



## Elizabeth Ama Croffie

April 20, 1940 - May 17, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Elizabeth Ama Croffie.

Elizabeth Ama Croffie, 86, of Woodstock, VA passed away May 17, 2026, at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. A funeral mass will be held Saturday June 13 at 10:30am at St. John Bosco Catholic Church. Father Tran will officiate. Burial will follow at Massanutten Cemetery.

Ms. Croffie was born April 20, 1940, in Ghana, daughter of the late William and Theresa Araba Aggrey Croffie. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church and was a Medical Doctor for Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana.

### Biography

Elizabeth Ama Croffie was born on April 20, 1940, in Winneba, Ghana, to the late William Aloysius Croffie and Theresa Kwegyiriba Croffie (née Aggrey) of Cape Coast. She was the 11th child of twelve siblings. Raised in a disciplined Catholic home by her father, who was a strict disciplinarian. Elizabeth was nurtured in strong moral and spiritual values from an early age. It was therefore no surprise that she attended the prestigious OLA (Our Lady of Assumption) Girls School and later Holy Child Secondary School in Cape Coast, Ghana.

During her school years, Elizabeth distinguished herself not only academically but also athletically. She excelled in sports, particularly in the 100-yard dash

(now the 100 meters) and discus throwing, among other athletic disciplines and represented her country in the Olympic games.

After graduating from secondary school, she was awarded a scholarship by the Government of Ghana under the then Sports Minister, Ohene Djan, to undertake a coaching course in Germany. While in Germany, Elizabeth discovered her deeper passion for medicine and made the life-changing decision to pursue a medical career. She subsequently moved to the then Soviet Union, where she studied Medicine in Kharkov then USSR, now called Russia.

She returned to Ghana in 1969 and began her distinguished medical career at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, where she served as a Principal Medical Officer at both the hospital and the Polyclinic. She worked diligently in the Accident Center as well as the Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Department until her retirement in the year 2000.

Throughout her years of service, Dr. Elizabeth Ama Croffie earned admiration and praise from colleagues, friends, and patients alike. She became affectionately known as “The People’s Doctor” because of her compassion, dedication, and exceptional care for all who came under her treatment. She was especially known for warmly attending to the children and friends of her own children from Accra Academy and St. Mary's Senior High School whenever they visited the hospital for medical care.

Elizabeth was a staunch Christian and devoted Catholic who wholeheartedly dedicated herself to her faith and the spiritual upbringing of her children. She actively participated in charitable works led by Father Campbell and Father Filton Mensah at the Martyrs of Uganda Catholic Church and Star of the Sea Catholic Church respectively. Her generosity and compassion were evident through her donations to the Accra leprosarium and her support of the church through the adoption of pews.

In the year 2000, Elizabeth moved to the United States to spend time with her children and grandchildren. While there, she became a devoted member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, where she continued to practice and live out her

faith faithfully.

On May 17, 2026, after returning home from Sunday Mass, death laid its icy hands upon her at the age of 86. Though her passing has left an irreplaceable void, her life remains a shining testimony of faith, service, discipline, compassion, and love.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Isaac Kojo DeGraft Mensah, and her son, Isaac DeGraft Mensah.

She is survived by her children: Gladys Brown, Joojo Mensah Croffie, Anthony Degraft Mensah; sibling: Thomas Kwesi Minta Croffie; grandchildren, \_Kayla Mensah-Croffie, Marley Mensah-Croffie, Alexis Mensah-Croffie, Jessica Mensah-Croffie, Jennifer Mensah-Croffie, Isaac Brown and Tyler Brown

In lieu of flowers memorial monetary donations may be made to the family through Zelle, Gladys Brown 703-310-9245

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Heishman Funeral Service Branch, Woodstock.

# Cemetery Details

## Massanutten Cemetery

Benchoff Drive  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Bosco Catholic Church  
315 N. Main Street  
Woodstock, VA 22664