



# *Senayt Shifferaw*

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Church: St Mary of Debre Tsion

Cemetery: Manor Park Cemetery & Crematorium

Wake / Reception: Southend Hall, E6 2AA

# Order of funeral service

Words of Welcome

Prayers

Scripture Readings

Eulogy / Life Tributes

Acknowledgements

Burial at Manor park 3pm

Wake / Reception 4pm

Southend Road (9min drive from cemetery)

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the booklet)



# Life history

Our dearest Senayt Shifferaw was born in 1963 in the Ethiopian City of Dire Dawa from her father, Ato Shifferaw Desalegn and mother, Mrs. Hiwot Talarge. Her father being her early hero and Role model, she often claims to attribute her parenting style towards his. Her mother being responsible for her strength and resilience.

As one of the elder children, born 3rd of many, she lived her life obligated to looking after her younger siblings. She had an extremely protective personality. She maintained this personality until her end.

She attended St. Michael Primary School and Dire Dawa Secondary School, before attending the famous Addis Ababa Commercial School.

After graduating, she displayed bravery, sincerity and compassion, during intense political conditions, as she aimed to make a difference to a country in turmoil. However, matters became increasingly serious and dangerous resulting in her fleeing her home to start her new life in the U.K.

She created a family with Dr. Bekele Gessesse. They had two children together, Sintayeh and Senafikish, whom she loved incredibly dearly. Her legacy lives on through those she adored. Daniel, Aster, Amelia, Solomon, Tsion.

All of her family in the U.K.  
And back in Ethiopia.  
Her church and her amazing friends.



# Life history

Due to her hardworking personality, she has managed to support her family, be a friend to the wider community, make invaluable charitable contributions and be a genuine pleasure to know. Due to her kind heart, she persevered, constantly burdened herself and never stopped trying.

She has been an integral part of AGROFOREP est.1996, since its inception. In particular to the services rendered to:

- a) training for adults in the form of English language and other vocational skills
- b) homework clubs and extra tuition in order to help young people realise and attain their full academic potential and social achievements, and
- c) provision of information, advice and guidance services in education, training, health, citizenship and employment

She has also been providing assistance and sponsorships to disadvantaged children in Ethiopia via the St. Arsema Association. They are responsible for positively impacting the lives of over 400 children (and counting), by covering the basic costs of schooling, clothing and food. They are also responsible for helping mothers in need where they can.

Senayt was praying daily for her people and struggled to stop and prevent acts of genocide and population displacement in Ethiopia. It is her dream for race and religion to not be mitigating factors in deciding one's right to life and prosperity. Please carry on praying for her, and in her place and fighting her good fight.

Let us pray that her soul rests in Heaven, next to everybody she has been missing here on Earth.



# Senafikish's Tribute

If roses grow in heaven lord  
Please pick a bunch for me  
Place them in my mothers arms and tell her they are from me  
Tell her that I love and miss her  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy, I do it everyday  
But there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.

In loving memory of my mother

Mummy, I wish we had more time together, that god would let you stay..  
forever wouldn't be enough but I would love an extra day.

Although your no longer here with me, no longer my earthly guide, I can  
feel your love warmth and wisdom forever here inside.

Saying goodbye to you is the hardest thing I've ever had to do. Now god  
has given you your wings, to heaven it's time you flew. Mummy I miss you  
so much, save me a place and I'll see you soon. Until then then we will see  
your legacy through

Rest in eternal peace mummy! I love you soo much!





# Asters Tribute

Seney, since you passed away,  
life just hasn't been the same,  
I would move heaven & earth  
to have you here with me again.



The time we spent together  
meant the world to me.  
You're laughter & your precious smile  
as we grew so happily.

I'm so grateful for the years we had  
and the closeness that we shared  
Your heart so kind & thoughtful  
I always knew you truly cared

You were a wonderful person  
I miss you with no end,  
But more than just my family I've lost a very special friend..

I hope and pray you are in eternal love and peace.  
You have been my strongest support and guidance throughout my life.  
Everyday together, loving and caring for each other.

I truly hope you are somewhere good – so you can rest and be happy.

I love you!

# Sintayeh's Tribute

Hey ma,

I wish I were as good to you as you were to me. I wish other people had parents like you because it isn't fair that they don't. I'm grateful to have experienced your love and care. I still feel your love and presence every day. I still laugh at your jokes even though you're not here to make them and I follow your advice even more now than I did when you were.

Nobody can make me see sense like you did and although I knew not to take you for granted. I still did. You may be the only person in the world capable of understanding me. We were always on the same team. I know how much you love me. I know that if I needed anything you were there. You never forced me to live by unnecessary principles and you protected me from way more than I ever knew

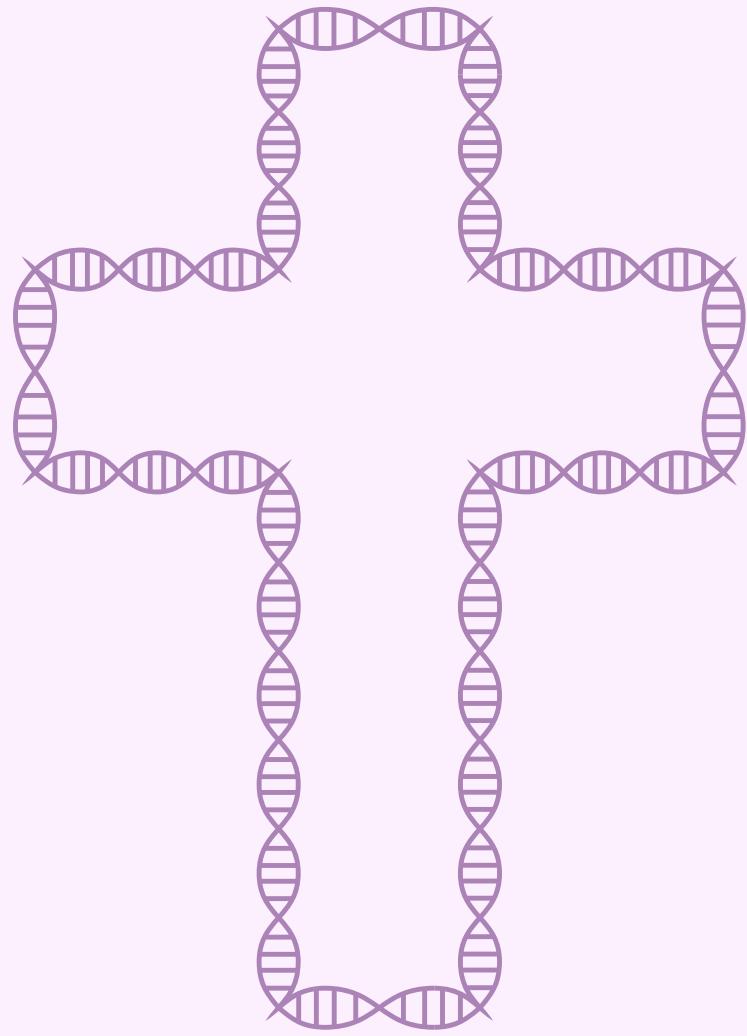
I promise I won't let you down.

Please pass peacefully,

I miss you, I love you and I hope we meet again. Until then...

Forever proud to be your son,

Sintayeh Demelash Bekele Gessesse



The family would like to thank you for joining us and welcome  
you for refreshments at Southend hall following burial.

### Burial:

3pm Manor Park Cemetery & Crematorium. London, E7 0NF

### Reception:

4:30 Southend Hall, Southend Road, London, E6 2AA