

ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE
ADEYEMI

A Life of Devotion & Service

(1936-2024)

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

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ORDER OF SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
OF OUR BELOVED IN THE LORD

Pa Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi

WHO SLEPT IN THE LORD ON FRIDAY JULY 19TH 2024

AGED 88 YEARS

LIVING FAITH CHURCH

FIRST CHURCH

AJASE-IPO ROAD, OFFA GARAGE

ILORIN, KWARA STATE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

10:00 AM

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

PASTOR JOSEPH ABIODUN

PASTOR OLADELE FOLARIN

PASTOR PHILIP ADEDIJI

AND OTHER ANOINTED MEN OF GOD



ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE & WORSHIP
3. HYMN 1: BLESSED ASSURANCE
4. BIBLE READING: PS. 90:1-12 KJV
5. BIOGRAPHY OF THE DEPARTED
6. TESTIMONIES: CHURCH / CHILDREN / FAMILY / NEIGHBOURS
7. CHOIR MINISTRATION
8. THE WORD
9. SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS
11. VOTE OF THANKS
12. HYMN 2: HOW GREAT THOU ART
13. HYMN 2: HOW GREAT THOU ART
14. CLOSING PRAYER /BENEDICTION

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRAISE & WORSHIP

3. HYMN 1: BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

4. BIBLE READING: PS. 90:1-12 KJV

¹ Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

³ Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

⁶ In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

⁷ For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

⁸ Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

⁹ For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

¹² So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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13. HYMN 2: HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God, When I, in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

14. CLOSING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CALL TO GLORY

ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI

(SEPT 30, 1936 – JULY 19, 2024)

ORDER OF FUNERAL PROGRAMME

INTERMENT SERVICE:

ADEYEMI'S FAMILY HOUSE

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

FIRST ECWA CHURCH AUDITORIUM,

ODO-ERE, KOGI STATE

12 NOON – 1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

1. REV. DR. ADEBAYO SAMUEL - (CHAIRMAN, ODO-ERE DCC)
2. REV. EKUNDAYO, T.T. - SECRETARY, ODO-ERE DCC)
3. REV. M.S. AJAYI - 5TH ECWA, CHURCH ODO-ERE
4. REV. ADEYEMI, B.A. - LOCAL OVERSEER, 6TH ECWA
5. REV. AMUJO, M.K. - ECWA, BETHEL
6. REV. S.A. ALONGE - ECWA, GBARAGA
7. REV. AREMU, E.O. - HOST MINISTER
8. PASTOR OLADELE, S.A - 7TH ECWA CHURCH
9. PASTOR DOTUN SALAKO - ECWA, AKATA ERE
10. PASTOR TUNDE AINA - ECWA, CHAPEL OF GRACE
11. PASTOR JOHN SANDA - ECWA, IBARU
12. PASTOR E.S. PELEMO - 3RD ECWA CHURCH, OKUTA DUDU, ODO-ERE
13. PASTOR ADEBAYO OLUWATOSIN PETER - LIVING FAITH CHURCH, ODO ERE
14. PASTOR MOSES AREMU - LIVING FAITH CHURCH, ODO ERE
15. PASTOR JOHN ABOLAJI - LIVING FAITH CHURCH, ODO ERE

INTERMENT PROGRAMME (ETO ISINKU)

- 1. PRAYER (ADURA)**
- 2. CHORUSES (ORIN ASAYAN)**
- 3. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – EHB (NEW) 570 A O PADE LETI ODO**

1. A o pada leti odo
T'ese Angeli ti te
T'o mo gara bi Kristiali,
Leba ite Olorun

Egbe: A o pade leti Odo
Odo didan, Odo didan na
Pel' awon mimo leba odo
T'o nсан leba ite ni

2. Leti bebe odo naa yi
Pel' Olusaguntan wa
A o maa rin. A o maa sin
B' ati ntele 'pase Re.

3. K'a to de odo didan na
A o s'eru wa kale
Jesu, y'o gba eru ese
Awon ti yo de l'ade

4. Nje; leba odo tutu naa,
A o r'uju Olugbala;
Emi wa ki o pinya mo
Yi o korin ogo Re

4. INTERMENT (ISINKU)

5. PRAYER AND BENEDICTION (ADURA ATI ORE-OFE)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. ORIN IYIN (PRAISES) - MAIN CHOIR
2. IPE SI ISIN (CALL TO WORSHIP)
3. ORIN GBOGBO IJO (CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – 466)
4. BIBELI KIKA (SCRIPTURE READING)
5. IJERI (TESTIMONIES)
 - I. CHILDREN
 - II. FAMILY
6. ADURA FUN IDILE (PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY)
7. KIKA ITAN IGBES'AYE OLOOGBE (READING OF BIOGRAPHY OF THE DECEASED)
8. ORIN ADAKO (SPECIAL NUMBER) - FIRST ECWA MAIN CHOIR
9. IWASU (SERMON)
10. IKEDE (ANNOUNCEMENT)
11. IDUPE (THANKSGIVING)
12. ADURA ATI ORE-OFE (PRAYER AND BENEDICTION)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (ORIN GBOGBO IJO) – EHB (NEW) 466

Moti Gburo Iekan

1. Mo ti gburo 'lekan, lona jijin rere
Bibeli l'o so 'tan naa fun mi;
Bi t'aniyan ko si, ti 'banuje ko si,
Ko s'ohun ti y'o baje lai;

Egbe: Ni ile daadaa naa, l'eti ebute naa,
Ko si iji ti nfe buruku,
A so fun mi pe, wura ni 'ta re
Imole ni lojoojumo

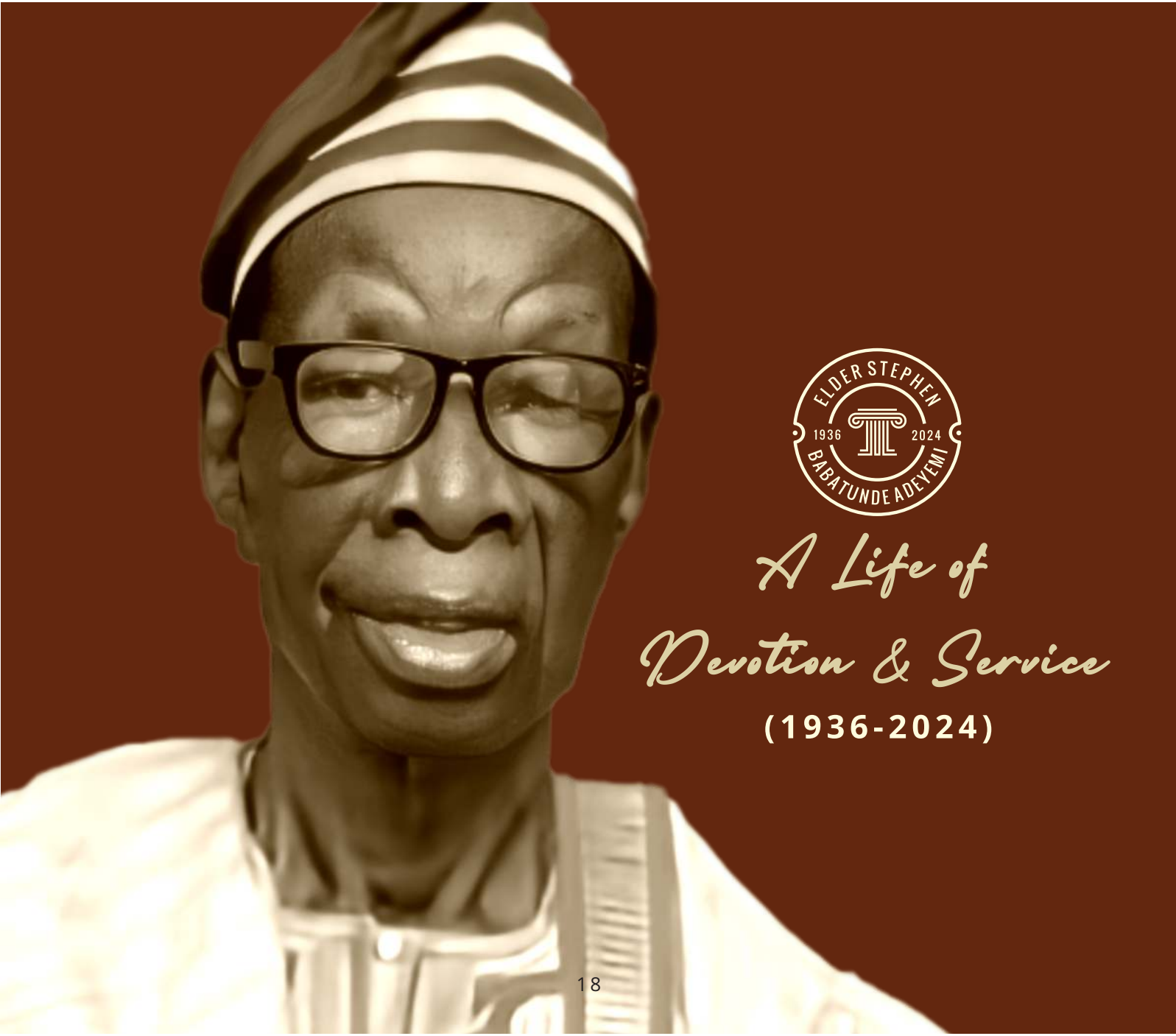
2. Alaiwowe 'gi mbe, t'afefe nfe lele,
Eso won si danju wura lo;
Harp orin mbe fun wa, ni ile, daadaa naa,
Ko s'ohun ti y'o baje lai.
3. Ile wani 'le naa, lowo 'tun Baba wa,
L'opolopo 'bugbe ayo wa,
Ati 'sun ti kii gbe, bi t'eiye ti nkorin
Ko s'ohun ti y'o baje lai.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[p] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Romans Chapter Eight

Verses 38 & 39



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A Legacy of Resilience, Service, and Unwavering Faith

In the quiet town of Odo-Ere, Kogi State, on June 30, 1936, a mighty cry pierced the air, heralding the arrival of Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi. Born to Reuben and Susan Omoniyi Adeyemi, Babatunde was the second child to grace their home. His birth was seen as more than just a new life; it was believed to be the return of his grandfather, a great warrior and community leader who had passed away in 1935. This belief was reinforced by two striking signs: the distinctive arrangement of hair on one side of Babatunde's head, mirroring his grandfather's, and the remarkable strength of his voice, reminiscent of the elder's commanding tone.

