 PM

JO

“ I'm so sorry that I wasn't able to pay my final respects to you today, but I know that this isn't the last time we'll meet. You are such a good, kind, loving person whose impact went farther than you will ever know. Your faith was inspiring as was the way you lived your life. You exemplified how Gods kingdom is supposed to be on earth. You were such a great friend and it's hard to imagine not being able to talk to you anymore. I miss you so much and I think I always will, but I know that your spirit is eternal. Heaven has a new really tall angel and I'm sure You're basking in the embrace of God. I'm honored to have known you, ride slow Ub <3

Josephine O. - April 12, 2014 at 08:30 PM

CB

“ I woke up this morning and I'm still having trouble grasping the fact that Ubong is gone.....but the one hope that I have is that I will see him again because of Jesus Christ. I pray that this hope fuels our hearts and gives us all strength to press on everyday. This verse encouraged me and I pray that it encourages us all as we think, reflect, laugh, cry and appreciate the 22 years that God blessed us with Ubong. "I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Charles Bryce - April 12, 2014 at 11:25 AM

NM

“ I went to REL (Robert E. Lee) High School with Ubong. He was such an amazing person! He had a great personality and a great sense of humor. Ubong was always smiling. He played Football but he loved him some basketball. I felt intimidated standing next to him because he was sooo tall lol. He will be truly missed by his natural family and his Raider family!

Nacole McKenzie - April 12, 2014 at 05:09 AM

EH

“ I went to middle school and high school with Ubong. He was always the guy with a smile on his face. He was a good, Christian man and his memory will live on. Rest in peace, Ubong.

Erin Himes - April 11, 2014 at 10:31 PM

CC

“ My brother and I used to live right down the street from Ubong throughout middle school. We were 2-3 years younger than him and we were always amazed by how easy he made it look when we would go play basketball in his driveway. We never became close friends but my brother and I always looked up to him, he always had a smile on his face and was the nicest person I'd ever met. A good man taken too soon. Rest easy, Ubong.

Sincerely,
Caleb and Dylan Clark

Caleb Clark - April 11, 2014 at 10:07 PM

TH

“ I've known Ubong since the Rice Elementary days, and I will always remember him as a guy with nothing but positive things to say. As teammates and friends, we became close, and I will always cherish the time I spent with him. He is gone too young, but will undoubtedly be remembered by everyone that had the privilege of encountering him.

With much love and memories,
Taylor Haas

Taylor Haas - April 11, 2014 at 09:43 PM

CY

“ Haven't seen you in years but went through elementary, middle school, and high school together so it's hard to see this happen. I wish comfort and healing on your family and I am sad to see you go so soon. You were an awesome guy. Rest in peace, Ubong

Courtney Bush Yates - April 11, 2014 at 09:17 PM

CB

“ *Ubongooo.....I truly have no words really it doesnt seem real. I remember like it was yesterday when me and Kingsley spent a week in Tyler for summer a while back with you and the family. Video games, pizza, video games, fufu, basketball, video games, movies...the life man! You are the only person I know who would spell out your whole name on a jersey created in Madden and have all the sweatbands possible that a created player could have :) I miss you man and love the fact that everytime we hung out we just laughed. I love you man and thank God for you. My faith in Jesus Christ gives me peace that we will see each other again Ubongoooo! "Everywhere I go....there is always something to remind me.....lol" :)*

Charles Bryce - April 11, 2014 at 11:54 AM

EH

“ Ubong was such an amazing soul. Very thankful that God placed him in our lives freshman year at UK, four years ago. From that point he was a great friend, brother and even a great stranger to everybody. He stood out in any room, not only because he was very tall but his presence and smile made a difference. A very gentle giant. Thanking the David family for making him the person he was today and giving us the opportunity to spend the last four years with Ubong. He has been nothing but great as a friend and co-intern at the HIT center. He knew what he wanted in life, stayed true to himself and sought the greatest happiness there is, God. Thanking God for placing him in our lives as he has dramatically made a positive difference for us all. Thankful that he is now an angel of ours to help guide us in the right direction so that we may see him again. Praying for strength and healing for the David family and our Lexington family and friends during this hard time. We may not understand but we have to trust God's plan just as Ubong did. We love you Ubong. <3



Erica Haywood - April 11, 2014 at 11:01 AM

TF

“ May the loving, comforting arms of God surround your family during this most difficult time. My family got to know Ubong at Hubbard and Lee, and then realized he lived right down the street from us! Please know that he was always such a respectful young man, always with a smile. Be proud of the young man he grew to be. His passing is definitely felt by many. God bless.

