

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Pa. Andrew Bamidele
OLOKE
1940 - 2024 (84 YEARS)



FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES

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A BRIEF *Biography*

Early Years and Education

Andrew Bamidele (AB) Oloke was born on January 3rd, 1940, to Mr Oloke Adan in Makutu Isanlu, Kogi State. He moved to Kano in 1948 with his elder brother, late Pa S.O. Oloke who trained him. He completed his primary school education in Kano 1954. He did his secondary school education in Kaduna Government Technical School. He was then admitted to Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria in 1962 where he obtained a BA degree in Fine Arts in 1966 followed by a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) 1968. He was a seasoned athlete while at ABU where he excelled in various track and field events.

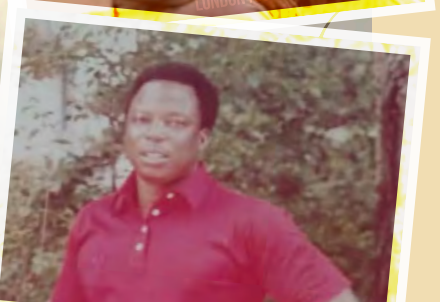
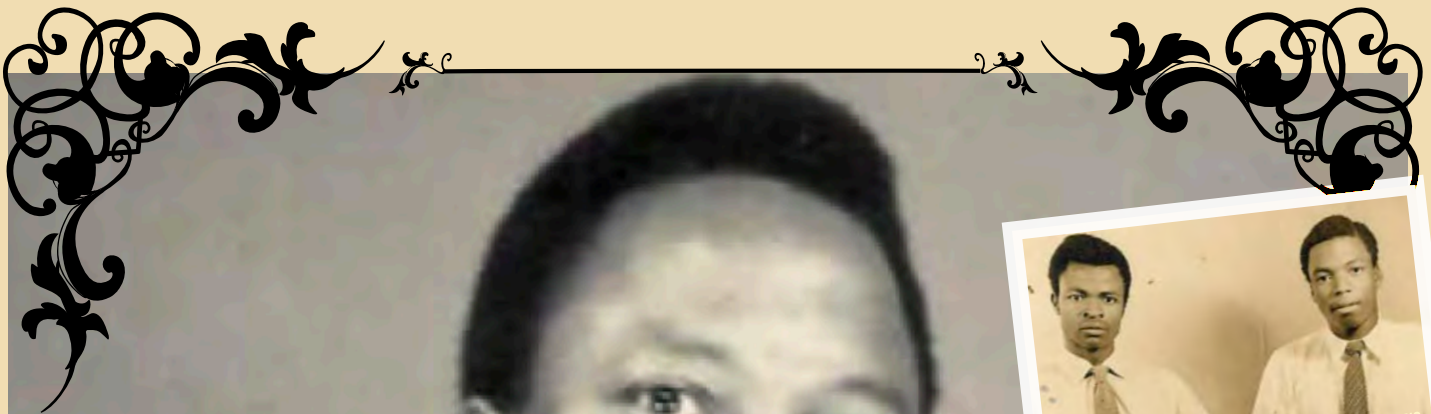
Civil Service Career and Business

His career after school began with a posting to Teachers College Sokoto. This begun a long career in the public sector spanning many cities in Northern Nigeria including Gombe, Bauchi, Maiduguri, and Yola. He taught in various educational institutions rising to the position of Principal Education Officer during this period. He was appointed the first Director of Education and posted to the then newly established Bauchi State Education Resources Center and later promoted to Chief Inspector of Education in charge of the State Ministry of Education's Inspectorate division where he served from 1981 to 1984. He served as the Chairman, Bauchi State Ministry of Education Development Committee from 1984 to 1985 when he retired and moved with his family to Ilorin to focus on his business endeavors.

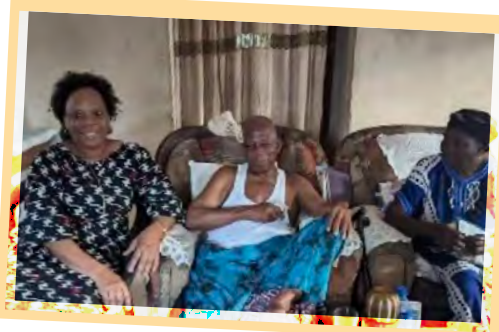
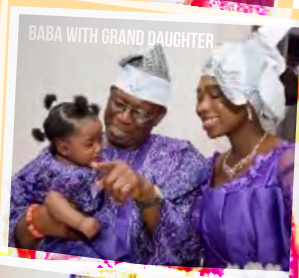
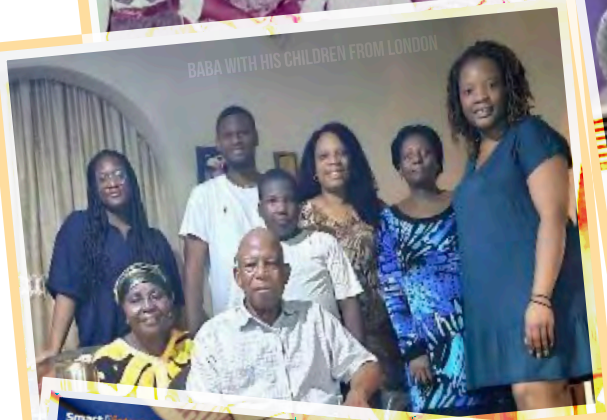
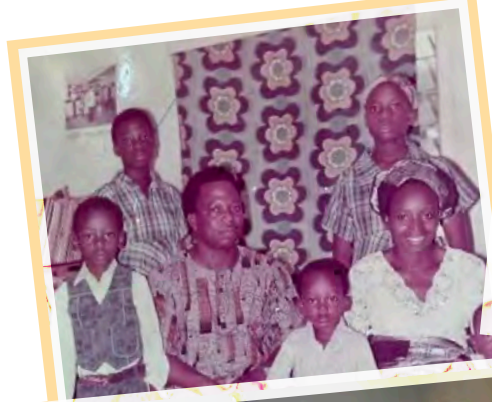
In 1990 he was appointed as the Supervisory Councillor for Works, Land and Housing in the then Yagba Local Government Council in Kogi State. He was a founding member of the People Democratic Party (PDP) and remained a party elder and leader in the local government.

Pa Oloke touched many lives and made a positive impact that has transcended generations. He will be fondly remembered by all. His memory is indeed blessed.