Childhood and Early Education

Young Babatunde, affectionately known as "Elemu" due to his grandfather's occupation as a palm wine tapper, grew up in a world of curiosity and adventure. His formal education began in 1943 at SIM/ECWA Primary School in Odo-Ere, where he was among the first pupils. Babatunde's academic promise was evident early on; he completed Standard 1 with good grades in 1946 and ranked among the top 3 in his class in Standard 2.

However, the education path was not smooth for young Babatunde. In 1947, financial challenges led his father to send him to Ibadan to complete his primary education. This decision, made with the best intentions, inadvertently resulted in a significant setback. Babatunde remained unregistered in any school for an entire year, which deeply concerned his father upon discovery.

Determined to rectify this situation, Babatunde's father arranged for his return to Odo-Ere. In 1948, showing remarkable resilience, Babatunde completed Primary 3 at United School Odo-Ere. In 1949, he joined SIM Yagba

West Central School for his Primary four studies.

A Detour and Return to Education

Despite his academic potential, financial struggles plagued Babatunde's educational journey. In a heart-wrenching decision, he dropped out during Primary 5. Unable to bear the pitying looks of his classmates due to his inability to pay school fees, Babatunde made the difficult choice to leave school without informing his parents or teachers.

This decision led the young Babatunde to Ilorin, where he joined the ranks of vehicle boys, assisting lorry drivers in loading and offloading goods. Babatunde's early education proved invaluable, setting him apart from his peers. His ability to read and write made him a preferred choice among the drivers, opening up opportunities for extensive travel across Nigeria.

From Jebba to New Bussa, Bida to Kotangora, Mokwa to Omu-Aran, and as far as Gusau and Sokoto,



Babatunde's world expanded far beyond the borders of Odo-Ere. This period, while challenging, provided him with a wealth of experiences and a broader perspective on life in Nigeria.

However, a near-fatal accident was a wake-up call, prompting Babatunde to return home. Welcomed with open arms by his loving parents, he was offered support to continue his education. In 1951, with renewed determination, Babatunde resumed his studies at Yagba West Central School, Egbe. His perseverance paid off when he completed his primary education in 1953.

Early Career and Professional Development

After graduation, Babatunde joined his father in the building and construction trade, working on various sites. This experience kindled a lifelong passion for construction, which shaped his future career.

1954 Babatunde's professional journey began in earnest when he was a cook for Miss Wright, a lady missionary. This humble position provided him with valuable work experience and exposed him to different aspects of household management.

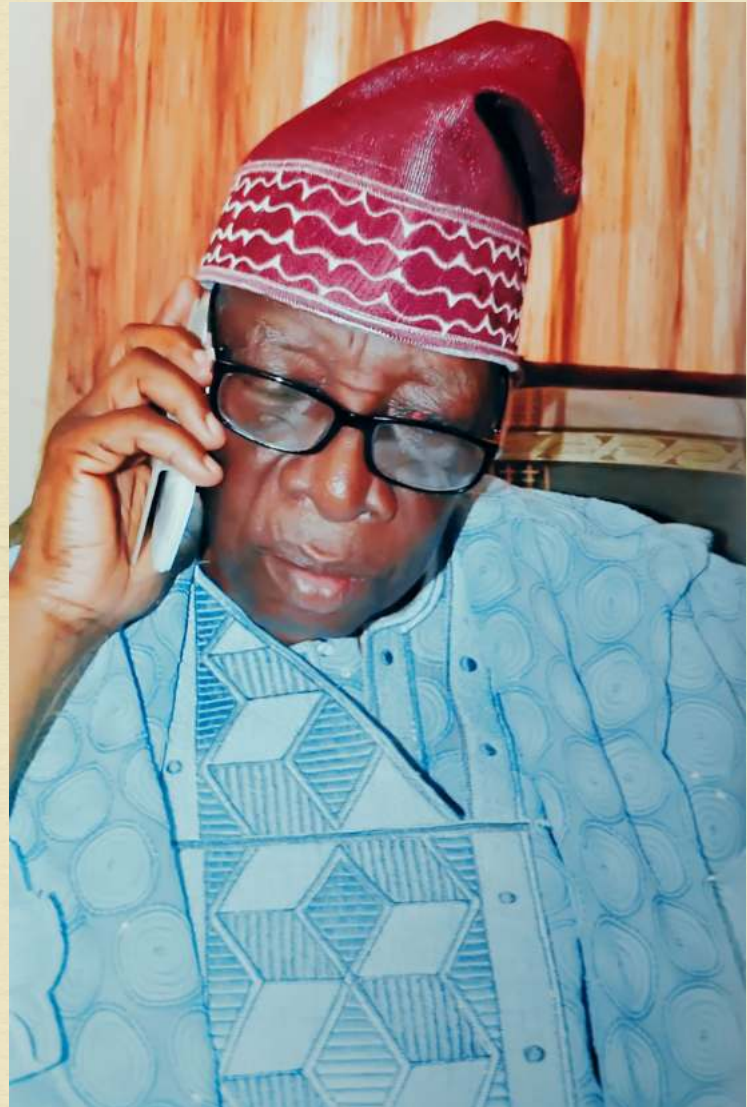
The year 1955 marked a significant turning point in Babatunde's life. Unable to secure admission to the Yaba Trade Center in Lagos, he quickly adapted his plans and joined Arbico Ltd, a Greek construction company. It was here that Babatunde's natural aptitude for construction work became apparent. After just one year of employment, he passed the Grade 3 trade test at the Ministry of Labor, a

testament to his quick learning and dedication.

Building a Career in Construction

Babatunde's skills and experience continued to grow. From 1958 to 1963, he worked with DysTrocca Valsessia as head mason, which allowed him to contribute to significant projects across Lagos. His portfolio included work on the prestigious PZ estates in Ikoyi, warehouses for the Nigerian Ports Authority in Apapa, and blocks of flats at Palm Grove Estate.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Babatunde pursued courses in



draftsmanship during his off-hours, continuously striving to improve his skills and knowledge in the construction field. This dedication to self-improvement would become a hallmark of his character.

In 1963, armed with a Grade 2 trade test certificate and a wealth of practical experience, Babatunde boldly decided to relocate to Kaduna. He secured a position with the Ministry of Works there, specifically in the military works section. This role exposed him to new construction and project management aspects within a government setting.

Agricultural Research and Entrepreneurship

Babatunde's career took another significant turn in January 1964 when he was invited to interview at the Institute of Agricultural Research in Mokwa. He had applied for a position there in October of the previous year, demonstrating his forward-thinking approach to career development. On February 17, 1964, Babatunde began a 13-year tenure at the Institute, serving with distinction until his resignation in 1977.

Following his time at the Institute, Babatunde relocated to Ilorin with his family, embarking on a new chapter as an entrepreneur. He initially ventured into the motor tyre business while his wife ran a small enterprise with the help of their sons, Samuel and Victor. When the tyre business began to decline, Babatunde's entrepreneurial spirit and construction expertise led him to establish Yemi Brothers Nig. Ltd, his own construction company.

This new venture proved successful, securing contracts with notable clients, including the Ministry of Agriculture, the Niger River Basin Development Authority in Ilorin, and the Ajaokuta Steel Rolling Company.



Babatunde's reputation for quality work and integrity served him well in these endeavours.

Political Engagement and Community Leadership

As Nigeria prepared to return to civilian rule in 1978, Babatunde heeded the call from his community to enter the political arena. Many of his peers were still in active civil service and unable to engage in politics, making Babatunde an ideal candidate to represent the interests of Odo-Ere residents.

He became an active member of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN), contributing to the political discourse of his time. His involvement in politics was characterised by the same dedication and integrity he had shown professionally.

Babatunde's commitment to community development extended far beyond party politics. He was a founding member of the Okun Development Association, which played a crucial role in advocating for the creation of local governments after Kogi State's formation in 1999. His dedication to the Ere Welfare Association, which he joined in 1963, saw him serve in various executive positions, including two consecutive terms as chairman, totalling eight years.

In recognition of his distinguished contributions to the development of Odo-Ere, Babatunde was conferred with the chieftaincy title of "Sobalaje of Ere Land." This honorary title was a testament to his community's high regard for him.

Spiritual Journey and Leadership

While Babatunde was born into a Christian home and practised Christianity throughout his life, he experienced a profound spiritual rebirth at 62. A sermon by Bishop T.O. Aremu on "The Attributes of the Holy Spirit" transformed Babatunde's faith. On January 6, 2000, he was baptised into his new faith in Christ at Winners Chapel, beginning a profoundly committed spiritual journey.

With characteristic dedication, Babatunde immersed himself in biblical studies at the Word of Faith Bible Institute. From 2000 to 2008, he completed numerous courses, including New Creation Fundamentals, The Holy Spirit, Word Foundation, Principles of Answered Prayers, Wonders of Praise, Principles of Faith, Principles of Ministry, Character Development, Principles of Prosperity, Family Life, Principles of Divine Health, Determining Divine Direction, Principles of Success, and Wonders of Wisdom.

Babatunde's academic performance in these courses was nothing short of stellar. He earned distinctions in twelve courses and upper and lower credits in the remaining two. His thirst for knowledge is unquenched; he completed a six-week Discipleship/Membership Certificate course, followed by the Leadership Certificate Course (LCC) and the Leadership Diploma Course (LDC).

In the LDC, Babatunde's results were awe-inspiring, with ten distinctions, two upper credits, and one

lower credit. These achievements qualified him as a Minister of God in the Living Faith Church, a testament to his deep understanding of biblical principles and commitment to spiritual growth.

Babatunde's spiritual journey culminated in his appointment to the Local Church Committee in 2011. In 2013, following changes in the church's organisational structure, he was made Chairman of the Church Board, a position he held with distinction until his passing. His spiritual leadership was further recognised in 2010 when he was ordained as an Elder, tasked with caring for the brethren's welfare.

Family Life and Personal Attributes

Throughout his remarkable journey, Babatunde was supported by his loving wife, Mercy Mosunmola Ajayi, whom he married in 1965. Together, they built a family filled with love and warmth. The Adeyemi household became known as a haven of affection and support for their immediate family and all who crossed their threshold. He is survived by his doting wife, Mosunmola Adeyemi and exceptional children - Samuel Adeyemi, Victor Adeyemi, Janet Obazee, Adebunmi Abe, Adewale Adeyemi, Tiwalade Oloyede and Adekemi Adeyemi; their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An unwavering commitment to continuous learning, service to others, and a deep, abiding faith characterised Elder Adeyemi's life. His journey from a curious boy in Odo-Ere to a respected Elder and community leader

inspires all who knew him and will inspire future generations.

