

- *Order of Service* -

Processional Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection Mt. Sinai MBC Choir

Obitua Read Silently

Musical Selection April Gadberry

Tribute Chioma Nnameka

Eulogy Reverend William Gadberry

Recessional

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Interment* -
Church Cemetery

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mr. Stanley Ifeanyichukwu Benkoye acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls/texts and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.



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Celebrating
THE
LIFE AND LEGACY
OF
"MR. BEN"

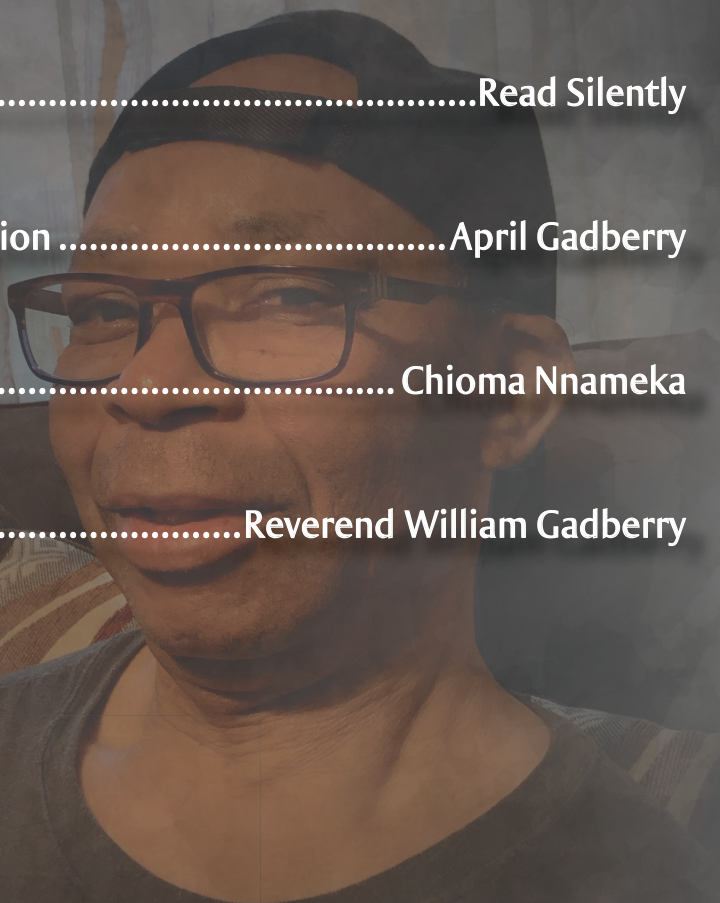
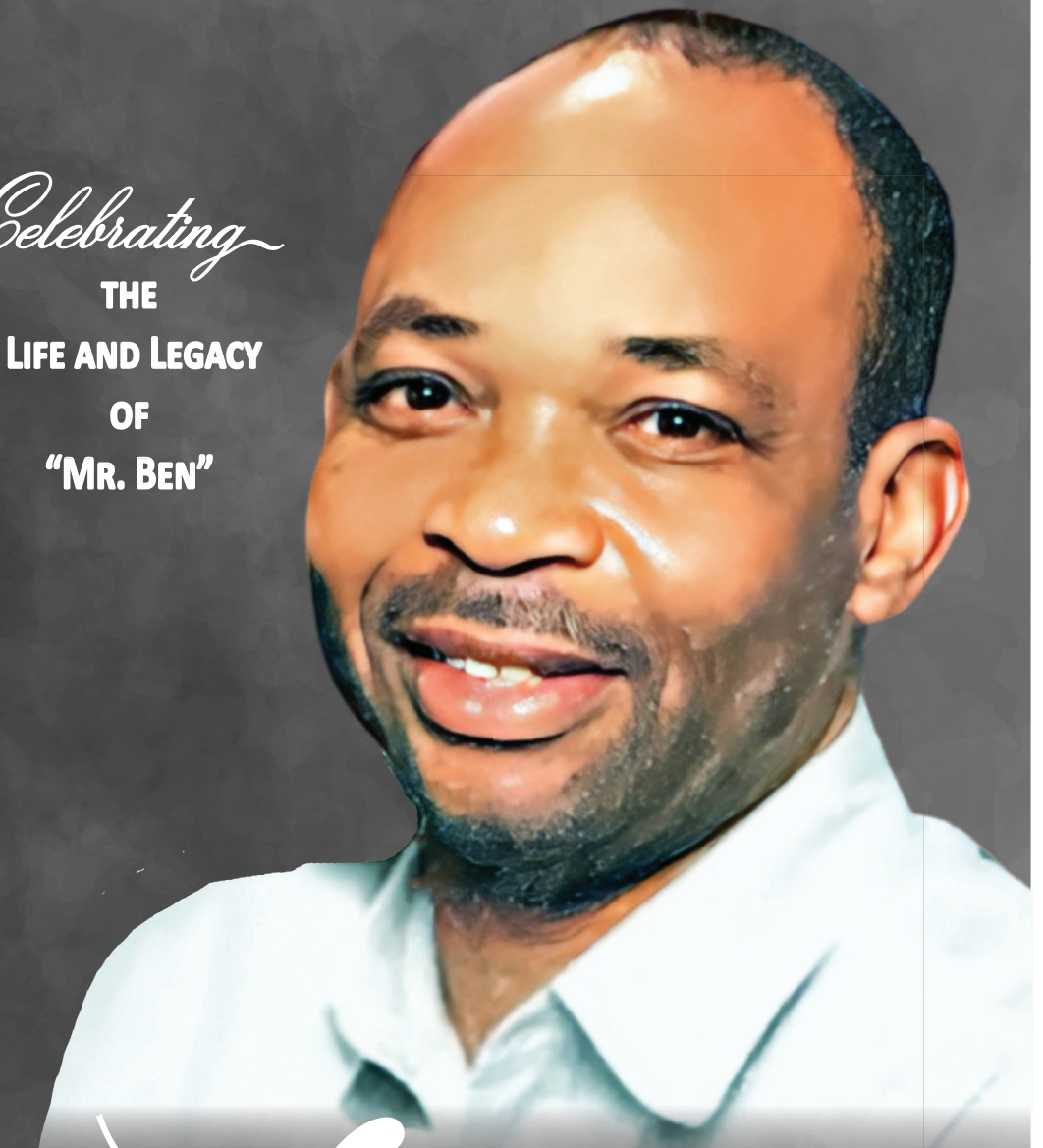
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BENKOYE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 • 3:00 P.M.

