

h! eni rere lo! O di arinnako, o di oju ala! Lord, we can not query you o. When I saw your photograph on Facebook, I was thinking that it was your birthday. Alas! it was an announcement of your passing away!

I screamed and my children ran to my room thinking something happened to me.I wept bitterly. It was unbelievable.

Your demise is a rude shock but who are we to ask questions.

I could remember your association with us at Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Ijanikin-Lagos, and the way you called us before we retired. Our friends such as:

Mrs.Bolanle Idowu Somoye - Mom - Dee

Mrs. Elizabeth Adenike Ajayi - Nike or Iya Ajayi

Mrs. Modupe Lawal. -lya Lawi lawi

Dr. Mrs. Ann Ibidunni Fabiyi (of blessed memory) Iya Fab.

Mrs. Felicia Badaiki (of blessed memory) Feli bobontin and myself

 ${\sf Dns.}({\sf Dr.})\,{\sf Rebecca\,Omoyiola\,Fagbohun-Iya\,Fag.}$ 

Mrs. Somoye always called you:

De - hin- de and I called you Baba A-go -ro

You were loved and respected by many people because of your enthusiasm always.

We sorely missed you.

Sleep on beloved of God.

I pray that the Lord will stand by your wife our sister, and your children in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Adieu! Sleep on till the resurrection morning! It is good night.

#### **BOLA ASHIRU**

riting these words breaks my heart and feels so unreal. You may not be my biological father but you have treated me like your daughter since the first day I met you, and for that I am greatful. Your passion for God, your commitment to your family and your caring and loving attitude towards others will be your legacy.

I am still quite sad but one thing that gives me comfort is knowing that you fought the good fight of faith to the bitter end. I will miss hearing your voice, your laughter and your prayers. My last visual of you was that of someone who was resting so I pray that you continue to rest in peace, Rest in power and Rest in the Lord.

#### **IROSO ONAMADE**

#### MY DARLING "BABA -OKO"

To say 'he has created a vacuum that no one can fill' will be an understatement. He was always there giving me words of encouragement.

A perfect host on my visits to Boston

He would personally look in the fridge and bring out all the varieties of food therein.

Then I would ask him to please go and sit down, that I can sort myself out.

Even at that, he would still get up saying there is also this or that.

Then I would slam him with my verdict.

" E FE NA OWO. OGBON KIN MA NI KE 'ORDER CHINESE' FUN MI NIYEN. '

With that statement, I ordered the boast.

He would go down memory lane to remind me of 'AGORO BOGUNBOLU'.

Then he would conclude by promising to take me to "ALL YOU CAN EAT".

And of course Vicky would laugh at us that it is a \$5 OR \$10 place he wants to take me to.

Such were the jokes we cracked in Boston, that I can never forget.

Adieu my darling 'BABA OKO '. O di arinako otun dojuala.

I am assured of your place in heaven, as you made peace with your maker.

It is well!

#### **BIOLA AGUSTO AGORO**

addy was a very active member of the Winners Chapel International, Massachusetts Hospitality Unit.

He loved to serve and he served with zeal. He was always on ground with a pleasant smile on his face to welcome new members, first time guests as well as new Converts. Daddy was humble even though he was the oldest member of the unit. He respectfully give and offered his wisdom where and when needed.

You have left a vaccum in the unit. We miss you but we take comfort in the truth that you are with our Lord Jesus.

It still doesn't seem real that you are gone daddy. Good night daddy. We love you, till we meet again.

#### **OLUWAYEMISI FALADE**

(Unit Head)

On behalf of Winners Chapel International, Massachusetts, USA. Hospitality Unit.



will forever remember the zealous attitude of Baba towards serving in his unit at winners chapel woburn mass.

Watching him perform his hospitality duties on every Sunday service with so much joy and happiness. Always well dressed, with a smile and kind words to all.

The fortune that Baba Agoro left behind will forever live and transform/ challenge us all as church workers.

An Angel and a great gift you were to us all that knew you.