Mike, Judy, and Lauren Johnston

The Johnston Family - April 10, 2014 at 10:13 PM

MU

“ Our condolences to the family of this very kind spirited and warm hearted young man. May you find comfort in the arms of the Lord during this time. Ubong, may you rest in perfect peace. God has sent for another one of his angels.

From the Udoessien family

Michael Udoessien - April 10, 2014 at 01:30 PM

TH

“ The loving staff of Charlin Home Health purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ubong Joseph David.



The loving staff of Charlin Home Health - April 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM

EB

“ A very smart, kind man once told me "don't throw the alley to where im at throw it to where you want me to be" after we had that talk are next calvary game I threw him one off the back board he just looked at me and said we the best team out here! Much love and respect to you Bong man I will never understand why you was taken from us but I do know every time that sun shines its a sign from you saying I'm okay guys. It was a blessing meeting you and having you in my life thanks man you will never be forgotten long live King Bong..

Erik Burnett - April 10, 2014 at 08:33 AM



Precious
Goodnews

“ *Losing you can never be easy for me, your friends and most of all your family. I remember at the mboho end of the year party when your mum called you to say hello to me and I asked you to slow down on drinking milk because your were growing way taller than me n we laughed about it. I never knew that was the last time I will ever see or hear from you again. The cold hands of death snatched you away from us. I heard of your passing yesterday and ever since I can't stop sobbing because it hurts. You were gentle, you were sweet, that you left so soon is what breaks our heart because we never get to enjoy the best of you which was yet to come. Auntie, uncle and my sister's, I hurt for you all, for I know it is not easy to deal with such a loss. All I can do is ask the almighty God to grant you the strength to bear this loss. I know they say time heals but time can never heal this one but God. Am so sorry, so so sorry. Am lost of words, but God will definitely see you through. I love you all and will always remember you in my prayers. UB, I know God gave you to us for a purpose and now that you are gone, I also know it is by His consent and I know He called you to a higher duty. Rest in peace my little brother. As you look down on us, we continue praying for you to have eternal rest in the Lord. We love n miss you dearly. Precious Goodnews &family.*

Precious Goodnews - April 10, 2014 at 07:32 AM

IA

“ *On behalf of the Akpan-Iquot family, I would like to convey the deepest condolences of my family. God shall surely comfort you. May his soul rest in perfect peace - Amen!*

*Akparawa Itoro Akpan-Iquot,
For the Family*

Itoro Akpan-Iquot - April 09, 2014 at 10:45 PM

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Itoro Akpan-Iquot - April 09, 2014 at 10:37 PM

JS

“ Ubong was without a doubt one of the most remarkable people I have ever met. We met about 3 years ago and hit it off instantly. Anytime we went anywhere we were always right next to each other . He was one of those rare people that makes everyone's life that he come in contact with better. The whole time I knew him he never had a bad day. He was one of the most positive people I've ever met. I just want to thank his parents for raising such a remarkable person and GOD for blessing me by letting us cross paths . Love you bro.

Jamie Sawyers - April 09, 2014 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ I met Ubong my freshman year at UK and throughout the past 4 years we both became parts of a large group of friends that is more like a family. He is without a doubt one of the happiest, most kind hearted, caring people I have ever been honored to meet. There was one time I was ever around Ubong and he didn't have a smile on his face, he always lit up a room. I am going to try my hardest to raise my son to be as genuine and incredible as Ubong. He will always be a part of our family and I'm so glad to call him my friend and my brother. Thank you so much to Ubong's family for sharing your son/brother with us, he has touched all of our hearts and we all love him so much. Love you Ubong!