As we bid Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi farewell, we celebrate a life of purpose, integrity, and profound impact. Though he has departed this earthly realm, his legacy lives on - in the structures he built, the lives he touched, the family he cherished, and the faith he championed. His story reminds us that a life well-lived is measured not in years but in the positive change we bring to the world around us.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his example continue to inspire future generations.





20¹ The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend [1] thee; ² Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; ³ Remember all thy offerings, and accept [3] thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. ⁴ Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. ⁵ We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

⁶ Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. ⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. ⁸ They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. ⁹ Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.



Psalm Chapter Twenty

Verses 1 to 9

TRIBUTES







Stephen Babatunde Omo Adeyemi! My lover, confidant and friend. It's with a heavy heart that I write this. Doing life with you for about 60 years was and is still the best thing that ever happened to me. I remember the first time we met in our shop just like yesterday. You came with your intentions but you couldn't tell me immediately. You got your dad and every other important person in my life involved until I said "yes". Ever since we set out on our journey of love our life has been nothing short of fun, love and adventure.

You were such a generous and responsible man. I clearly remember how you paid for my meals 18 months in advance after I said "YES" to your proposal. Even after we got married, you continued to take care of me. You saw to my well-being till you took your last breath. Whenever you travelled to Lagos or anywhere, you made it a duty to buy me clothes and shoes. You knew my clothes and shoe sizes without me telling you.

Daddy, as I fondly call you, you loved so dearly. Your love for me was genuine. I wasn't just your wife, we were friends. And though you loved your siblings and everyone around you to a fault, you never let anyone take my space in your heart. You loved your children, you could go to any length for them. I will miss you so much.

You were a wise and kind man. You had a good sense of humour that would light up any room you were. Being around you was the most pleasurable thing for me.

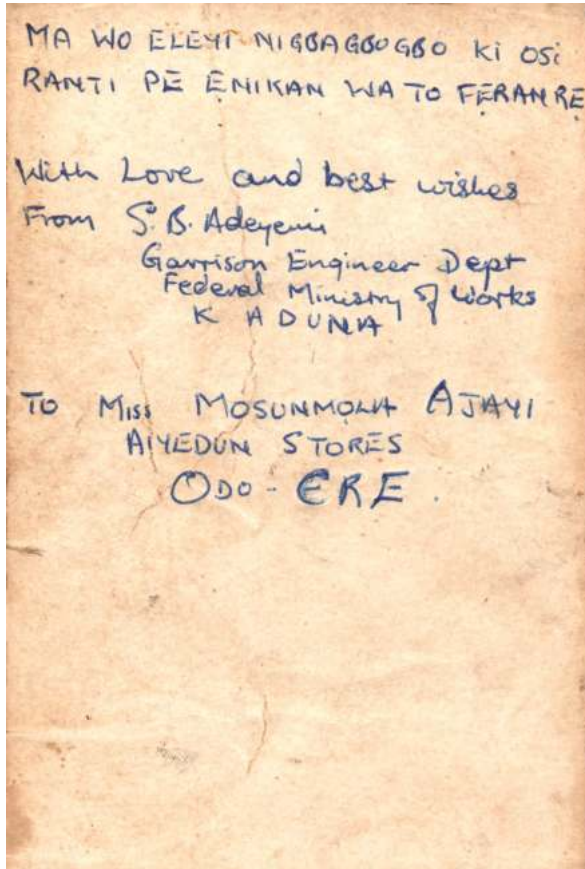
I weep sorely, knowing that you're no longer here with me. I never imagined that you'd leave me so soon. But I take solace in God. Life feels so empty without you but I am grateful to God for our children; they have been a source of comfort. They know how close we were, they even say jokingly that they know that I love them but that I loved you more. They are doing their best to console me.

Although you may be gone from this side of eternity, your legacy lives on and I'll cherish your

memory forever.

Sun re o oko mi, Baba Sanya. Till we meet at the feet of Jesus.

Mosunmola Adeyemi - Wife







TRIBUTE TO OUR FATHER: ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI

Daddy was, no doubts, a blessed man. Not only that, he was also a blessing to many. He shared stories of how his father, Reuben, served God. His life was proof that God keeps his covenant with families from generation to generation. We are blessed to be part of a godly heritage.

I, Sam, have many fond memories from my childhood, because Daddy created a lot of special moments. Such moments include the day he bought me my first big soccer ball, a visit to Kingsway Stores where we met Father Christmas in Lagos, and visits to our hometown, especially around Christmas. Other such moments included unforgettable trips to Kaduna and Cotonou to visit Uncle William, to Ibadan to visit Auntie Funmi and her family, and to Lagos to visit the Adegokes.

I have shared publicly about the day Daddy showed me mercy. I was kicking my ball against the wall of our neighbour's wall, between two windows. Daddy looked over the balcony from our floor upstairs, recognised the risk I was taking and warned me not to break the neighbour's window. I'm not quite sure why I believed so much in my expertise in football. I continued to kick the ball against the wall. It was only a matter of time before disaster happened. I heard the sound of breaking glass! I had qualified for physical punishment. Daddy called me upstairs. He stretched out his hand to give me money. I was sure it was a trick to get me close enough, so I stayed back. Eventually, I collected the money but there was no beating. What a relief! He described where to buy a window pane and we fixed it on the neighbour's window. That scenario would later make it easy for me to picture God as a merciful father.

When we tell people that Daddy was a very kind man, they say it's easy to believe because they've seen us also showing kindness to others. The family is a very important leadership grooming institution. We are grateful that Daddy demonstrated godly values. We have made efforts to be there for our children, especially at important occasions in their lives. When we look back at how Daddy did it for us, we see why this has naturally become our disposition. I, Sam, remember the days Daddy took me to resume schooling at primary school, secondary school and the polytechnic. Daddy made many trips to Lagos, along with Mummy, to offer support when we had our children and at many church events. We can't describe the assurance of knowing that he and Mummy prayed for us every day. He was very kind, not only to his family, but to everyone. He was kind without

discrimination.

Daddy was a dreamer, and he took steps to actualise his dreams. His dreams led him to move from Odo-Ere to Lagos as a young man. They led him to move to Kaduna in the north, then to Mokwa in Niger State. Finally, he moved our family to Ilorin to explore better opportunities. He overcame many obstacles to move his life forward. He was optimistic and hopeful for a better future.

Daddy was a master storyteller. He had an amazing ability to describe scenarios in detail, conveying the emotions felt by the characters in the story with a good sense of humour. We will all miss this aspect of his personality.

No doubt, we miss Daddy and will always do. We are grateful that he lived to a ripe old age, and are assured that he is with the Lord, reunited with his loved ones who went ahead of him. We are comforted to know that he is not in our past but in our future, and that we will each catch up with him one day. Thank you, Baba Sanya, till we see again!

Sam & Nike Adeyemi,
Son & Daughter-in-law





Dear Daddy,

The last time we spoke to you, we were so excited we could hear your voice again after three weeks. Unknown to us, the long break was a dress rehearsal for a reality that was imminent. You were either sleeping or trying to eat or being attended to by the doctor or some other thing. We insisted that morning we must hear your voice which sounded like gold. Now we are faced with the reality we will not hear it again except in our memories. We miss you already but know we will miss you more in the days ahead. We will hang on to the sweet memories of family history you shared with us, your delight in eating 'Mobolaji (Jumoke)'s Ogbono soup, your love for reading and quest for knowledge.

Thank you for the good memories you left behind of taking us on holidays to the village, Kaduna, Ibadan and to Lagos. Thank you for the visits to me (Victor) at Titcombe College Egbe, and the numerous ones to us after marriage. Thank you for insisting



on phone calls and visits. You taught us to value family. You connected with all your grandchildren and named them after the family name. Adeoluwa, Adetola, Adesewa and Demilade all miss you. You can be sure we will continue the good legacies you left. You taught us to love our relatives, in-laws, value friends and neighbours. We learnt generosity, kindness and self-sacrifice from you. We remember your frequent travels and hard work. We learnt responsibility from you. You modelled humility and simplicity.

We are particularly thankful that you had a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ and served Him with

dedication and devotion. We, therefore, with hope and patience, look forward to our reunion with you in the presence of the master, where we will join you in exploring the glories of the celestial plane and the splendour of God's universe, a world without end.

Victor & Jumoke Adeyemi,

Son & Daughter-in-law



TRIBUTE TO A GREAT DAD

My dad was a very kind and generous man, soft spoken and a complete gentleman. I didn't really spend much of my early childhood age with him, except when I came visiting on holidays, and the last eleven years prior to his transition to be with the Lord when my family relocated to Ilorin from Port Harcourt. During these periods, he made his love and concerns for me very clear.

As though he desperately wanted to make up for my childhood days I lived outside his presence, Dad consistently spoilt me and my family with gifts every week. He ensured he gets something pleasant, edible, football or toys etc for me, my husband and my son respectively.

He would insist we come through his house every Sunday after service with food and drinks already prepared for us. When there wasn't homemade food, he would have ordered from good eateries around. He did this so committedly that I had to tell him and mum that their actions were causing food wastages in my own home.

Daddy As A Generous Father

I grew up seeing relations and non-relations living under my father's roof and sponsored through schools by him.

I had a full grasp of this when in my adult age I still saw people, young and old trooped into my

father's house seeking for one thing or the other. My dad would hardly let you go away empty handed. I can't remember how many children I saw him assisted financially and with other gifts such as food items etc.

My Dad as An Encourager

I happened to marry late. My father unlike many parents never dampened my spirit. He kept assuring me of his faith in Christ that the phase would pass. Indeed, he rejoiced greatly when it happened. There were some other trying periods in my life that he stood by me lovingly and help me wade through them all.

Dad! I count it a great privilege to be around you, cared for you and honoured your love for me while you were on the sick bed. Your good humour and love linger in Demilade's heart.

My family and I will miss you dearly. Until we see and part no more in His presence, I will always love you.

**Your daughter,
Janet Obazee.**





TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL FATHER-INLAW

Love is a scarce commodity in this generation, but you had it abundantly! Kindness and generosity disappeared from the hearts of men for reasons I don't know, but they flow out from you effortlessly! You called me son very often, and you were indeed a father to me.