Rest on in the bosom of our Lord.



FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES





Commendation

S E R V I C E

at the
Chapel of Redemption

United Missionary Church of Africa (UMCA)

Agba Dam Housing Estate Road, Gaa Akanbi, Ilorin, Kwara State

in honour of
Late Andrew Bamidele Oloke

Date:

Friday 20th September 2024

Time:

8:00am

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Revd. Biodun Olugbemi

Revd. J.A. Oyedepo

Pastor O.B. Daodu

Pastor C.M. Awamin

Rev. J.J Isah

Pastor Ayo Okeowo

Pastor H.O. Owolabi

Revd. S.O. Oladejo

Revd. Olumuyiwa Olutunde



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional March (The Casket is brought in)

Congregation sings - *The Wondrous Love of Jesus*

Opening Prayer

Bible Reading (Psalm 23)

Congregational Hymn - *Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide*

Scripture Reading

Special Number

Tributes/Testimonies

Special Prayers

Congregational Hymn - *In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found*

Exhortation

Appreciation / Vote of Thanks

Announcements

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Recessional hymn (casket is taken out) - *Hold the Fort*





Commendation

1. ORGAN PRELUDE

2. PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Note: The congregation stands and sings "On the resurrection morning" as the casket is brought in. The minister reads scriptural words of comfort.

Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

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

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over
Not a shadow, not a sigh.
[Refrain]

3. Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.
[Refrain]

4. Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open—
We shall tread the streets of gold.
[Refrain]

3. OPENING PRAYER



Commendation

4. READING OF PSALM 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul: He leads me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you
are with me; your rod and your staff, they*

*comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of my enemies: thou anoint my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

5. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you!
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you!

God will take care of you,
Through every day o'er all the way;
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you!

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you!
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you!

3. All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you!
Trust Him, and you will be satisfied,
God will take care of you!

4. Lonely and sad, from friends apart,
God will take care of you!
He will give peace to your aching heart,
God will take care of you!

5. No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you!
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you!





Commendation

6. SCRIPTURE READING 8. TRIBUTE/TESTIMONY
7. SPECIAL NUMBER 9. SPECIAL PRAYERS

10. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

In Christ alone, my hope is found

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



Commendation

11. EXHORTATION

12. APPRECIATION

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

15. RECESSIONAL HYMN (*As the casket is taken out*)

Hold the fort

1. Ho, my comrades! see the signal
Waving in the sky!
Reinforcements now appearing,
Victory is nigh.

Chorus

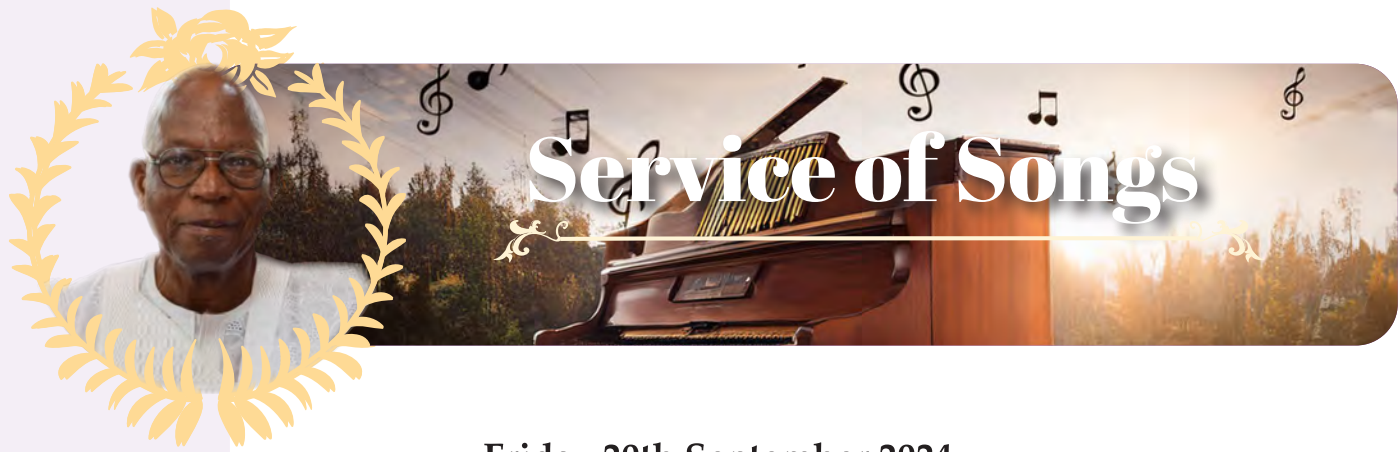
*Hold the fort, for I am coming,
Jesus signals still;
Wave the answer back to Heaven,
By Thy grace we will.*

2. See the mighty host advancing,
Satan leading on;
Mighty ones around us falling,
Courage almost gone!

3. See the glorious banner waving!
Hear the trumpet blow!
In our leader's name we triumph
Over ev'ry foe.

4. Fierce and long the battle rages,
But our help is near;
Onward comes our great commander,
Cheer, my comrades, cheer!





Friday 20th September 2024

Time: 5:00pm

Address:

Oloke's Residence

1-2 Taraba Street, Okegada,

Itedo - Isanlu, Kogi State

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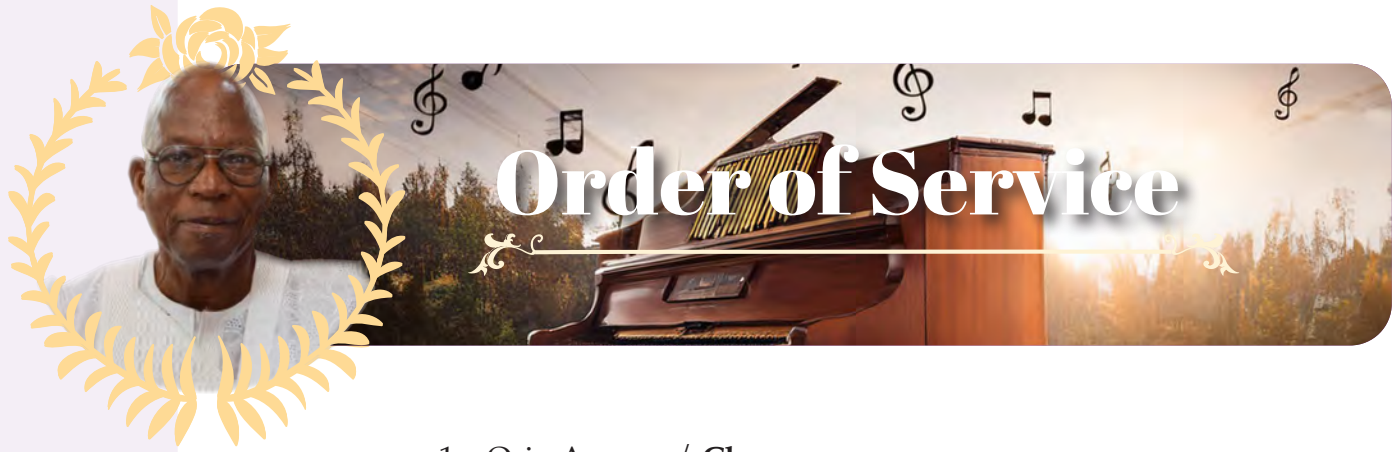
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Makutu Isanlu

Pastor Reuben O Arokoyo - The Apostolic Church



1. Orin Asayan / **Choruses**
2. Adura Ibere / **Opening Prayer**
3. Orin Gbogbo Ijo / **Congregational Hymn 404**
(Apata Ayeraye / Rock of Ages)
4. Bibeli Kika / **Bible Reading**
5. Orin Gbogbo Ijo / **Congregational Hymn 566**
(Gbati Aye Yi Ba Koja / When This Passing World is Done)
6. Awon Oro Eri / **Testimonies**
 - Awon Omo / Children
 - Ebi / Family
 - Aladugbo / Neighbours
 - Ijo Olohun Church of God
7. Adura / **Prayer**
8. Orin / Adako / **Special Number** – 1st ECWA Choir
9. Iwasu / **Sermon**
10. Ikede / **Announcement**
11. Adura ati Ore Ofe / **Prayer and Benediction**





Service of Songs

ORIN GBOGBO IJO 404 Apata ayeraye

1. Apata ayeraye
Se ibi isadi mi;
Je ki omi oun eje,
T'o n san lati iha Re,
Se iwosan f'ese mi,
K'o si so mi di mimo.

2. K' Ise ise owo mi,
Lo le mu ofin Re se;
B' itara mi ko l'are,
T' omije mi n san titi;
Won ko to fun etutu,
'Wo nikan l'o le gbala.

3. Ko s'ohun ti mo mu wa,
Mo ro mo agbelebu;
Mo wa, k'o d'aso bo mi,
Mo n wo o fun iranwo;
Mo wa sib' orisun ni,
We mi, Olugbala mi.

4. 'Gbati emi mi ba n lo,
T'iku ba p'uju mi de,
Ti mba n lo s'aye aimo,
Ti n ri o n'ite 'dajo;
Apata ayeraye,
Se ibi isadi mi.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 404 Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
[originally When my eye-strings break in
death]
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



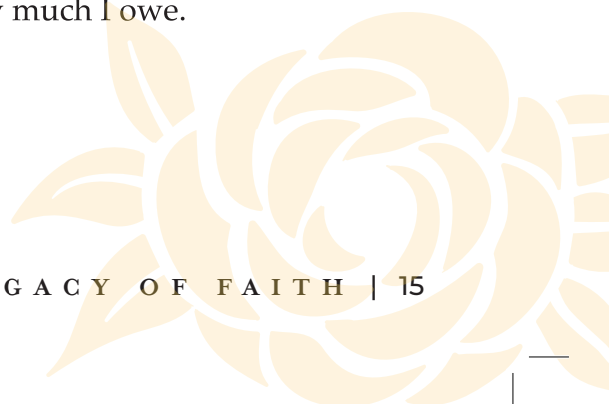
Order of Service

ORIN GBOGBO IJO 566 Gbatì Aye Yi Ba Koja

1. GBAT' aiye yi ba koja,
Ti orun re ba si wo,
Ti a ba wo 'nu ogo,
T' a bojuwo ehin wa;
'Gbana, Oluwa, ngo mo
Bi 'gbese mi ti po to.
2. 'Gba mo ba de 'b' ite Re,
L' ewa ti ki se t' emi;
'Gba mo ri O b' O ti ri,
Ti mo fe O l' afetan;
Gbana, Oluwa ngo mo
Bi 'gbese mi ti po to.
3. 'Gba mba ngbo orin orun,
Ti ndun bi ohun ara,
Bi iro omi pupo,
T' o si ndun b' ohun duru;
Gbana, Oluwa ngo mo
Bi 'gbese mi ti po to.
4. Oluwa, jo, jek' a ri
Ojiji Re l' aiye yi;
K' a mo adun 'dariji
Pelu iranwo Emi;
Ki ntile mo l' aiye yi
Die ninu 'gbese mi.
5. Ore-ofe l' o yan mi,
L' o yo mi olugbala mi,
Jesu l' olugbala mi,
Emi so mi di mimo;
Ko mi, ki nfi han l' aiye
Bi 'gbese mi ti po to.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 566 When This Passing World is Done

1. When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know-
Not till then-how much I owe.
2. When I hear the wicked call,
On the rocks and hills to fall,
When I see them start and shrink
On the fiery deluge brink,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know-
Not till then-how much I owe.
3. When I stand before the Throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with un sinning heart,
Then Lord, shall I fully know-
Not till then-how much I owe.
4. When the praise of Heav'n I hear,
Loud as thunders to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise,
Sweet as harp's melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know-
Not till then-how much I owe.
5. Chosen not for good in me,
Wakened up from wrath to flee,
Hidden in the Savior's side,
By the Spirit sanctified,
Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,
By my love, how much I owe.





