

MY MUM, DAD, GRANDMA DIED SAME DAY AFTER EATING FUNERAL MEAT — UGONNA EZE

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It was another dinner in the house of Mr. Simon Eze of Amakofia village, Ukehe community in Igbo-Etiti Local Government Area of Enugu State. Five of 13 members of the family ate the meal which was garnished with beef. However, two hours after the meal, two of those who ate the meal began

vomiting blood. And in quick succession, the family lost three parents: father, mother and paternal grandma, who ate the meal.

Oriental News gathered that the death of the trio, Mr Simon Eze, 55; Mrs Christiana Eze, 45 (wife); and Mrs Donetina Eze (the mother to Mr. Eze) was not unconnected with alleged beef poisoned at a funeral by unknown persons in the community.

It was alleged that the poisoned beef from the funeral was sent to Mrs Donetina Eze as the eldest daughter of the family in the com-

munity.

A reliable source from Ukehe explained that after the funeral of one of the community dwellers in late February, as the tradition demands, special part of the beef was sent to the late grandma as the oldest daughter in the community through an unknown commercial motorcycle operator.

And few days after the delivery, the trio started vomiting blood which led to their death.

Narrating the ugly incident to Oriental News, the first son of the

family, Mr Ugonna Eze said the incident has literally shattered the joy which has hitherto existed in the family.

Mr Eze said that the day was the saddest day of his life as he watched his three parents die on the same day.

His words: "I watched my dad, mum and grandma die the same day. It was so traumatic for me in particular because I was with each and every one of them when they died; and the entire family in general because we share the same level of relationship with them."

Eze, a third-year student of Radiography of the University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus (UNEC) said that he received the shocking news of their vomiting blood when he was in school.

"I was in school on a Wednesday when my younger sister Chidimma called me on phone to inform me that my mother and my paternal grandma, who has been staying with us, were hospitalized as a result of the meat they ate the previous night.