Yes! There was a time the devil got envious and almost soured our relationship, but because you were so loving and forgiving, the trial passed and your love towards me was restored like nothing ever happened.

I remember the last five or seven years of your life before you went to be with the Lord how you often sat me down and told me stories about your experiences in life. Your journeys, your marriage and work life. Then I sometimes would wonder how you remembered details after several years had gone by. Thank God I see that trait also in your grandson, Demilade. Obviously, you passed it to him. Dad, your love and generosity was second to none. Is it the calls you made to check on how I am doing when I don't visit for two or three days? Is it the gift you give my family frequently? Or the weekend food and drinks! Again, I thank God you also passed the generosity to your daughter, my wife.

Life is a journey, and you have completed your journey effectively by the lives you impacted with your love and kindness. I know everyone who knew you has something positive and good to say about you. Therefore, I wish you total rest in peace in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I love you and will always do sir.

**Demita Obazee,
Son-in-law**



Dad, it's been weeks since you left this world, and I cannot stop tearing up from time to time; the pain is indescribable. I miss your voice so much; still feels unreal at times. Thank you for all you did, getting me into the best nursery school and then forcing Mum to learn how to drive because of school runs. You did not instil fear in us as a father; we grew up in an atmosphere of love and warmth.

The great values you taught us have influenced thousands of decisions we made in life. You allowed us to change to Pentecostal when it was unpopular to do so; this has redefined many things. You showed us that respecting and loving others is not about class; no discrimination whatsoever with you. Your empathy for people was exemplary; your ministering to prisoners made some create artwork to appreciate you; you bought groceries and followed some to court; people's problems were yours, and you took them up with due diligence.

Your ability to plan for events and meetings showed great organizational skills; you were fond of preparing agendas for meetings, even with your children. You helped develop our reading skills as you bought newspapers and magazines and we shared pages to read. Your generosity was to a fault. Your phone rang endlessly as people called for assistance. You went to the bank with a long list of people to transfer money to. People saw you as the go-to person in times of trouble.

We prayed and hoped you wouldn't go but we know you are in a better place.

We love and miss you, baba mi.

**Adebunmi Abe,
Daughter**





It is sad to say goodbye to a great father-in-law. From the first day I met you, you welcomed me with open arms. Conversations with you were always interesting and great as you shared life experiences and valuable lessons. Your heart, love and kindness for people were unique. I am forever grateful for the gift of a great, compassionate and loving wife you gave me. The values you inculcated in your children have made them a blessing to all who come across them.

I will never forget the role you played in resolving hiccups before our wedding, which even involved your travelling and driving for hours; all I saw was a real father's love for his children and whatever concerns them. Thank you for showing the importance of creating an atmosphere of joy at home; you and Mum made every encounter with you an unforgettable experience. Thank you for being there for us through thick and thin; your support and continuous prayers through life have been a great source of strength.

Your heart for the work of God and people has inspired us to do more too. Your legacy lives on; continue to rest in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We love and celebrate you dearly.

**Dapo Abe,
Son-in-law**



A Tribute to My Beloved Father

Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we take comfort in knowing that he has gone to rest in glory. Daddy was a man with a heart so pure and kind, whose love knew no boundaries.

Daddy was committed to seeing everyone around him succeed without any reservations. Your kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. Thank you, sir for imparting into us the virtues of love,

unity, humility, courage and tenacity to face life and Fulfil what God has called us to fulfill in destiny.

Daddy, indeed you were more than just a father; your life was a great inspiration and a beacon of hope. You were there for me in every step of my journey, through thick and thin.

Your unwavering dedication to the Church of God is a testament to your deep faith and love for the Lord. He found joy in spreading the gospel, comforting those in need, and leading by example.

Though you are no longer with us, your legacy will continue to inspire us, guide us, and remind us of the incredible Dad you were. We will carry your memory in our hearts always, striving to live with the same love, unity, and dedication that you embodied every day of your life.

We love you, sir, and we miss you greatly.

Rest in peace, Daddy. Your love and legacy will never be forgotten.

Adewale Adeyemi,

Son



A Tribute to Grandpa

It is a great honour and privilege to have married one of your sons, a decision I've never once regretted. Grandpa, you were more than just a father-in-law to me, I remember vividly when I lost my own dad, just three months after my wedding. In that dark time, you comforted me with these words: "Loveth, as you always call me, your father may be gone, but you still have a father here with you." And true to your word, you became that father figure in my life until God called you home.

Grandpa always checked on our family, to ensure that we're all doing well.

Grandpa, you will be deeply missed, Sir, by all of us.

Rest in peace

Loveth Morayo Adeyemi

Daughter-in-law



Tribute to My Loving Father

Daddy, it's hard to find the right words to express the deep sense of loss I feel at your passing, yet I'm grateful to God for the long and fulfilling life you lived. You were one of a kind - genuinely loving, kind, and generous. Your heart was large enough to accommodate everyone you met on life's journey.

You loved our family, both nuclear and extended, so dearly and unconditionally. With you, family was family, and nothing less. You looked out for us and were very proud of us. You proved that a parent can be both a friend and a parent successfully, decades before it became common. With you, we were free. You were our father, friend, and gist partner.

I remember the many questions I asked you, and how you'd indulge me each time. You paid attention to our likes and dislikes. I recall how you'd tell me you bought wara (Milk Curds) for me whenever you traveled to the North, saying, "Wara ni mu omo fulani dagba" ("It's wara that makes a Fulani child grow").

We saw how you loved and respected people regardless of their background and social status. You believed everyone is valuable. You and Mum loved our friends and warmly welcomed and entertained everyone who stepped into our home in our names, even when we weren't there. You related effortlessly with people of different generations.

Daddy, you were blessed with an incredible recall ability. You narrated stories—personal, social, and political—with dates and locations. You were my first current affairs teacher. You were extremely generous, genuinely loving people and would do anything within your means to help them. You were resilient, never giving up in the face of adversity.

You remain an inspiration of what it means to be a loving, good, and kind person. We miss you deeply, Daddy. Thank you for demonstrating the love of a father. You are unforgettable and irreplaceable. We thank you for the beautiful memories you left us with, etched in our hearts forever.

Since your transition, we've been blessed with the comfort of the Holy Spirit, love from family and friends, and intriguing stories of your good deeds. My consolation remains that you're in a better place, enjoying eternal bliss.

Okun Baba.

Forever your girl,

Tiwalade Oloyede, Daughter





I've always felt incredibly blessed, not just for having a father-in-law, but for having someone I could proudly call "Dad" without a second thought. Calling him my father-in-law never quite fit, so in our family, we playfully settled on "Dad-Ilorin" for him and "Dad-Ogba" for my biological father; same for our Mums. It just made things easier.

If you think you've heard the best storyteller ever and haven't met Daddy, think again! His knack for recalling dates and events is only outmatched by his immense love for family and community. With him, everyone's a friend—he has a way of making you feel like you've known him forever. Visiting Ilorin was always exciting, not just to see him and Mummy but also to indulge in the mouthwatering pounded yam and egusi soup with all the trimmings at one of his favourite spots. And, of course, there was always a stash of chilled malt in the fridge, ready for you!

His relationship with his wife was nothing short of inspiring—a true example of love and partnership. When you saw Daddy, you didn't even have to ask about Mummy; she was always just a few steps away. They were inseparable.

We'll miss him dearly—his calls, prayers on special occasions, and his insightful takes on the news and politics. Almost every day since he left us, Tiwalade, my wife, has soliloquised, "So, I won't see my Daddy again?" It's only half the story, though, because we all know it's really, "So, I won't see my Daddy again... for now." For now, we hold on to the hope we have in Christ.

Rest in peace, Daddy. We'll keep your memory alive and cherish every moment we had with you.

**Boye Oloyede,
Son-in-law**





Tribute to My Loving Father

Some moments in life leave an indelible mark, and my father's unwavering dedication is one of those moments for me. As I reflect on his life and legacy, I'm filled with immense gratitude and admiration for his sacrifices.

My father was a devoted Christian, serving God with unshakable faith until the very end. His life was a testament to love, dedication, and sacrifice, and his influence continues to guide my actions.

As the youngest in our family, I was the baby of the house, and my father's love was evident in everything he did. He always went above and beyond to provide me with the best opportunities, including enrolling me in an esteemed school known for its exceptional standards. This decision was just one of the many ways he showed his love and commitment to my future.

Beyond education, my father made a pivotal decision to entrust my care to Pastor Sam, whom we affectionately called "Egbon." My father had faith in Egbon's ability to guide me, and I will forever be grateful for the care and wisdom that enriched my life.

Through these experiences, I learned that investing in quality education and nurturing relationships is never a waste. My father's sacrifices were not just financial but emotional as well. He taught me the value of hard work, commitment, and striving for excellence—lessons that have shaped who I am today.

Though his absence is deeply felt, his spirit lives on in the values he instilled in me and the memories we shared. I carry his legacy with pride, knowing that his love and sacrifices have paved the way for me to continue striving for greatness.

My father's legacy is one of love, sacrifice, and hope—a beacon that will guide me throughout my life. For that, I am eternally grateful.

Good night, Daddy.

Adekemi A. Adeyemi
Daughter



To a loving grand father, thank you for teaching me about where I come from. For teaching me about my father as a child. For teaching me about the history of Nigeria. For teaching me how to use a radio. For teaching me about cars and driving. Thank you for driving us from Ibadan to Ilorin and the lovely stories about the beautiful memories you had. In all, thank you for being a wonderful teacher and loving grandfather. Miss you dearly.

Charlotte Adeyemi,

TRIBUTE TO OUR GRANDPA: ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI

Thank you to a wonderful grandpa who was generous with his time and resources. Thank you for opening up your home to little kids looking for a little adventure during the holidays. You always made your house feel like a home, and for that your grandchildren are eternally grateful. Thanks for making sure that there was no dull moment when you were around. We will never forget your excitement every time you got to talk to us and your joy every time you got to see us. Thanks for always making us laugh during phone conversations and for taking time to display your outlook on life. Thank you Grandpa for being you, and letting the love of God shine through your personality and actions. Never one to be discouraged by the troubles of life, you were encouraging and fearless in your walk with God, as well as a reflection of God's love, strength and resilience. Your path has been and will continue to be admired by those who knew you. God bless you for the way you raised strong and loving children, and doted on kind grandchildren.