Saturday 21st September 2024

2nd ECWA Church, Okegada, Itedo-Isanlu, Kogi State
Time: 7:00 am

Venue: Oloke's Residence
1-2 Taraba Street, Okegada, Itedo-Isanlu, Kogi State

Interment:
follows immediately after at Makutu-Isanlu Cemetery

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Order of Service

LYING IN STATE

Choruses / Orin Asayan

Prayer / Adura

Congregational Hymn / Orin Gbogbo Ijo

Abide with me / W aba mi gbe

Testimonies / Awon Oro Eri

Message / Oro Iyanju

Announcement / Ikede

Prayer and Benediction / Adura ati Ore Ofe

INTERMENT SERVICE

Opening Prayer

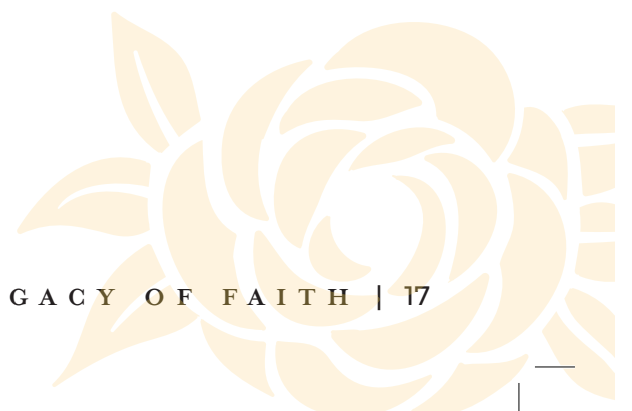
Songs of Praise (Choruses)

Hymn – Shall we gather at the river / A o pa de leti odo

Prayer

Interment

Prayer and Benediction





Funeral Service

ORIN GBOGBO IJO

Wa Ba mi Gbe

1. Wa ba mi gbe, ale fere le tan
Okunkun nsu, Oluwa ba mi gbe;
Bi oluranlowo miran ba ye
Iranwo alaini, wa ba mi gbe

2. Ojo aye mi nsare lo s'opin
Ayo aye nku, ogo re nwomi
Ayida at'ibaje ni mo n ri
'wo ti ki yipada, wa ba mi gbe

3. Mo nfe O ri, ni wakati gbogbo
Kilo le swgun esu b'ore Re?
Ta'o le se amona mi bi Re?
N'nu 'banuje at'ayo ba mi gbe

4. Pelu 'bukun Re, eru ko ba mi
Ibi ko wuwo, ekun ko koro,
oro iku da? ,segun isa da?
Un o segun sibe, b'iwo ba mi gbe.

5. Wa ba mi gbe, ni wakati iku,
Se 'mole mi, si toka si orun
B'aye ti nkoja, k'ile orun mo
Ni yiye, ni kiku, wa ba mi gbe.
Amin.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Abide With Me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see -
you never change, O Lord, abide with me.

3. I need your presence every passing hour;
what but your grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like yourself, my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I have no fear, with you at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

5. Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



Funeral Service



ORIN GBOGBO IJO

A o pa de leti odo.

1. A o pa de leti odo,
T'ese angeli ti te;
T'o mo gara bi kristali;
Leba ite olorun?

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

2. Leti bebe odo na yi
Pel' Olusaguntan wa,
A o ma rin a o ma sin
B'a ti ntele 'pase Re.
Egbe

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

4. Nje l'eba odo tutu na,
A o r'uju Olugbala;
Emi wa ki o pinya mo
Yi o korin ogo Re.
Egbe

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Shall we Gather at The River

1. Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.
Refrain

3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.
Refrain

4. Soon we'll reach the silver river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Refrain





Thanksgiving

2nd ECWA Church, Okegada, Itedo- Isanlu, Kogi State

Time: 10:00am

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Call to Worship / Ipesi Isin
2. Chorus / Orin Asayan
3. Congregational Hymn / Orin Gbogbo Ijo
The strive is over, the battle is done / Ija dopin, ogun ti tan
4. Prayer / Adura
5. Bible Reading / Bibeli Kika
6. Testimonies / Awon Oro Eri
7. Children / Awon Omo
8. Church / Ijo UMCA, ECWA
9. Special prayer for the family / Adura Pataki fun awon omo ati ebi
10. Special Number
11. First ECWA Main Choir, Makutu
12. Women Choir
13. Sermon / Iwasu
14. Vote of Thanks / Oro Ope
15. Announcement / Ikede
16. Thanksgiving / Idupe Ijade Oku
17. Prayer and Benediction / Adura ati Ore Ofe



Thanksgiving

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

The Strive is O'Er, The Battle is Done

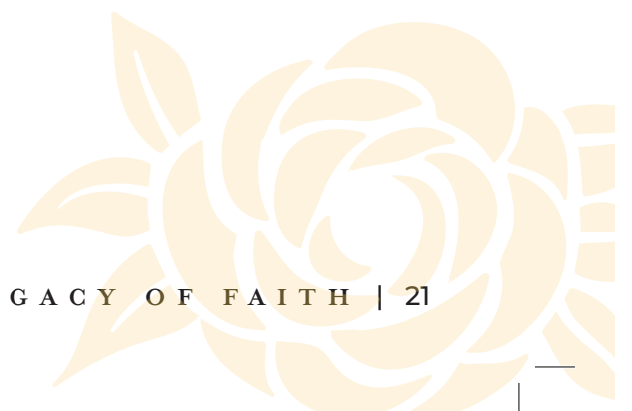
1. The Strive is O'Er, The Battle is Done
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

3. On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!

4. He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let the hymns of praise his triumph tell;
Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee
Alleluia!



Tributes

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Rev. 12:11

With grief in my heart, but with thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness to us for over 52 years. We were convinced that our coming together is DIVINE. When I was thinking I could run from you (a Yoruba man) your declaration was that you've fasted and prayed for three days and convinced that I am the one God wants you to marry. As if that was not enough, you were transferred to my state, the then Gongola state. I was like, God why?

You didn't waste time to know my family. It was easy for you because my family is a household name Rev Musa Bonotem family. Prayers were offered to God and my attitude towards you changed. This also, you didn't waste time to declare your intention despite confrontations from some young men who were interested in marrying me. You were summoned for an interview by my father and some elders (you took it as an interrogation) and given the go ahead April 30th, 1972 we were joined as husband and wife at the Lutheran Church Jimeta – Yola. Our journey though pleasant had its ups and downs which was express by you in this song written by Louis Armstrong:

*"Nobody knows the trouble I have seen
Nobody knows but Jesus I have seen the Glory Halleluya !
Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down o yes Lord
I've had my trials here below O yes Lord."*

Thank you for encouraging, defending and protecting me. You hid nothing from me, and I mean NOTHING! You helped many people and you were happy. For you, education meant everything, and you ensured helping your children and many others to achieve it.



I'm happy you were prepared to go home. You passed on peacefully in my arms.