Jessica Sutton - April 09, 2014 at 12:12 PM

JS

**There was NEVER one time*

Jessica Sutton - April 09, 2014 at 12:13 PM

CM

“ *To the family of Ubong David I just want you to know that I am keeping you in my prayers and in my heart. I pray that God will give you that peace that only comes from above. I met Ubong while he was playing basketball and football with my son at Robert E. Lee. He had such a sweet spirit and I fell in love with him the first time my son introduced him to me. Such a humble young man. He will be missed.*

Cassandra Mosley

Cassandra Mosley - April 09, 2014 at 11:45 AM

KJ

“ *I haven't known Ubong very long but one thing I know is that he was a wonderful person. Ubong was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He had a beautiful smile that always made me smile. Our friendship was short but will always be remembered. I have Faith that God has transformed Ubong into an angel to look down on all the lives he has impacted (Romans 12:2). Ubong will forever live in my heart and will truly be missed. Keep smiling down on us Ubong!! :)*

Kam Jones - April 09, 2014 at 11:36 AM

EB

“ I don't know why but the very first time I ever met Ubong is burned into my mind, he was on the plyobords at HIT Center with Darren. And my first thought was dang he's tall. It didn't take long to realize what a unique and amazing young man he was. After my hip surgery everytime I saw him he'd give me a big hug and asked how my hip was doing, without fail! One of the last conversations I had with him was about PT school, he told he'd been praying for me and knew I'd do great! He touched my life and my heart in a way I never would have imagined that first day at HIT. I can't help but smile remembering our workouts together, our game night, and how his week trips home always turned into 2 months. I'll be drinking a red Gatorade for ya, you'll be greatly missed! RIP Ubong!!

Emily Beeman - April 09, 2014 at 11:27 AM

PR

“ I didn't get to know Ubong as well as others did. But I can say that he always had a gorgeous smile on his face. That pearly white smile lit up so many hearts. He never had anything bad to say about anyone and was loved by everyone. He was a nice young man and you should be so proud of him, and I know you are. I didn't get to hang out with him a ton but he was definitely one person I loved randomly running into. I hope you can find peace in the midst of his passing and remember that those we love never leave us, they live on in our hearts for forever and always.

Patricia A Rinehardt - April 09, 2014 at 11:23 AM

LH

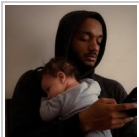
“ I only knew Ubong through mutual friends, but anytime he was around.. I laughed until I almost cried. He was such a joy to be around. I'm so glad I had the pleasure of meeting and knowing such a great person. Although I didn't see him often, I always had a smile on my face when he was around!!! You will truly be missed.

lindsey H - April 09, 2014 at 11:08 AM

JG

“ I met Ubong playing basketball at the Johnson center at uk and we been close ever since. We always played about the same position so we had our battles always stemming from the court and we just one day decided to link up outside of the court. Little did I know he was one of the most sincere people I would ever meet . One of the most humble guys I've ever come across. We went on aping break together and were inseperable the whole trip. We hung out together bought shoes together talked about girls together he helped me move out of the one house that held thousands of memories of us and our family together . We became brothers through these few years he's been here. He's been such a great influence on my life with his positivity and strong points of views . It's so hard to believe he's gone. He was an uncle to my daughters and loved them to death . My most memorable memory will be of him last week coming to my house for our homecoming cookout for my second daughter and just being in his presence. His laughter was just so fulfilling . Little did I know that would be the last time I would see him. I love you bro ... You'll forever be a blood brother to me. REST EASY UBONG !

Justin Griffin - April 09, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ It's rare you meet someone who, not only do you instantly vibe with, but also becomes true family. That's what happened with Ubong. He became my brother. I'll never forget all the talks, laughs, and other memories I have with him. Only wish there was more time. I'll forever keep him in my heart, and by my side in spirit. Love you Bong. Rest in Peace, and I'll see you on the other side. But continue....
Romans 12:2

Nik Brazley - April 09, 2014 at 10:44 AM

MP

“ I lived with Ubong in Lexington when we stayed at the Lex apartments. I've known him for a few years now and has become one of my best friends. Our hearts have a void that only Ubong could fill and we will never forget you. You were a man of God and a brother. Love you forever and always bro. Rest easy.

Michael Peel - April 09, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CJ

“ I met this humble young man while he was playing basketball with my son. The shock of hearing he passed has me at a loss. It is good to meet someone and although you may not see each other daily they stay in your heart. To the family of Ubong David I am praying for peace and comfort for you all! God bless!

Carla Jamison - April 08, 2014 at 07:01 PM

NI

*May the Lord rest his soul in peace!, and peace to him in heaven . May the great lord give strength to his family to bear this immense loss.
From the Inim's family*

Nehad Inim - April 15, 2014 at 12:02 AM