Our father often tells us stories about his younger years. He does this to instill wisdom in us and relate to whatever we need help on by sharing times when he found himself in similar situations growing up. And throughout each of these stories, his father plays a present and important role. As a father, you were involved in your son's life and showed your support in various ways. These stories help us understand how our own father operates and we understand that he wouldn't be who he is today without the guidance and support you showed. Through your kindness, wisdom, and strength, you were a beacon for your descendants to follow. You leave behind you a beautiful family and a wonderful set of children who have now passed down your own wisdom and love into their children. Your impact spreads further than you realize and your love will continue to be felt for generations. We love you. May your soul rest in perfect peace. You will be missed.

Sophie, David & Adora Adeyemi
Grandchildren



Grandpa, thank you for being a part of my life. Spending holidays in Ilorin with Grandpa and Grandma was always a good time for me and Charlotte. Grandpa had a lot of stories to tell about Ajapa the tortoise, and many life lessons to share. Making sure we were present when he was discussing politics, to expand our minds, and telling us about history whenever he could. You were always interested in our thoughts, our ideas, our ambitions, even as children. Most of all, you were concerned with our wellbeing. I fell in love with home farming because of you. You had beans, yam, corn, all sorts of trees at home, and Grandma's chickens. Grandpa would listen intently to Success Power with the radio to his ear whenever it was time, catch Harvest Fire on TV if he could whenever he was in Ibadan, attend conferences and events in Global Harvest and Daystar any time he could... always rooting for his children. It taught me the importance of family, and the fact that you don't have to be where someone is all the time to support them. I will never forget the trip we took to Odo-Ere to see our Great Grandma. Grandpa made it happen. And he proudly showed us around Odo-Ere, especially the hotel that was being built, the first of its kind in a village like this. Grandpa was involved in so many projects in the village.

Every time we spoke over the phone, even this year, I could hear the excitement in your voice just to hear from your granddaughter. I miss you dearly and look forward to seeing you when we all meet again. We love you, Grandpa. Thank you for a life of love, service and good memories. Thank you for always making an effort to have a relationship with us, for picking us up from Ibadan to go to Ilorin with you and for stopping to see us whenever you could. For not just waiting all the time for us to be brought to you, but equally coming to us as our parents brought us to you.

Thank you for defying tradition for a solid relationship.

Rest well Grandpa.

Your Granddaughter,

Adetola Toyosi Oduyale (Nee Adeyemi)





Grandpa always called me by my Yoruba name Adesewa. I looked forward to his visits from Ilorin as the distance from being in Ibadan and, eventually, Lagos meant we didn't get to see him often. I knew that the TV would be taken over by news channels during his stay but I didn't mind. It was lovely to just have him around. I'm grateful for every moment we shared. Grandpa lived a full and long life and I'm happy he got to see his children and grandchildren grow. He also got to meet his great-grandchildren. Rest in perfect peace, Grandpa. Love you forever.

**Sharon Adeyemi,
Granddaughter**



Through love, perseverance and faith; he has lived a long life. His story will be told for generations to come. What an incredible legacy he has left behind: prosperous children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A gentle, humorous and caring man, who loved his people till the very end. I miss you Grandpa, and I love you. Keep heaven warm for us.

**Arnold Adeyemi,
Grandson**



Grandpa was more than just a grandfather, he was a source of wisdom, a pillar of knowledge, and a light that guides all through thick and thin. The stories of him that my mum shared about her childhood days are often those that show wisdom, determination, and kindness and carry lessons that have stuck with me to this day.

Grandpa had a unique way of making everyone special in different ways and also made his love for his family evident.

Grandpa, you may no longer be with us, but you're still alive in our hearts. Your stories are constant reminders of the great man you were and exhibits the characters and values needed in every aspect of our lives.

Thank you for all the calls and prayers.

Rest Peacefully Grandpa.

**Leroy 'Ademola' Oloyede,
Grandson**

Words cannot express how much I miss my grandpa. Since I was a little girl, I have heard stories of my grandpa from relatives about his friendliness and charm.

I remember when I paid a visit in April last year not knowing that it was going to be my last time of seeing him physically. Even though I didn't really see him that often, his personality always reassured me that I was welcome and invited and I enjoyed his company.

They say you only live life once and I am so grateful to have had him as my grandfather. This isn't goodbye, this is simply see you in the future.

**Oluwafoyinsademi 'Yomade' Oloyede,
Granddaughter**

TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDPA

Grandpa, it was a great time with you while you were alive. The news of your transition broke my heart when mummy received the call you passed on. I prayed for you every day while you were sick, believing you would bounce back to health, but you didn't make it.

I cried and cried endlessly, and Dad and Mum had to labour to console me. I remembered in a flash those days back in Nigeria how I sat around you, disturbed you playing football by the living room window, and often ate from the same plate with you. You would always leave a good chunk of the protein (meat) for me.

Grandpa, I also remember how you would sometimes pursue me with a whip when I became noisy, and I would dribble you. You were such a gentle but very firm grandpa.

Your friends were my big friends!

I wish I were around to kiss you goodbye when you were passing on to glory.

Grandpa, I love you so much and will always do.

Rest on in peace.

**Ademilade Obazee,
Grandson**





Tribute to Grandpa

Grandpa's love is a forever kind of love, transcending time itself. The most generous grandpa in the whole world. You were my biggest inspiration, my role model, and my supporter. You have been my hero, my mother and my father ever since my mother's demise. Taking care of me was not enough, you have been there for me since when I was in primary school till my higher institution. There would not have been a record of graduate in my father's lineage if not for your financial support and your prayers.

I remember during my ND programme, I had no bed, and I was sleeping on the ground; you came to visit me in school during that time, and you were angry that day because I did not tell you. The next day, you took me to Taiwo to buy me a new bed. Your love towards me is unconditional love. I remember when I had an issue with one WAEC subject, you gave me money to register for the NECO/NABTEB exam. You are truly God sent me to Omoladun and you deliver what God sent you to do. I can't stop crying when I realise you won't be there on my passing out parade as a corp member. I miss you dearly, and every day, all our moments together till you took the last breath will continue to linger in my memory.

Thanks for all you have done for me, may your soul continue to rest in peace. Amen.

Aina Omoladun Esther

Adopted Granddaughter





Brother Tunde

Oun ni won bimile ni Reuben Adeyemi family.

Oni ife mi pupo. Nigbati obere primary school, owo temi koti to eti ti mo le sibere.

Broda Tunde ma un mumi lo si school, yio fa mi lowo losi school. Awon teacher nbawi gidigidi wipe on mu omo kekere wasi school nigbati ojo ori re ati to school wa, sibe sibe on mu mi joko lodo awon ton ta ounje ni di igba ni Atepa primary school. Ni arin Igbaruku ati Odo Ere ni school na wa.

Brother mi feran mi lati ibere wa. Brother mi wa ni Eko 1963 ni brother mi losi Kaduna fun isipo pada. 1964 ni brother mi ni ki maabo lodo won ni Kaduna. Nigbati won construct Ahmadu Bello Stadium ni Kaduna, broda mi wase fun mi.

No. 20 Argungu Road ni broda mi renti ile si, asi jo wa ni be titi won fi rise si I.A.R. Mokwa ni 1964, emi na rise si Sokoto Cement Factory.

Nigbati ogun Araba, bere broda mi ni kinmabo wa ba awon ni Mokwa pelu ife ti won ni simi.

Mode odo re ni Mokwa won mu mi losi odo Oyinbo won, Mr. Mariot, mosi bere ise ni I.A.R A.B.U ni 6/6/66

My brother is a courageous leader with powerful delegation skills. He is a generous donor, compassionate, kind, friendly, very loving, and easygoing, but he is also a firm decision-maker.

He is a bridge builder, a stand of unity, and a humble man who hates pride.

He is very submissive and a great listener to both the young and the elderly.

He is a faithful Christian who believes that in God, all things are possible.

Isaac S. Adeyemi,

Brother





He became an apprentice bricklayer (our father's profession) which became his profession too. He made a success of it and became a recognised registered contractor, having gone through Government Trade Tests of Colonial days in Lagos and Kaduna. He worked with Italian construction companies in Lagos in the 1950's when I used to go and spend my holidays with him. It was a life of struggle, but he always lived well with up-to-date shoes and clothes.

He moved to Kaduna to work with the Ministry of Works and passed his Government Trade Test Finals.

After some years, he did and passed a very competitive interview for the job of Workshop Foreman at Ahmadu Bello University Agric Research Station, Mokwa. He made a good success of his profession there under the directive of a British man named Mr. Chessmur.

It was when my brother was working at Mokwa that he came home on leave and met his wife and courtship started. Our father played a very active role which made the courtship a success. My brother got married to Princess Mosunmola Ajayi when I went to bring her to OdoEre from Isanlu Esa with my car. It was a glamorous occasion. The Lord blessed their marriage with many children, among whom are the giant clergymen of God who have made the name of the ADEYEMI family go global. To God be the glory.

Elder S. B. ADEYEMI worked with white missionaries in different parts of Kwara, Kogi, and Niger states. It is that Christianity that he impacted to his children and some of them have now become world-class clergymen. My brother is a very generous, dynamic, and reliable community leader.

His departure is a big blow to the ADEYEMI family. May his soul rest in Peace.

**William O. ADEYEMI,
Junior Brother.**





TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED BROTHER, CHIEF S.B. ADEYEMI

A Man of Profound Impact. You lived a life of extraordinary selflessness, always putting others before yourself. Your generosity and kindness knew no bounds, and you embodied the spirit of fatherly love to your younger siblings, even when our parents were still with us. Your integrity was unwavering, and your influence on those around you will be cherished forever.

My brother, we will remember you for your remarkable kindness, care, and compassion. Your legacy will continue to inspire us, and your memory will be a blessing to our family and all those who knew you.

May your soul rest peacefully in the bosom of our Savior, and may we strive to emulate your example of love, kindness, and service to others. Until we meet again, farewell.

With love and admiration,

Your sister,

Eunice Olufunmilayo (née Adeyemi) IPINDUMI (Okanlawon)



Tribute To Late Chief S.B. ADEYEMI.

The Late Chief Stephen Babatunde ADEYEMI passed away at the ripe age of 88 years. I give honour and glory to God Almighty for this achievement through the special grace of God. Chief Adeyemi was an epitome of love and generosity. He is also a patriot because of his activities in the progress of his town Odo Ere Yagba West LGA, Kogi State, which earned him a Chieftain Tittle.