Sleep on my beloved until we meet to part no more. Halleluyah!!

Peninah Oloke (Wife)

TO PA ANDREW BAMIDELE OLOKE.

I remember when we last spoke on the phone a few months before you were called home to be with Lord, little did I know that was a goodbye.

You tried to make it right with everyone you wronged, and that takes a Godly man.

He was an amazing father to our children and also impacted so many lives, especially through education. He will be missed. Rest in the bosom of Lord till we meet to part no more.

Adieu.

Deaconess Comfort Bamitale Lambo



Tributes

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."
Rev. 14:13



My father was a great man. God used him to form solid education foundations for many people in his official duties across several northern states of Nigeria. Even after over 50 years, many of his old students now in various enviable sectors of society still see him as the one who moulded their foundations rightly and they kept their relationships with him alive until his death.

His value for education is evidenced in the way he ensured that all his children went to the best schools within his means. He didn't just stop at educating his biological children, but the children of many of his relatives. As we grew up, our house was always filled up with such people. At all times these people always outnumbered us, his biological children.

He was also part of many people's spiritual foundations, as he spent the active part of his old age going around the country soliciting for and placing free Bibles in various hotel

Baba it's hard to believe that you have gone, you were a fighter, you fought the battle so well until you could fight no more because it was time. My father was highly principled and stood for what he believed was in the general interest of everyone, a remarkable man with great gifts, talents and attributes, a true renaissance man with hands skilled in woodworking, metal work and craftsmanship. You may have been a strict parent most times but you were always loving and caring in your unique way. One thing that will always make us proud of you is that you were here, you lived, you loved and impacted lives. You will be missed but

We are never ready to say goodbye forever, even though we know it is a part of life. My heart is heavy for losing someone so special, but I also celebrate your life as I mourn your death. Uncle A. B., you were never one to scorn or scold but one to always lend your ears when you need to listen and guide. You were a man of deep intellect and quiet grace whose presence while I was growing

rooms under the umbrella of the Gideon Bible Society.

I believe that a great man is not known primarily by the value of his estates, but by the human legacies he lives behind. For this, my father was a very great man indeed.

One thing I can never forget about you is that you taught and motivated me to always strive to know or learn something about everything. My greatest joy of course is that you died knowing the Lord and served Him till you had no more strength to do so.

Adieu Baba. Your spiritual, biological and intellectual children will continue to remember you till we too cross the river someday.



Pst (Dr.) Paul Olufemi Oloke (Son)

never forgotten because the love you showed many will remain indelible and continue to impact lives.

We will surely miss your fatherly advice, wise counsel and blessings. We love you forever. Good night baba.



Bola Aderele (Daughter)

up often spoke through your art, your drawings and your zest for life more than words ever could. I have lost not only an uncle but also a friend, a support system and a father figure. You were truly an accommodating uncle and a wonderful soul. Rest in peace my dear uncle.

Prof. Foluke Fatimayin (nee Oloke) - niece

Tributes

The memory of the just is blessed: ...Proverbs 10:7a



You've only been gone a couple of months, and I miss you so much already. Thank you for being my loving, caring, and hardworking father. Your training and tough love have shaped me to whom I am today. I am so proud of you.

Education was such a big thing for my father, and he ensured that his biological and adopted children were educated to the highest level. Even when I was not keen about school, he never gave up. Growing up I missed school a few times and once came home without my report card because 'the goat ate it'. Baba was never discouraged, but he persevered.

I met my husband Martins in 1994 during our youth service in Jos Plateau State. I always asked myself what if I didn't go to university, probably I would have married the

wrong person. I appreciate you daddy for your patience and perseverance.

We will miss your words of wisdom, encouragement and prayers.

When my children and I visited Ilorin in August 2023, daddy's spirit was so lifted up and overjoyed. We will cherish that memory forever in our hearts.

Daddy, thank you for everything. You will be missed.

Good night until we meet to part no more.



Toyin Iserhienrhien (Daughter)

To my dearest Dad, that phone call every child knows will come one day but is never prepared for came sooner than expected, the news of your passing hit me hard. There I was planning to visit before Christmas, but God knows best. You have been there for me since the day I was born, standing behind me as a rock growing up as child and my journey into adulthood. There was no better assurance I got as a child than knowing that; "even though my father is not perfect, he will always fight for and support me no matter what, even when I made mistakes or took bad decisions".

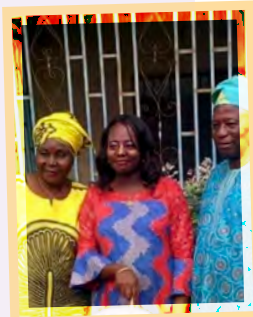
Looking back, it's kind of surreal how your positive impact over many aspects of my life was never apparent until I started out on my own and dealt with various challenges. I clearly recall

with admiration and respect your ability to fix anything in the house, your never say never attitude and resilience especially when times were rough, your willingness to learn something new (even in your old age), always looking for a better way of doing things.

As hard as losing one's father is, I have no choice but to give thanks to God Almighty for the life you lived and cherish the memories with love. I find comfort in knowing you have gone home to rest.

Thank you for everything, rest in peace Baba.

Gbenga Oloke (son)



Daddy,daddy! I called you to come back but you opened your eyes and looked and closed never to open again.

I miss you so much but i know you have gone to rest from the troubles of the world.

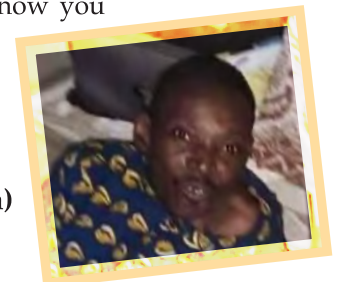
Rest on till we meet at Jesus feet.

Titilayo Oloke (Daughter)

Daddy you were always there for me. I miss you and feel your absence everyday. I wish you were here, but I know you have gone to rest.

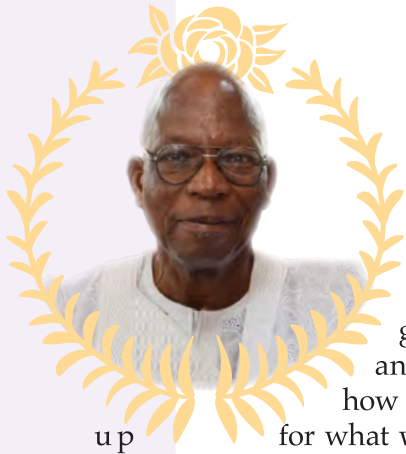
Rest on Baba. Till we meet again.