"YOU WERE INDEED A GOOD MAN"

You will forever be missed by your beautiful family and us all. Thank you for everything that you represented to us, we love you, but God loves you most.

Continue to rest in God's Bosom (Matt 25: 21) SIS. VIVIAN ONAIWU (Head of Decoration Unit)

# A TRIBUTE IN LOVING MEMORY OF OLADEINDE OLASUNKANMI AGORO

"The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalms 90:10-22 NKJV

One hardly think of the possibilities of writing a tribute to celebrate the life of a good friend and a long time Colleague. Therefore, when this happens, there is a temporary halt in ones spirit and a nostalgic journey back over the trails through which you have come together.

Deinde Agoro was a friend from my youth. He dated my friend Victoria Yayo, pursuing her from her teenage years and eventually married her. Their first child Olajumoke was, and still is a joy to our circle of friends. We (Victoria's young girlfriends) will flock to their house on Modupe Johnson Crescent regularly to take our turns playing with the adorable child while the grandmothers look on. My bonding with Deinde started from this early age. As fate will have it, Oladeinde joined the services of the Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (AOCOED, then known as Lagos State College of Education (LACOED) where I was already a lecturer in 1982. We immediately reconnected and our friendship blossomed.

Deinde brought a wealth of experience with him that enhanced a rapid development of the College. He was committed to excellence and the Fine Art Department where he served diligently brought the College lots of laurels as they excelled at State and National competitions. He worked hard and went through the rungs of the academic and professional ladder, getting to the top as the Dean of his faculty and eventually becoming the Deputy Provost of the College. He was committed and hardworking often representing the College on the National front as a Moderator of the National Certificate of Education ( NCE) Programme, as coordinator of Distance Learning Programmes, as a Coordinator of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Examinations and many more such functions.

He was a brilliant Academician with several publication to his name as well as commissioned papers presented at conferences and at special occasions.

A season artist of high repute, Deinde designed and produced \*the College Crest which is still in use for the Oyo State College of Ila Orogun ( now in Osun State); "Relief Structural Mural for Lagos State Government at Maryland Junction Ikeja; designed three sets of greeting cards for the Federal Ministry of Defence, Lagos in the years 1992, 1992 and 1993. He also produced greeting cards for AOCOED Governing Council in 1991/92. He designed and corporate Crest and Logo being used by the AOCOED Staff School in 1995. He was the College Calligrapher for the AOCOED Certificate since 1986. He produced the Crest/Logo for Festac Town , (Country Club in 1998,) among other such productions.

Deinde was socially responsible and responsive. He was a member of the Rotary Club International, District 9110, Nigeria (Rotary Club of Otto/Ijanikin the Community where ACOED is situated. He served in several capacity as Secretary 1988/89; Vice President 1989/90; President 1990/91 and Director of Community Service, International Service at different periods between 1991 and 2005.

He was a member of Eko Club, an exclusive and highly prestigious club for indegenes of Lagos State since 1992.

Deinde transformed the League of Chief Lecturers of the College during his Chairmanship of the League, creating better understanding, love and camaraderie among members. A proud Lagosian, he did all he could to promote the interest of Lagos, his State of origin and through all that, remained a detribalized Nigerian.

He was an excellent team player, open and outspoken, having no time for pretences. Sometimes he will get angry and vent, but will not sin as he would not allow the sun to set on his anger. In his hilarious and fun loving way, he would often make the first move towards reconciliation. He had no stomach for long time anger nor for malice. How could I have known that the last time I would see him was when he visited me on a Sunday evening at Boston with his son Nnamdi when I was visiting with Tunji Onamade and his family in April 2016?

Deinde was witty and humorous. He had a way of making people laugh. He was also very generous. He would often share his breakfast of delicious sandwich and delightful mixture of hot cocoa laced coffee with friends and also partake of what others brought to the table.

Deinde was from a Muslim background. He however became a Christian and accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour. He would never overlook an open door to declare the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to testify of His mercies and faithfulness.