God also used him to produce two great Evangelists in Lagos, Daystar Church by Rev. Sam ADEYEMI, and Global Harvest Church by Rev. Victor ADEYEMI for propagating the Gospel of Peace. I married the only girl in the family, (Oluwafunmilayo) and I am proud to be associated with the family.

Brother, we love you, but God loved you best; till we meet at the resurrection, and part no more. Adieu and Good night.

E. S. IPINDUMI

Brother-in-Law



Daddy was a very caring and loving person. Growing up, I saw him treat his nephews and nieces as his own; even his cousin's children were treated as his.

Though he was the second born, he was the rallying point for the family. He cared so much about everybody's well-being, especially the children's education. He was very accommodating and always had many people living in his house.

He was a no-nonsense man who didn't shy away from speaking the truth when it mattered.

Daddy was a compendium of family history. He was also a good storyteller. I loved listening to him recount stories, I could almost see the pictures as he told his stories.

Daddy was always ready to make sacrifices for his loved ones. He loved his siblings dearly and cared about their well-being to the very end.

Daddy was a great man in every sense of the word. To the extent of his capacity, he tried to sort everyone around him.

We thank God for the impactful life that he lived. We will really miss him.

Mrs Feyi Sotunde (nee Adeyemi)

Niece





Daddy played a parental role not only to his biological children but also to all of us who sought his guidance. In the tapestry of life, every individual weaves a thread of influence that can shape destinies. Daddy was a master weaver, whose threads of wisdom, love, and belief in others created a pattern of hope and success that will endure for a long time in our lives.

Daddy and Mummy were the first people in my life who helped me to believe in myself; they made a noiseless impact on my life. He accepted me as one of his own without knowing who I was, even though some of those he accepted in the past came back to hurt him.

He was kind to a fault. He distributed his monthly allowances to people, both old and young, until he couldn't get out of bed. I once told him to stop giving to younger people, but his response was, "If I don't, who will?"

His laughter was infectious, his spirit indomitable. He taught us the value of hard work, the importance of honesty, and the power of kindness. His stories of the old days, told with a twinkle in his eye, will continue to warm our hearts and guide our paths. In fact, one of the stories birth my property business.

Daddy on the wheel was a master driver. He loves driving; he drove well until FRSC told us they would not reissue his driving licence because of his age. I could remember Daddy telling the Sector commandant of FRSC that he was ready for a driving test at 77 years old and contest with any of their staff. He got a written waiver.

Gone! but his legacy will live on, the values he instilled in us, the love he shared, and the memories we created together. Rest in peace, Daddy. Your love will forever be etched in our hearts. Your wisdom will continue to guide us. And your memory will forever be a part of me. You may have departed from this world, but you will never depart from our hearts.

Ayo Babalola



Daddy was a bridge builder. As the head of the family, he was accessible, accommodating, and very supportive. He was my hubby's uncle and a father figure. He lived a fulfilled life. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Bukola Adeyemi,
Family member

TRIBUTE TO AN ICON

Boda, an irreplaceable vacuum has been created by your departure. You lived and gave hope to a generation. You always want the best for everyone. You were an exemplary giver. You gave and gave to a fault. I stopped faulting your generosity the day I paused and remembered the very first day of my life that you asked me the question "what do you need" in 1995 when I was in secondary school and you went ahead, provided all I needed to go back to school like the son of rich parents. It wasn't that you were comfortable, but you wanted to ensure I was.

Boda, you worked so hard to unite the extended family, some of us wouldn't have known one another but for your care and search for everyone not minding the costs.

I remembered when you shared with me a big opportunity for you if you would move to Zaria but you declined just because of the distance from our parents, your siblings and your children's education, and moved to Ilorin instead.

It's just not possible to exhaust your deeds. You lived and impacted lives, both within and outside the family. Our consolation is that you're resting in the bosom of our Lord and we will meet to part no more.

Adieu, our family hero.

Segun Adeyemi

In life, we are blessed with people who become more than just family by marriage; they become our true family by heart. From the moment I joined this family, you welcomed me with open arms, not just as a brother-in-law but as a daughter. You were there in every moment, big and small, offering advice, a listening ear, and a comforting presence. As I reflect on our journey together, I feel immense gratitude and pride to call you my brother-in-law, though in my heart, you will always be more—a true father. Forever in my heart daddy!

Mrs Comfort Adeyemi

Daddy was a very kind and generous person. He was very passionate about the welfare of family members and he did that sacrificially. I thank God that the generosity impacted greatly on my destiny. As a result of the atmosphere of love that he created I was able to go through secondary education successfully under his guidance and most importantly I encountered the Lord Jesus Christ. My joy is that he met and served the Lord

before his departure, so I am sure we shall meet again. He will be greatly missed.

Dr. Olubunmi Solomon - Youngest brother



A Heartfelt Tribute to Our Irreplaceable In-Law, Chief Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi

With a heavy heart, I write this tribute to honor the life of Chief Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi, a son to my late parents, Chief Mark and Onijoke Ajayi, of blessed memories. Fondly called 'Tunde' by our late parents, he was more than just an in-law - he was a son, a brother, and a father figure to our family.

Chief S.B. Adeyemi's selfless and sacrificial life touched countless individuals, both within his immediate family and beyond. His innate generosity and kindness knew no bounds, and he cared for our late parents with the same love and devotion he showed to his own biological parents.

As a devoted husband to my senior sister, he was a perfect match, a true partner in every sense. To me, he was a father figure, offering guidance, support, prayers, advice, and encouragement. He played a dual role as both father and brother to his wife's siblings, and I am eternally grateful for his presence in our lives.

Though your passing leaves a gaping hole in our hearts, we take comfort in knowing that your good deeds have earned you a special reward in heaven. Your legacy will live on through the countless lives you touched, and we pray that God Almighty will continue to shield and protect your wife and children.

Rest in peace, dear Daddy, until we meet again on resurrection day. Your memory will forever be cherished in our hearts.

With love and appreciation,

Mrs. Grace Sola Adeyemi - Your In-Law



Daddy, you have made an indelible part in many lives including mine. You try your best in keeping Adeyemi's family in unity. I cannot forget the time we were with you in Madawaki Estate, Illorin.

May your soul rest in peace.

Mrs Akanji Bamitale (Nee Adeyemi)



Tribute to my Uncle Chief Babatunde Adeyemi

My uncle was one of my mum's six brothers, the second eldest. From a young age, I remember him as a brilliant storyteller. My brothers and I were always thrilled when he visited. His ability to recount events with vivid detail made every story come alive. Given the chance, he would have made an excellent writer. When he and my auntie visited, we'd gather in the living room, eager to listen to his tales. If my mum sent us away for privacy, my brothers and I, led by my youngest brother Yomi (a.k.a. Moses), would eavesdrop from the corridor to catch more of his captivating stories. He had this unique way of transporting us to different places, making us feel like we were right there with him.

But beyond his storytelling, his kindness stands out most to me. He and my auntie were among the kindest people I've ever known. Growing up, we called him "Daddy ni Taiwo" because they lived on Taiwo Road in Ilorin during most of my childhood. My brother, Pastor Korede, and I would often compete over who got to accompany our mum to visit him. My uncle's house was the only place we could be guaranteed to get served malt drinks, which were reserved for special guests in those days. I remember once they got the drinks on credit to make us feel special. That level of generosity was astonishing and deeply moving.

I last saw him in January 2023. Despite his health, he welcomed me with the same warmth and cheer I'd always known. He always had a pet name for me; he called me Iye or Yeti. He was a remarkable man, and I thank God for his life. May he rest in peace.

**Dr Yetunde Dairo (Nee Ipindumi),
Professor (Associate) of Physiotherapy, Niece**



TRIBUTE TO DADDY

A hero is gone. What a great loss? An epitome of generosity. Only God can replace the gap you have created. It is unfortunate that you left us now when we still need you. You were a man whose words and actions left a profound impact on all who knew you. Rest in peace Daddy till we meet to part no more.

Funke Daniels



Tribute for Daddy

Daddy is a selfless giver. Nothing is too big for him to give. Growing up, whenever he is coming from Mokwa to visit my mother (her sister) in Lagos, he would bring lots and lots of food and money to us. I used to think he must have a farm but later realized he bought it all.

When my mother wanted me to leave Lagos to continue my primary and post primary education in Ilorin, she called daddy to inform him. Daddy immediately requested for me to come to Ilorin and he helped me to get into Omu Aran High School. After the first year, he helped me to get into GSS Ilorin so that I will be closer to him and the family in Ilorin. Daddy literally adopted me as his son and he always made sure that whatever food, clothes, gifts that he gave to his sons (Rev Sam Adeyemi and Rev Victor Adeyemi) he gave me the exact same things. We stayed very close over the past many decades and whenever I call him and mommy the very first thing that he always said was "Muyiwa omo mi" and then we will chat about many things politics and he will bring me up to date on current affairs and development in Odo Ere. Daddy is always a giver. He gave his time, resources, relationships, energy and everything else to help us make progress in life. Anytime my mother called on Daddy for help he was always there for us. We will surely miss him but looking forward to seeing him again in heaven. Thank God for your glorious life.

Olumuyiwa Adegoke



Chief S.B Adeyemi (Daddy Taiwo)

Today, I choose to celebrate the life of Daddy, a man who embodied the true meaning of fatherhood - Daddy Taiwo. Though not our biological father, his kindness, compassion, and generosity have been etched in my memory since birth. His soft-spoken nature and gentle heart made him a pillar of strength and comfort in our lives.

I still remember the warmth in his voice when he'd say, "Heeey, Opeyemi." His soothing words and prayers were a constant source of solace, a reminder that we were loved and cherished. His generosity knew no bounds.



Daddy's love and devotion to our family were unwavering. He stood by us through thick and thin, offering guidance and support whenever we needed it. His presence in our lives was a blessing, and we were so grateful to have him as our rock.

Though I couldn't reach him on his last birthday, I'm comforted knowing that he knew how much we loved and appreciated him. Mummy's words still echo in my mind - Daddy still can't take calls now.

Daddy Taiwo may be gone, but his legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched. His selflessness, kindness, and unwavering dedication to our family will never be forgotten. We'll miss him dearly, but we take comfort in knowing he lived a fulfilling life, leaving behind a trail of love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Thank you, Daddy for being a shining example of what it means to be a true father. Your impact on our lives will forever be etched in our hearts. We thank you Daddy and love you more than words can express, and we'll miss you every day. Your memory will be a blessing to us all.

