



## Flood sweeps away bride-tobe, months to wedding

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A 31-year-old lady, Olivia Ihionu, who was supposed to get married in five months' time, has been swept away by flood at Uke village in Idemli North Local Government Area of Anambra State. The incident occurred on August 15, when she went for a church service at Adoration Ministry in the village. She was said to be trying to ease herself when she fell into a canal. She swept away by flood.

Olivia was engaged to her husband-to-be last December and was preparing for her wedding slated for December. Olivia's body was later found the following day at a neighbouring village by a search party. Her bereaved brother, Ben Chuks Ihionu, took to his Facebook account and poured a heart-breaking tribute for Olivia.

He wrote: "I have been dreading to post this tribute. I can't believe you are gone my sister. To think we went from planning a wedding to preparing for your burial, I will miss you terribly; sleep on sweet sister. I'm sure you are in a better place. I love you and I will forever miss you, Olivia."

A family member, Celestine Ebubeogu, said in another tribute that Olivia bagged two Master's degrees from a university in England and did her compulsory one year National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). She was hopeful of getting a better job when death took her away.

He wrote: "She was a lovely and vibrant sister who has been taken away too early and so sudden. She was my favourite. Just got engaged to a young handsome gentleman she so much loved.

We were all looking forward to the wedding this December. "Here was a child who had it all. Beautiful, intelligent and virtuous; even her smile could also melt steal. We will miss you dear. Good night.

"Olivia was my photographer last Wednesday (recently) during my brother's inauguration and she took a million pictures for me. Her last post on Facebook is what we are using for her obituary. Adieu my friend."