



Biography

of *Professor* **Theresa Bassey Ekanem** 1963 - 2021

Prof Theresa Bassey Ekanem fondly called TheresB by her friends was born in 1963 in Calabar, Cross River State. A native of Uyo in Uyo local government area of Akwa Ibom State. She was the first female professor of Anatomy in Nigeria and pioneer Professor in the department of Anatomical Sciences, University of Calabar. She started working in the University of Calabar on the 22nd of July, 1986 as a graduate assistant and rose to the rank of a professor in 2013.

She was head of department twice from 1999 to 2002 and 2004 to 2006, a responsibility of which she was weary of handling and decided to motivate the younger one to come up and relieve her so that she can face other academic activities and the postgraduate programmes which was her desire to start.

She held the following positions before her demise on the 10th March, 2021

Deputy Provost of college of Medical sciences, University of Calabar. (Twice)

Former President of Neuroscience Society of Nigeria

Current President of Anatomical Society of Nigeria

Current member of the IBRO governing council.

Pioneered resuscitation of ASN in calabar, Reactivated NSN with Prof Amadi

Regional secretary to SONA in 2013

Hosted ACURET (Association on Animal care and Use in Research, Education and Testing), an international conference in Calabar.

A member of several associations and scientific bodies

While on sick bed, appointed Chairman of the Anticorruption and Transparency monitoring unit

A knight of the Catholic church

A biological mother of 2, academic mother of thousands and religious mother of many. Is it true that good people die young?

It is a painful exit

Farewell Mother