Oladeinde was a loving and devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He was a benefactor of many and his crown awaits him in Paradise.

Adieu my friend and brother till we meet on the resurrection morn. Adieu.

Loving memories.

#### **ELIZABETH ADENIKE AJAYI**

r. Oladeinde Agoro ( alias my darling). The news of your sudden demise came to me as a shock. It took me time to believe. I have not gotten over it till date.

Mr. Agoro always wanted the best for everyone around him. He lectured and tutored us - Vicky, Sade & I at Ijanikin until we achieved our NCE Certificate with success.

There is no dull moment with him. Very jovial, strong and brilliant.

We love you but God love you more.

I pray you keep on resting in the Lord.

Mrs. FUNMI OSUNTUYI.

#### TO A BROTHER AND A FRIEND

Baba D. Our last meeting at Festac is still fresh in our memory. Yes, Festac. So much to say about Festac. So much to say about the love you had for Nike and I. So much to say about your care and your generosity. That last meeting was however special. After being away for quite some time you had so much to talk about and we actually did a lot of catching up.

Of the many things you spoke about, we were particularly delighted to hear the details of how God gave you a second chance. This was especially so because you gave a graphic account of every moment you could remember. We were much happier when you told us of your resolve to serve God 'till the end. What a wise decision!

We take solace in this your singular resolve and are persuaded that by His grace, that time of greater rejoicing awaits us when, in the words of that song by Eliza E. Hewitt, we shall all be able to sing and shout the victory.

Trully,

"When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!"

It is our prayer that God will console your wife, Victoria, your children, the entire family and friends left behind and count everyone worthy in His sight. Amen..

#### **DURO AND NIKE FAWEHINMI**

first came in contact with 'Deinde in the very early '80s when he secured an appointment with the Lagos State College of education Oto-Ijanikin.

Our relationship became more cordial and closer when his daughter Jumoke and my son 'Tunji gained admission into the University of Calabar in Cross River State Nigeria.

Since that time, the Agoro Family took my son as theirs giving him all the parental care they give their children

As a member of the Forum of Elders "Ijoko Agba", 'Deinde had been very persevering and



straightforward to assist members solve problems on domestic, social and academic issues.

'Deinde, a socialite, was a complete gentleman to core. The roles he played in the Forum of Elders made possible for it to exist even until today. The Rotary club International was only possible because of him. He was involved in the academic environment of Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (formerly LACOED), Oto-Ijanikan where he rose to be the Deputy Provost of the college. He shall always be remembered. We miss you 'Deinde, continue to rest in the bosom of the Lord.

**MOSES OLUDAYO ONAMADE** 

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The Family of Mr. Oladeinde O. Agoro, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

Dear Madam,

#### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

The Management and Staff of the West African Examinations Council received with shock the news of the demise of your husband, father, grandfather, late Mr. Oladeinde Olasunkanmi Agoro.

Mr. Oladeinde O. Agoro served the West African Examinations Council in varying capacities as an Examiner for about three (3) decades. He also represented the Lagos Office of the Council at various International Meetings held for Visual Art. His contributions led to tremendous development in Visual Art at the Senior Secondary School level. He will be greatly missed.

Indeed, we are grieved that we have lost a great and seasoned artist, mentor, educator and intellectual at this time, but the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom knows that he had completed his life course.

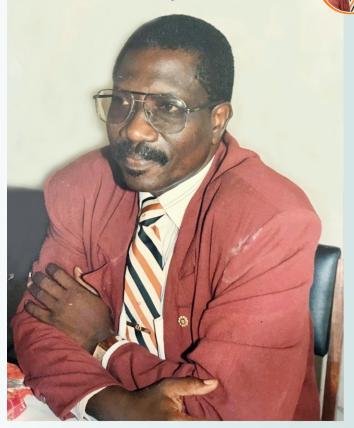
Please accept our sincere condolences.

Thank you.