Olusegun Oloke (son)



Tributes

But as for you, go on your way until the end. You will rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."
Daniel 12:13



My father was a mentor and a great source of wisdom and strength. He taught us how to be tough and to stand up for what we believed in. He could be strict when he needed to be (which is like every time), but there was a method to his madness and if he had to discipline us, it was to teach us a valuable life lesson. He certainly did pass out of this world with dignity and grace. He was a real perfectionist, and everything had to be in its place. The explosions you'd hear if a line was crossed, or someone broke a house rule!

Baba, your impact extends beyond our family. You were dedicated to helping others, especially through education. You valued the transformative power that education holds, and you made it your mission to facilitate learning for as many as you could. You were a man who worked hard to take care of his family, a man who brought us up in the way of the Lord, a man who was always

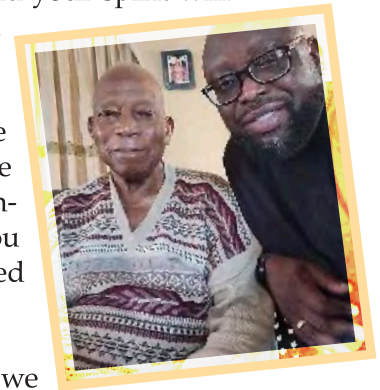
willing to lend a helping hand.

Baba was not a man of many words, but he was a man of many talents and was incredibly practical and creative. I am so lucky that he passed on so much of his talent and creativity to his children and grandchildren. Your legacy will forever be etched in our hearts, and your spirit will continue to inspire and guide us.

Thank you for the countless memories, the endless love, and the unwavering support. You are loved and cherished beyond measure.

Rest in peace Baba till we meet to part no more.

Dr. Kayode Oloke (son)



Our amiable Chief A.B. Oloke, your departure from this world to eternity at this time was a shock to us because we never expected it. More so, that you came to our monthly meeting that took place about a week to your death looking healthy and radiant. But to God be the glory, you lived a fulfilled life as a complete family man and a devout Christian. Halleluya to God. Therefore we are consoled and comforted that it has pleased God to call you home to come and rest to adorn His kingdom beautifully, because you have been a faithful servant to Him while alive.

According to Shakespeare's "life is a stage where everyone has come to play his/her part" once your part is over, one is bound to leave the stage called world. Chief Oloke played his part successfully with the exemplary life he lived, which was full of love, humility, simplicity and uncommon service to God Almighty and mankind. Among his strong attributes were, he was a mentor, an excellent adviser, he had a simple answer to every problem, he would give you a solution that will make you laugh till the problem is off your mind. He was a prominent member of this forum with deep commitment to the unity, peace and prog-

ress of our community. At a time when he was in Kano, he was the secretary of Isanlu Progressive Union (IPU) for many years. He served the community meritoriously with a touch of native intelligence. I never saw him getting angry, neither had he ever complained nor reported anyone. He was a cheerful giver and kind hearted person.

We will forever miss you in our midst chief A.B. Oloke, until we shall meet again at the feet of our Lord Jesus on the Rapture Day when the Lord will come in His glory.

Chief Oloke, the entire members of the forum and indeed Isanlu community bid you farewell till we meet again at the feet of our Lord Jesus and to part no more, where we shall continue to sing the only song of Halleluya.

Adieu Chief A.B. Oloke! Adieu Omo Akij, Adieu Omo Ihanlu Gaala!

**Engr. Kunle Arungbemi,
President, Isanlu Elders Forum, Ilorin**

Tributes

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.
John 14:18



Uncle A B, like we lovingly and respectfully called him amongst ourselves, was in many respects our elder brother before becoming our father figure.

I grew up believing that Broda Dele is my father's first child. There's some context to this statement. My father told me the story of how, after settling down in with a vocation, he decided to get married, and he also felt a burning desire to save his younger from a life of a poor shepherd boy in Isanlu. That's how it happened that broda Dele and my mother boarded the same vehicle to Kano.

Broda Dele was enrolled in Baptist school, though clearly overage, he was brilliant and completed the primary school in flying colours. At that time, mature students were sent to Technical College. Uncle aced this college and picked up an appointment at CFAO Kano, where he was an innovative, creative staff member. While working, uncle enrolled as a correspondence student with Bennett College, UK. Here, too, his prodigious intellect saw him pass his papers to secure admission to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

Uncle, then became the first Oloke to earn a university degree, how my father and all of us cousins were so proud of him. He was an inspiration. Uncle was the family archivist. He meticulously documented our dates of birth and other important family milestones. From primary school until entrance to university, uncle was known by the name he was registered for primary school, Andrew Bamidele Samuel, Samuel being his elder brother's name. With the benefits of higher

education, Uncle A B raised the issue that Samuel is not our family name and that Oloke should be. Thereafter, my father agreed to the change of surname, and this was published in a national newspaper, and we all proceeded to update our personal records accordingly.

Uncle was passionate about education. He used his vocation as a teacher to provide opportunities for members of Oloke clan to have access to higher education. For this, we are eternally grateful to him. Many lives were touched, and some destiny changed for the better. Uncle stayed engaged with us even after starting his own family, taking a keen interest in our educational pursuit and social development. He took Bola's educational and social growth as his responsibility by taking and enrolling her in school in Yola. Uncle A B made a success of husband career rising to the highest echelon and retiring with honour and dignity. Uncle was secured enough to admit his errors and apologise for them, and I respect him immensely for this. After the passing of our father, uncle became our defacto father, loving, caring, counseling, and staying engaged.

Thank you, Uncle A B, for the great times and wonderful memories you will be sorely missed. May you find peace and rest in the bosom of the Lord, amen.



Ola Oloke (Nephew)

Grandpa we were soooo looking forward to your coming to visit us in Canada! We are really sad that we did not get to meet, but we understand that you have gone to be with God and we will meet at the end of time. Rest in peace grandpa.

