

A Tribute to our Mom on the 1st Anniversary of her Passing

*In honor of our Mom,
Late Hon. Dr. Mrs. Rachel Celestine Epoupa Lyonga
(May 20, 1948 - August 11, 2013)*

20 below Zero

*What a cold morning it is
What a cloudy morning it is
Though the thermostat reads 78 degrees
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*Picked up the phone and called home
Hearing Nathalie's voice, holding back tears
She sounded strong, I dare not break down
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*As I spoke to Dad, there was a quiver
Chills of the emptiness in his voice
Sends a sharp reminder of your absence
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*

*Tears start flowing but I dare not break
As they get ready for mass in your honor
With rains pouring from heavens open gate
Oh, why does it feel like 20 below zero*


*With much strength not to reveal my state of mind
I murmured, "Have a good day, I will say a prayer"
I sat back and remembered this day, a year ago
Oh, why does it still feel like 20 below zero*

*Your passing still feels like an arrow through my heart
It does not get any better, but I have to be strong
For Nato looks up to me, and Dad relies on me for strength
Oh, how can it still feel like 20 below zero*

*Missed calls, laughter, advice, disagreements,
Missed the Birthday songs you sang,
Missed the Easter, Christmas & New Year's calls
Missed the Mother's day calls, your Birthday calls and "just to hear you" calls*

*Mom, on this day of your first anniversary away
We continue to wish you eternal rest with our LORD
We pray the Lord keeps you safe and free from
All the jealousy, competition, and hatred*

*May your legacy continue to live in those you've touched?
May the angels blast their trumpets in your honor
May our GOD continue to smile and say
My daughter "A job well done; now, rest from your labor"*



*For with LOVE and Faith, you served your God
For with LOVE and Compassion you served others
For with LOVE and Humility you taught us how to serve
For with LOVE and Principles you made us who we are today*

*By your example, your legacy will live forever
By our faith, we believe you are in a better place
Hopefully, the temperature will gradually warm up
But, oh my!!! Does it still feel like 20 below zero*

*You will forever be missed
We Love you Mom and will forever do
Good night and Sleep tight
20 below is now the temp of our hearts
That was once a comfortable 80 degrees with you just a call and trip away.*

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