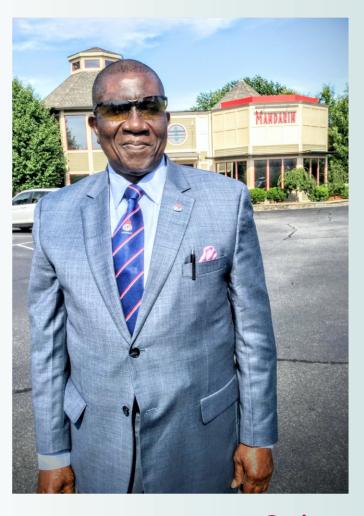
Yours faithfully,

F. N. Iweha-Onukwu (Mrs.), SDR/HOD (TD).

for: Head of National Office.







































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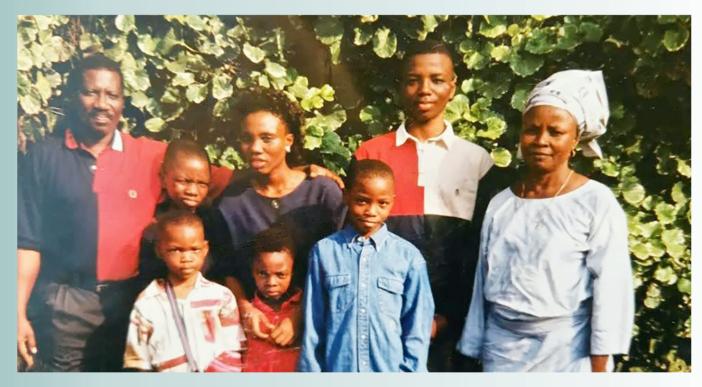






























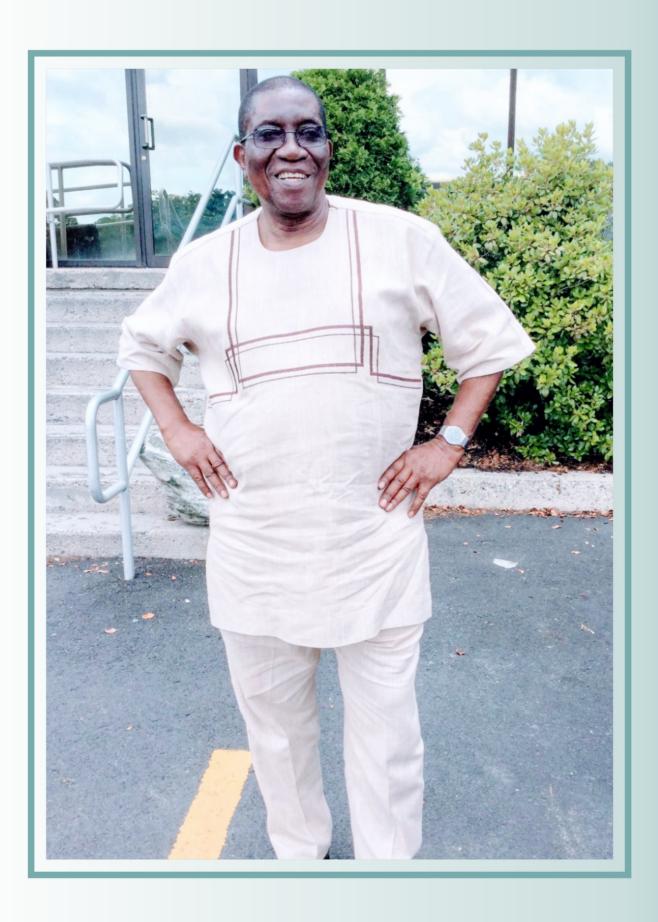








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# CAppreciation

We are grateful to God for the successful completion of a glorious home going celebration for a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and most importantly son of God: Mr Oladeinde Agoro. We sincerely thank and appreciate everyone; individuals, churches, organizations, friends and loved ones for all the show of love and support through condolenses, prayers, phonecalls, gifts, and so much more. May Almighty God continue to bless and prosper everyone of you abundantly. Thank you.

Family of late Oladeinde Agoro.