

# Late Dowen College pupil Oromoni's sister mourns mother's death

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Blessing, a sister of the Dowen College student who died in controversial circumstances in 2021, Sylvester Jnr, has mourned the death of her mother, Mrs Rosemary Oromoni, who reportedly passed away on November 25, 2024, *PUNCH Metro* learnt

Mrs Oromoni was said to have “succumbed to an intermittent blood pressure-related illness.”

Family and close associates of the deceased confirmed the news in a series of condolence messages shared on social media on Tuesday.

The Executive Chairman of Ughelli North Local Government Area, Jaro Egbo, in a Facebook post, confirmed the development, as he offered condolences to the family.

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In the pictures of his condolence visit to Oromoni Snr on November 28, shared on Facebook by the Ughelli North Local Government Council, Egbo was said to have described Mrs Oromoni's sudden death as shocking and painful.

He added that she passed away at a time when her presence would be needed most by the husband.

The caption partly read, “Mrs. Oromoni's passing has left a void in the lives of those who knew her.

“On behalf of my immediate family and the good people of Ughelli North Local Government Area, I expressed my heartfelt condolences to my dear brother, friend, and great colleague on the passing of his beloved wife, Mrs. Rosemary Oromoni.”

Blessing, a sister of the late Sylvester, identified as b\_anuta247, also shared a post on her Instagram story on Tuesday containing a prayer for those who are grieving.

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The post partly read, “Dear God, we pray for those who are grieving today. Please, wrap your loving arms around them and bring them comfort in their sorrow. Remind them that You are near to the brokenhearted and your presence brings peace even in the deepest pain.”

Mrs. Oromoni's death sparked an outpouring of sympathy on social media, with many reflecting on the journey the family has endured since Sylvester's tragic death. Some however linked her passing to the unresolved grief she carried.

Controversy trailed the death of Sylvester after a family member alleged that the Junior Secondary School 2 pupil died from the injuries he sustained during an assault by colleagues who allegedly wanted to initiate him into cultism.

Meanwhile, the school claimed he died after an injury he sustained during a football match.

Meanwhile, *PUNCH Metro* reports that the father rejected the judgment of the Coroner's Inquest which indicted him, his wife and the family doctor for their son's death.

He said it was not the end of the case, as the medical expert did not give them a concluding result of the black substance that was found in their son's stomach.

The Coroner's Inquest that looked into the findings of the death of Sylvester Oromoni Jnr exonerated Downen College and the five students who were accused of bullying, beating, and forcing the deceased to drink a substance

that allegedly caused his death and indicted the deceased's parents and family doctor of negligence.

The coroner, Magistrate Mikhail Kadiri, in his judgment at the Ogba Magistrate Court, held that Downen College, its staff members, and the five students namely, Favour Benjamin, 16; Edward Begue (16); Ansel Temile (14); Kenneth Inyang and Michael Kashamu, 16, son of the late Senator Buruji Kashamu, did not play any role that led to the death of Oromoni.

He cleared the school of any negligence as well as the five senior students accused of bullying the deceased and administering a poisonous substance to him.