Tolu and Tobi Oloke (Grand children)



I clearly recall the day I met Baba in Ilorin for the first time in 2009, I had gone to meet the parents of my would-be husband. Within seconds I knew I was already part of the Oloke family as i was showered with so much love (amidst the questions). He was very easy to talk to and was always willingly to answer my endless questions. Baba was my TV-time partner whenever i visit. I can only take comfort knowing that you have gone home to rest with the Lord. You will forever be in our hearts

Esther Oloke (Daughter In-law)



Grandpa why did you leave me? I miss your company so much. We used to sit together, crack jokes and I will tell you stories.

You were reminding Grandma every time about a bicycle for my 10th birthday alas the day, July 4th came and passed with grief

Rest on wonderful grandpa till we meet with Jesus.

Emmanuel Oloke (Grand son)

Tributes

But as for you, go on your way until the end. You will rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."
Daniel 12:13



Finding solace in the passing of my beloved uncle, Chief A. B. Oloke, can be difficult, but with heartfelt memories and in thanksgiving to God, I know I shall find comfort and healing. Reflecting on cherished memories allows my heart to keep his spirit alive, and to honor his legacies of love, perseverance, philanthropy, and kindness. He was a beacon of love and kindness. In my life, the void he left will indeed be difficult to fill. As a man auspiciously imbued with wisdom, his advice guided me through rough and tough times. In recent times, I have caught myself talking to him in my thoughts, hoping somehow, he can hear me and respond. My love for my uncle, A.B.,

will ever remain strong, as I celebrate his transition to glory.

Lord, may Your light guide him to eternal peace and envelop his soul with Your boundless mercy and love. Grant him rest in Your warm embrace, far from the worries of this worldly life.

Uncle, you are loved and cherished. I miss you, dearly.

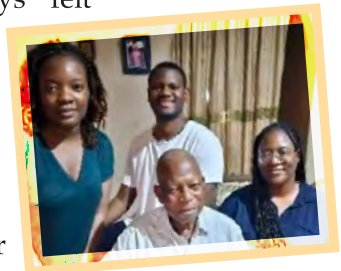
Adieu! Until we meet to part no more.

HE Dr Mrs Bola Njoku (nee Oloke) - niece

We remember our Grandpa as a wise, honourable man who always knew just what to say to light up the room and make everyone smile. In life and now death he wouldn't want us to focus on the sadness and sorrow but to continue to love and support each other no matter the situation.

Our mum, Toyin always told us so many fond stories and memories of her childhood and how he raised all his children with love, grace and discipline. Each time we came to Nigeria, we looked forward to seeing him and we thank God for the opportunity to be able to see him for one last time in August last year.

Thank you for all the sweet words of encouragement, we always felt how proud he was of all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



We honor you in our hearts now and forever, Grandpa.

Efosa, Osahon and Nosa Iserhienrhien (Grand Children)

You are a father, a role model and a great teacher. I lack words to express how much I love you daddy and miss you.

Rest in peace.
Asenah Balanso

Mr Andrew Oloke was a great man, a true believer, God fearing and kind. From the time I got to know him till he breath his last he was a gentle, diligent and God fearing man but, above all; he was a man of steadfast Faith in God. We all love him but God loves him more

Daddy sunrè ooo
Elijah Ibiyeye



Tributes

The memory of the just is blessed: ...Proverbs 10:7a

My first encounter with my late father-in-law Pa A.B. Oloke was in 1994 when I went with my then girlfriend, Toyin to meet him at the house in Ilorin.

Toyin tried to prepare me for the meeting. She said her dad was a retired educator, strict disciplinarian, inquisitive and unrelenting. However, when i came into his presence all my preparations and confidence vanished into thin air.

I realized nothing could have prepared me for the meeting. But what was all too obvious within minutes of the encounter was a man with deep love, compassion for his family and very protective of them. He was very quick to lay down the rules and principles of healthy and long-lasting relationship/marriage.

I have been a son in-law in this family now for nearly 30 years. Over the years, I received a great deal of advice and counselling from daddy, and he was always very loving, supportive and compassionate. I had opportunities to observe him closely and had been in awe of the dept of his knowledge, wisdom and life experiences that he was always ready to share, to teach and to impact on younger generations.

He was the best father in-law to me, a wonderful grandfather to my children and a great pillar of support to the society and people around him.

He will be greatly missed.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Adieu Papa Oloke.

Dr. Martins Iserhienrhien (Son In-Law)

Baba, I know you're in heaven. I don't have the words enough to express how much I miss you; the good memories and impact remains with me forever. Thank you for nurturing me at a very tender age, for the advice, the little talks and jokes we had, I will always cherish those moments. You were an intelligent and intellectual man full of wisdom and vast knowledge. I was always amazed at how an old man still reads and studies.

I will forever miss you.

Adieu Baba.
Lynda Nworah

Daddy, with a heavy heart and eyes filled with tears, your departure has left a deep hole in my heart that time itself won't be able to heal it. I will forever love, cherish and miss you.

Continue to rest in bosom of our lord Jesus Christ till we meet again.

Benjamin Nworah

Dad, I'm grateful for your guidance and wisdom. Your influence has shaped me into the person I am today. I admire your strength and resilience and I aspire to be like you. Missing you from the very first day of your death. Death, why!.

Till we meet to part no more. Sun re O. Adieu Baba oloke.

Kehinde Olubato



Tributes

But as for you, go on your way until the end. You will rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."
-Daniel 12:13

Baba after God in my life is you and your virtue wife. You took us (me and my brother kehinde) from the village out of picking of palm-kanel, hunting after rats and rabbits in the bushes and you training us to know what life is all about. Where I am working now for almost 35 years you are the one who did it. Baba you die like ordinary human being but your memory shall forever be in our mind. I have told my children and I will tell my children children about you. What pain me most is that I was not able to take care of you as I suppose. I shall forever be grateful unto you.

Rest on Baba until we meet to part no more.

Taiwo Olubato

A man of substance. An Icon of our time. You were a very strong, dynamic and highly creative man. You were ever ready to give your candid advice with your positive attitude towards life. In times of hardship and adversity, he was a calming influence. You gave your best to your children, family (both nuclear and extended).and friends. What else can anyone ask of Gem? You left an unforgettable legacy for us all i.e. to love, care, give and be courageous. You were a rare breed, a kind and devoted family man, who never shirked his responsibility to anyone who deserved it. No one without challenges, you bravely confronted and fought them to the very end. And indeed you fulfilled your divine purpose on this planet. Some might be wondering who is this among his children. I dutifully called him 'My DADDY 'for the singular fact that of all the virtues of fatherhood that he exemplified! An honest man to the core, generous and always eager to assistance, even where impossibility is staring, he was always there for us. Occasions like the weddings of all my siblings. Thank you very much our daddy. Your memory is a treasure, you are loved beyond words and will be sorely missed. My daddy has fought a good fight, you have finished your course....1Timothy 4:1_16. The Lord shall grant you eternal rest. You will not be forgotten and will forever live in the hearts of all of us who knew and loved you. Adieu Daddy mi, till we meet again at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor(Mrs) Abiiba Bamidele Maryam (Nee Oloke).

