



Chinwe Grace Okonkwo

February 26, 1958 - August 12, 2026

Wichita, Kansas

Chinwe Grace Okonkwo died in Wichita on August 12, 2026. She was 68. Born on February 26, 1958, with Nigerian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She taught injections and bedside manners in the same breath. Students kept her laminated dosage card as a relic; patients kept the calm she modeled. Colleagues still mention a laminated dosage card in her purse.

She married Chidi in 1982. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Chidi died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Wichita, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

A memorial gathering in Wichita with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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