May your soul rest in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ope Adeyemi



Daddy, you were such a gentle, kind and caring person. You delight so much in the progress of the people around you and in the Community as a whole. Thank you for your moral advice and always being there for me. You made your indelible mark and left a vacuum that will be difficult to fill. Thank you for your generosity and support. You really touched so many lives. I know you are in your resting place with your creator. Rest in peace till we meet to part no more.

Femi Adeyemi



TRIBUTE TO CHIEF S. BADEYEMI

Dear Brother, a Valuable Head of the Family. The news of your passing was with mixed feelings but we are grateful for a wonderful and fulfilling life spent.

Celebrating the life of an intelligent, humble, loving and caring brother.

You are indeed a cheerful giver, a mentor and a great leader with a heart of gold.

May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace in the bosom of the Lord.

OMO OLODO IDE SUNRE O

Mrs F.I Adekunle



Daddy has gone to be with his maker. A well-fulfilled life and a celebration of life, but it is also painful that we have lost a loving daddy and amiable uncle. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Touching people's lives and putting smiles on individual faces are a part of daddy's life styles. His generosity knows no bounds and we are grateful he had a well fulfilled life and he is resting with the Lord. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Bose Adetula



Our beloved uncle, a steadfast pillar of strength and wisdom, has left us with a profound sense of loss. He was not just a patriarch but a guiding light for our entire family, always leading with love, patience, and unwavering support. His presence anchored us, and his legacy of kindness and resilience will forever be etched in our hearts. Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit will continue to inspire and unite us. We will miss him deeply, but we find comfort in knowing that his impact on our lives will endure. Continue to rest peacefully, Shepherd of our kin.

Adesina Adeyemi,

Nephew



Thank you for being a great pillar for the Adeyemi family. You will truly be missed.

**Eyitayo Adeyemi,
Nephew**



Blessed Uncle

A great and gentle man has left us, but his legacy of love, wisdom, and strength will forever live on in our hearts and memories. Uncle was a pillar and a role model whose unwavering guidance and support touched countless lives. His kind and generous spirit will be deeply missed, and his impact on the family will never be forgotten. May he rest in eternal peace.

**Rev Samuel Ajayi
To Omo Re
Nephew**



TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PA, ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI

Through the abundance of the grace of God on our families, Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi, the patriarch of the Adeyemi's family, became our revered In-Law through asking the hand of our daughter, Adenike, in marriage to Pastor Sam Adeyemi 31 years ago. We thank God for the coming together of our families and the blessing of our grandchildren as fruits of the blessed marriage between Pastor Sam and Nike Adeyemi.

In a world where love and kindness were in short supply, Pa, Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi, stood tall as an embodiment of warmth of love and charity. His infectious laughter, and captivating attention, brought people together, making every gathering around him brighter. With his warm smile, generous spirit, and unwavering



support with which, he welcomed our daughter Adenike into his family fold with open arms, making her feel accepted.

As an in-law, he was more than just a family tie, but, a friend, and a good example of what it means to live a worthy life of faith, guidance, and encouragement instilling in family the values of kindness and generosity. His love for his family knew no bounds. He was devoted to his wife, children, and grandchildren with love, and care.

In death, he may have departed from us as united families of Ogunmola and Adeyemi, but his legacy lives on. His love in our hearts will remain a shining light, having lived a Christian life of faith and devotion to family, the community, society, and the church.

We wish Pa, Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi a rest in perfect peace with the assurance of a true Rest in Christ; with cherished memories of him by those of who he left behind.

With our best wishes of comfort of the Lord to Mama Adeyemi, children, grand children and relations.

Yours sincerely,

Professor and Princess Gabriel Babatunde Ogunmola,

In-Laws



This is to honour the memory of Daddy, who was a truly remarkable Father-in-law. His kindness, humility, and unwavering support were evident to all who knew him. I still remember how, even in his later years, he traveled a long distance with Mama just to be present at our wedding in Oshogbo. That gesture and many more are testaments to his deep affection and commitment to family. His legacy of goodness and grace will always be cherished. I hope we can continue to celebrate his life and the positive impact he had on us all. Daddy, rest sweetly in The Lord.

Ojo Steven Olusoji

Abuja.



Tribute to A Great Icon!

Our beloved, passionate, dedicated, Christian, gentle and caring Daddy gone to glory. You were such a great and irreplaceable in-law to us ever since.

The unscheduled visits and monthly phone conversations will be missed forever.

We love you but your creator love you more than we do. Our confidence is that you are peacefully resting in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

E je eni pataki.

E see ohun pataki.

E fi ohun pataki sile.

Sun re, sun re, sun re till we meet to part no more.

Elder & Lady Evang. E. O. Oloyede,

In-Laws



Tribute From Deacon's Board, Living Faith Church Odo-Ere

Baba is an active member of the church and always works hard towards the growth of Living Faith church, Odo-Ere. He visited Bishop Oyedepo for the approval of our plots of land for church erection.

After the erection of the new church, he and his wife came all the way from Ilorin for the dedication of the church. Baba is a lover of God, and he is also a tireless giver. The entire church missed you, Daddy. May your holy soul continue to rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Deaconess C. Bosede Olukotun

Living Faith Church

Odo- Ere



Adieu! The Giant Eagle is Gone!

Baba Adeyemi as he is fondly called among the winners Chapel members. I came in contact with Baba while serving as the Resident Pastor at Offa Garage Ilorin in 2021. I saw in him a passionate and devout Christian. He will bring his covenant seed to the church accountant when he knows that he will not be available for fellowship.

My wife and I got to know more about his career journey and marriage experiences. No doubt, we learnt about resilience, courage, focus, and character from his experiences. About seven days before his departure, I drove down to Ilorin from Akure to see him and pray for his recovery as his Pastor. But unlike before, he could not respond well to the prayers.

I will miss your narrative illustrations and practical information on life matters and managing people. Adieu, Baba, till resurrection morning.

Pst Tope Johnson

State Pastor, LFC Akure, Ondo State.



TRIBUTE TO OUR ICONIC AND QUINTESSENTIAL ELDER-STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI.

Today, we remember the life of our amiable ELDER STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI. He was such a model and a worthy example to us of how we ought to care for and love one another on this side of life . Our departed elder was an icon of inestimable value. Indeed, his impacts cannot be forgotten in our local assembly (LFC FIRST CHURCH ILORIN) He was an outstanding armour bearer, a renowned leader, a father and a worthy mentor to members of the household of Faith. In the tapestry of life, there are threads that shine brighter than the rest, weaving stories of inspiration and leaving an indelible mark on our hearts. As we embark on this heartfelt journey, our pens become vessels of remembrance and our words of short tribute to a great person who has contributed immensely to the success of the family of Christ in many ways. As a local assembly, our consolation is that Pa Adeyemi has fought a good fight of faith, and he has finished the course well with a well-deserved crown of glory while resting in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rest on great Servant of the most high God. On behalf of the entire Leadership and membership of Living Faith First Church Ilorin. Kwara State.

Pastor Adediji Philip

Resident Pastor, Living Faith First Church



NOT GRIEF BUT GRATITUDE

Daddy is someone who brings warmth, love, and happiness to every soul he touches. The highest tribute is not grief but gratitude. We are grateful for the life Daddy lived; he was a very loving, caring, and hardworking man.

Daddy created and instilled something that will forever remain in our hearts; not giving up. Even in your death, we will miss your wisdom of many years of experience and the pure love of an understanding heart. We are grateful for having such a wonderful father.

When you were in the hospital, we prayed always for quick recovery so that I could visit you a thousand more times, but now that you're gone, I wish I could visit you a few more times or even once just to tell you how much we will miss you and listen to your wonderful testimonies once more. I will patiently wait till we meet to part no more in heaven. Death is not the end, your soul lives on. Good night daddy, till we meet again.

Pastor Samson Abodunrin

Winners' Chapel, Ilorin



A Tribute to Chief (Elder) S.B. Adeyemi

My family came in contact with the late Chief and Mrs S.B. Adeyemi in 1994. Previously, we heard his name as one of the foremost political leaders in Yagba West, specifically in Odo Ere. But we never met either him or Mama Adeyemi before then. Unknown to us, I had taught Rev. Victor Adeyemi at Titcomb College, Egbe.

When I became the pastor of 2nd ECWA Church, Ilorin, the Adeyemi family visited Ilorin for either business or on their way to Kogi state from Mokwa where they lived. During those trips, they worshipped in 2nd ECWA. When they relocated to Ilorin, they became members of that church and it was not long before they distinguished themselves as a godly and loving family. They were caring and

hardworking. Chief Adeyemi was kind-hearted, generous, and wise. We shared many topical issues about the church and each of our families. This developed into real time of fellowship and prayer as we took turns visiting each other's homes frequently.

He remained a strong and active member of the church when my wife and I returned to the USA in January

1998. When we returned in 2003, we resided in their home at Adewole Housing Estate for two weeks because the house our children were preparing for us was not yet ready. Theirs was a warm and virtuous home. We found them to be truthful, kind and considerate friends. Twice Mama and Baba accompanied us to Ejuku for different functions, with Baba driving his car all the way.

We are happy that Baba knew the Lord and served him till his ripe old age and now resting with Him. We are happy also that he left Mama behind in the care of the Lord whom they both served and in the hands of loving, caring and capable children. May God be glorified for the impact that the Adeyemi family has made and continues to make in God's kingdom nationally and internationally.

Continue to rest in the bosom of the lord as we continue to work on the kingdom's interests until we meet again. Farewell to you, Chief S.B. Adeyemi.

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. R.S. Babatunde.



Today, we gather to celebrate the life of an extraordinary man, a caring baba, a loving father, and a cheerful giver. With a heart full of kindness and generosity, he touched the lives of everyone around him. His infectious smile and unwavering optimism inspired us to live life to the fullest.

As a father, he was our rock, our guiding light, and our safe haven. He taught us the value of love, compassion, a remarkable man who offered invaluable advice and support to anyone who come across him.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE, AMEN

Chief (Hon) kayode Oni from Ogga



Tribute to the Late Pa S.B. Adeyemi

I met Pa S.B. Adeyemi over 20 years ago through Hon. Kayode Oni and later through my elder brother, Prince Olusola Akanmode. Although politics brought us together, I also learned about his distinguished career in public service and how he leveraged his experience to serve his community at various levels.