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REVEREND DION GILBERT, PASTOR

REVEREND WILLIAM GADBERRY, OFFICIATING



- Obituary -

Mr. Stanley Ifeanyichukwu Benkoye, affectionately known as “Mr. Ben,” was a beacon of joy and strength to all who knew him. Born on November 20, 1966, in Igbariam, Nigeria, he was the cherished son of the late Mr. Paul Nnameka and Mrs. Fidelia Chimebonam Ezigbo Okoye. His journey on earth came to a peaceful close on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at Arbor Lake Health and Rehab Center in Auburn, Alabama. Mr. Ben’s life was a testament to the power of hard work, community involvement, and the joy of simple pleasures.

Mr. Ben’s entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish T&P Taxi Services, a venture that not only provided for his family but also served as a conduit for his generous spirit, as he often went the extra mile for his customers. His commitment to community was further exemplified through his active participation in the North Carolina Igbo Association Club, where he fostered a sense of unity and cultural pride among members.

A man of faith, Mr. Ben was deeply involved in his church communities. He began as a member of Covenant Love Church in North Carolina, where his passion for music found an outlet in his role as a drummer for the church band. His love for music and worship continued after he united with Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama, where he was embraced as a beloved member of the congregation.

Soccer was Mr. Ben’s lifelong passion. He was an ardent supporter of all teams, but his heart belonged to Nigeria’s soccer team, for whom he rooted with unwavering loyalty. His love for the sport was not limited to spectating, as he himself played soccer from time to time, sharing the joy of the game with friends and family.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: two children, Stanley T. Benkoye of Auburn, AL and Precious Benkoye of Milwaukee, WI; one sister, Maureen Nwachukwu Nnenanya of Nigeria; two brothers, Larry Chibuzor Nnaemeka Okoye of Hessen, Germany and Otito Stanley Nnaemeka Okoye of Nigeria; mother of his two children, Denise Benkoye of Auburn, AL; a host of other relatives and friends.

- Forever Our Father -

Forever Our Father
Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.

You gave us years of laughter,
Of stories, faith, and song—
Now we carry all you gave us,
And in our hearts, you’re strong.

Sleep peacefully, dear Father,
Your work on earth is done—
But your light still shines upon us,
Like the ever-rising sun.

- Tribute to My Brother-in-law -

Today, I stand with a heart full of sorrow, yet overflowing with gratitude for having had the honor of calling you, my brother-in-law. You were more than family by marriage—you were truly a brother in every sense of the word. Your kindness, your laughter, your steady presence filled every room and touched every heart. You had a way of making people feel seen, loved, and safe. In moments of joy, you celebrated with us. In times of pain, you stood beside us. Your strength was quiet but powerful, and your love was always unconditional. Losing you feels like losing a part of our foundation. But I will hold onto the memories—your jokes, your hugs, your unwavering support—and treasure them always. Thank you for being who you were. You will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. Rest peacefully, dear Brother Ben. Rest in perfect peace. Amen.