When my elder brother, Prince Olusola Akanmode, aspired to become governor, Pa Adeyemi provided invaluable support, being an ardent believer in the Okun Agenda. Our relationship deepened in 2006 when Hon. Kayode Oni and I introduced our friend, Distinguished Senator Adeyemi, to him as he sought to run for Senate. Pa Adeyemi hosted a powerful meeting at his Odo Ere residence, attended by notable figures like Late Awe, Late Biaye, and Late Baba Fadumo, marking the beginning of Senator Smart Adeyemi's political success in Yagba West.

Pa S.B. Adeyemi was a builder who constructed many government institutions, including primary health centers. He was a devoted Christian who contributed significantly to the growth of the church, particularly The Living Faith Church Adewole, where he served as an elder until his passing. He was a great family man who impacted his children, two of whom are renowned pastors, Pastor Sam Adeyemi and Pastor Victor Adeyemi.

I was privileged to visit Pa Adeyemi two weeks before his passing, accompanied by my wife, Hon. Kayode Oni, and we prayed with him on his sickbed.

Pa Adeyemi had a special relationship with the Akanmode family, especially my older brother Prince Olusola Akanmode, who is abroad presently but requested that I write on behalf of the family. He extended his love for my older brother to my younger brother Richard, myself, my wife, and children.

I recall attending his 78th birthday and book launch, representing my elder brother and Senator Smart Adeyemi. It was a glorious occasion. We owe gratitude to Mama, who stood by him until the end.

We have lost a rare gem - a builder, technocrat, community leader, politician, and dedicated follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. May his soul rest in peace.

Hon. Dayo Akanmode
(For Akanmode Dynasty)



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It is with a heavy heart that I on behalf of the Asiwaju of Ere Kingdom: Chief Dr Kola B. Jamodu CFR, the Trustees of EWA, the President of EWA and the ExcOs, the members of EWA and the entire members of Ere community remember and pay tribute to the late Elder Chief Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi, the SOBALAJE of Ere Kingdom, a man of exceptional character and a true leader within his community, Odo-Ere. His passing has left a void that will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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He served Ere Community and participated well in Odo Ere physical development projects.

Elder Chief Adeyemi was not just a leader, but a mentor, a friend, and a pillar of strength for those around him. His kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of his community set him apart as a truly remarkable individual.

As a leader, Elder Chief Adeyemi led with compassion and integrity, always putting the needs of others before his own. He worked tirelessly to uplift and empower those in his community, striving to create a better future for all.

His legacy is one of service, selflessness, and a deep-rooted dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of those he encountered. The mark he left on his community is indelible, a testament to his genuine care and concern for the well-being of others.

As we mourn the loss of Elder Chief Adeyemi, let us also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind – one of kindness, strength, and unwavering dedication to the betterment of his community. May his memory continue to inspire us all to embody the same values of compassion, empathy, and leadership in our own lives.

Rest in peace, Elder Chief Adeyemi. Your light will continue to shine bright in the hearts of those you have touched, and your legacy will live on in the community you loved and served so well.

Pst. Adegoke Omolade Edward

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Dear Pastor Sam Adeyemi

Condolence Letter

On behalf of the entire team at FBNQuest Asset Management, we wish to offer you our sincerest sympathies on the death of your father. Losing a parent is never easy, especially when they have been instrumental in shaping your growth and maturity.

We know that this is a difficult time for you and your family and our thoughts are with you and your family as you navigate through this difficult time.

Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss.

Yours sincerely,

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16th August 2024

Pastor Sam Adeyemi
Daystar Christian Center
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Lagos.

Our dear PSA,

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES: PA. STEPHEN BABATUNDE ADEYEMI

It cut deep and shocking when the news of Daddy's passing broke. His memory remains that of a strong and resilient man. We are deeply sorry! Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Baba's legacy of faith, love, goodness, and integrity lives on through you, his children, and all of us who he indirectly impacted. His passing is a celebration of a life well-lived, marked by daily acts of kindness toward his family, neighbors, friends, and community.

He will be missed by everyone privileged to have met him directly or otherwise during his lifetime.

Always know that our family is thinking of and praying for you, mama, and the entire family at this time. May the Lord's comforting presence be with you, your mom, and the rest of the family and friends during this time.

With deepest sympathy,

For and On behalf of Dr. Akin & Tolu Ademosu's Family

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30th July, 2024

Rev. Sani Adeyemi
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LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

The Board of Partners and Staff of TAC Professional Services, wish to commiserate with you on the demise of your Late Father, **Elder Babatunde Adeyemi**.

We pray that the Almighty God will grant you and the entire family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss and that, He will continue to protect and guide those he has left behind. We take solace in the fact that he is resting in the bosom of the Lord.

Once again, on behalf of the Board of Partners and Staff of TAC Professional Services, please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

For: TAC Professional Services
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August 05, 2024

Rev. Sam Adeyemi
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OUR CONDOLENCES

On behalf of Management and staff of Zenith Bank Plc, we wish to convey our profound sympathy and condolences to you and the entire Adeyemi family over the demise of your beloved father.

Although your father lived a very exemplary and fulfilled life, we wish he had lived longer as a model for the present and future generations.

At this moment of grief over the death of this great man, we urge you to take heart and solace in the fact that he has left a legacy which all of you (his children) will ever remain proud of.

As we join numerous sympathizers in praying for the repose of the great soul departed, we ask that the Almighty God will bestow you with the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Once again, accept our deepest condolences.

Yours faithfully
For: **Zenith Bank Plc**

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26th August, 2024

The Senior Pastor,
Daystar Christian Centre,
71, Kudirat Abiola Way,
Oregon,
Lagos.

Dear Reverend Sam Adeyemi,

Condolence Letter

On behalf of the Governing Board, staff, parents, and pupils of Role Model School, we extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved father.

We want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your father's legacy and the values he instilled will continue to resonate in the lives of those he touched.

Please accept our sincere condolences. While no words can ease the pain of your loss, we hope you find comfort in the assurance that he is resting in the bosom of the Lord. May the warm memories you cherish provide you solace in the days ahead.

With deepest sympathy,
For: Role Model School,

Adesimbo Banjo (Mrs.)
Head of School

Pastor Solomon Kpandei
Governing Board Member

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August 10, 2024

Pastor Sam Adeyemi
Daystar Christian Centre
Plot A3C, Ikosi Road,
Oregon, Ikeja
Lagos State.

Dear Pastor Sam,

CONDOLENCE LETTER

The Board of Trustees on behalf of the entire membership of Daystar Christian Centre hereby commiserate with you on the passing to glory of your loving father, **Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi**.

There is no doubting the fact that Papa lived a great and impactful life in the service of God and humanity and many testimonies attest to this fact.

We at Daystar Christian Centre are so proud of Papa's legacy, including the raising together with Mama of wonderful children, including your humble self, who is a mentor, leader and role model to many people globally.

We pray that God would continue to uphold Mama, the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends at this time and beyond.

May God grant Papa eternal rest.

Yours Faithfully,
For **DAYSTAR CHRISTIAN CENTRE**



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19th August 2024

Pastor Sam Adeyemi
Senior Pastor
Daystar Christian Centre
Plot A3C, Ikosi Road
Oregon, Ikeja
Lagos State.

Dear Pastor Sam,

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It is with a heavy heart that Godfrey and I write to you following the news of your father's passing. Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi's departure on July 19, 2024, at the age of 88, has left a void not only in your family but in our entire community. Please accept our deepest condolences during this time of profound loss.

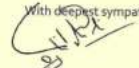
As members of Daystar Christian Centre for over two decades, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of your leadership, wisdom, and unwavering faith. The strength and grace with which you guide your congregation undoubtedly reflect the stellar upbringing and values instilled in you by your late father.

Elder Stephen's legacy of faith, integrity, and service to others will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him. His commitment to family, community, and God stands as a testament to a life well-lived. While no words can fully ease your sorrow, please take solace in knowing that your father's influence reached far beyond his immediate circle, touching countless lives in ways both seen and unseen.

In this time of sorrow, may you find peace and comfort in the beautiful memories you shared with your father. His spirit lives on through the values he imparted and the love he spread. As you mourn his passing, may you also celebrate his life and profound impact.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family, and the entire Daystar Christian Centre community.

With deepest sympathy,



Dr. Gabriel Ogbechie, OON



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The Family of Late
Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi
The Adeyemi Family, Oba-Oga Compound,
Yagba West Local Government Area,
Odo-Ere - Kogi State.

CONDOLENCE

On behalf of the Government and the people of Kogi State, I wish to commiserate with you over the demise of your dear Father and Grandfather, Elder Stephen Babatunde Adeyemi, whose sad event occurred on Friday, 19th July, 2024.

The late patriarch, a devout Christian father and community developer left a lasting legacy and would be remembered for his fatherly role in Yagba West Local Government Area, especially those that his life has touched directly.

The life of his children, especially Pastor Sam Adeyemi is a testament to the godly fatherly role he played in their lives.

Without any doubt, his death is not only a loss to your family, but to Odo-Ere Community, Yagba West Local Government Area and Kogi State at large.

It is our prayer that Almighty God will comfort the entire family and grant you all the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss in Jesus name.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences and be assured that our prayers are with the family.


MRS. FOLASHADE ARIKE AYOADE, Ph.D
Secretary to the Government of Kogi State



From
 S. B. Adeyemi
 Ahmadu Bello University
 Agric. Research Station
 MOKWA.

TO
 FIANCEE MOSUNMOLA AJAYI
 OOO-GRE











SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US!



Keeping memories in pictures is one of Daddy's favourite hobbies, and we'd love to see your photos and videos from his Celebration of Life! Uploading them is easy and only takes a few steps. Here's how:

- **Step 1:** Find Our Event Page

Scan this QR code or go to: bit.ly/ElderSBAdeyemiCelebration



- **Step 2:** Click Upload

Once you're on our event page, look for the "*Upload*" button and click on it. This will take you to the upload page.

- **Step 3:** Share Your Favourites

Select the photos and videos you want to share (you can choose multiple at once!). Then, click the button to start uploading. You'll see a progress bar that shows how it's going.

That's it! We can't wait to see your memories from Elder S.B. Adeyemi's Celebration of Life. Thank you for sharing them with us!



Appreciation

The Adeyemi Family expresses our profound gratitude to God Almighty, the Church of God, friends, and relatives for their support in various ways and wishes everyone a safe return home.

May the God of all grace, who has called us to His own glory and excellence, grant each of us the grace to fulfil our destiny on earth.

AMEN



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