My father-in-law you were an extraordinary man with a heart of gold. Your kindness, generosity and compassion inspire me everyday. I'm so grateful to have you as part of my life.

Till we meet again.

Adenike Olubato

You may have passed on, but your memories would always remain within me. You are more than just an uncle to me. Your impact on my life is immeasurable, I'm forever grateful for the love you showed me.
Rest in bosom of the Lord.

Mrs Ibitoye Comfort Ebun





Tributes

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am" John 14:3

Andrew Bamidele Oloke, a cherished member of Gideons International, Ilorin East Camp, has recently departed to be with the Lord. His unwavering commitment and service have left an indelible mark on our hearts. Pa Oloke was a stalwart member of Gideons International, Ilorin East Camp. His dedication to the mission of spreading the Word of God was evident in every aspect of his life. Throughout his many years of service, he held various positions within the Camp, including Camp Chaplain and Church Assignment Chairman, demonstrating a level of commitment and leadership that was both admirable and exemplary. He was not only a reliable Camp member but also a spiritual pillar whose presence and guidance were felt by all.

As Camp Chaplain, Pa Oloke faithfully ministered to fellow Gideons, sharing the life-transforming message of God's Word. His dedication extended beyond the pulpit; he exemplified the love of Christ through his actions, touching lives in profound ways. He led members meticulously during our weekly prayer meetings. His leadership in this role was marked by humility and a genuine desire to serve the Lord and his fellow members. Pa Oloke's life was a living example of what it means to be a sincere lover of Christ. His faith was not just a part of his life; it was the very foundation upon which he built

his existence. He lived out the teachings of Christ in his daily interactions, showing love, kindness, and compassion to all he encountered. His faith was a beacon of light, guiding others towards a deeper relationship with God.

In remembering Pa Oloke, we celebrate a life well-lived, a life dedicated to the service of God and others. His legacy will continue to inspire and encourage us to remain steadfast in our faith and committed to the work of the Lord. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew him and were touched by his unwavering faith and boundless love. As members of the Gideons International in Nigeria, we give thanks and praises to God for your life, and pray and trust God to uphold your family. It is hard to believe that you are no more. Late Pa Andrew Bamidele has gone home. Praise God! The Bible says; "Teach us to number our days aright, O Lord so that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

On behalf of Members of the Gideons International, Ilorin Camps, Central West State Association, and the Gideons International, Nigeria.

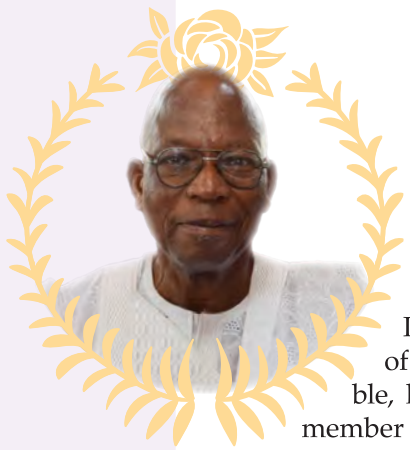
Prof. J. O. Olaoye,
Chaplain, Central West State Association, Gideons International, Nigeria.

To a loving Father, I will forever remember your love and the care you show to my life and children. Continue to rest in the Bosom of the LORD.

Tope Linda Adeoye

The accolade of my late uncle, Father Andrew Bamidele Oloke The Director of Teachers Resource Center Bauchi (DTRC). In early 80's the epitome of his life is worthy to emulate, kind, loving caring, supportive, gentle and easygoing man. He will ever be remembered by many especially my very humble family

Pst & Mrs Jaiyeoba Samuel
DLBC



Tributes

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm23:4

The Men Fellowship of chapel of redemption UMCA, Gaa-Akanbi Ilorin received the news of the demise of our amiable, loyal, loving, and gentle member of great repute, Andrew Bamidele Oloke fondly called Baba A. B. with a heavy heart. We could not but give the Almighty God the glory for a life well spent, since God is unquestionable, Who owns lives; giveth it or taketh it away at His chosen time.

Pa A. B. Oloke had always been a very active member of the fellowship, who controlled great respect among the members. Despite being an elderly man among us, he was always ready to take up ANY assignment. He would ALWAYS volunteered himself to be among the team that will represent the fellowship at various National Men's Fellowship Conference no matter the distance even if it is far away. There was a time he volunteered and joined the team that represented the fellowship at the National Men Fellowship conference held in far away Salka, Niger state Nigeria. These good attributes of active performances in addition to his

It is with a heavy heart and with deep sense of loss but with gratitude to God for life that was well spent by our deceased amiable father.

The news of late Pa A.B. Oloke's departure from this sinful world came as a shock to us and words are indeed inadequate to express our deep sense of loss and grief since that fateful Saturday, June, 2024. The demise of the deceased is a blow on all of us in the community - Igbesi Street Community and environs. Late A.B. Oloke is one of the respectable and respectful elder statesmen in the community. He was the Vice-Chairman of the community.

Baba Oloke as most people fondly called him lived a disciplined and God fearing life up to his last breath. He was a quiet easy going and humble person. The word of God says that God resist the proud but gives peace to the humble. Late Pa AB Oloke was a man of peace and his advocacy was peace. Until sickness knocked him down some months ago he was attending the community monthly meetings regularly and punctually with fatherly advice to issues in the meeting. The deceased was always contributing meaningfully and intelligently. He was endowed with wisdom

good counsels and contributions to the progress of the fellowship, qualified him to be elected as the Vice President of the Fellowship in January 2011. He held this position for two tenures i.e six years, (January 2011-December 2016). The then President of the fellowship had always vehemently appreciated his support in the running of the affairs of the fellowship all through the six years

After he concluded the two tenures and was no longer an exco member, he continued to fully dedicated himself to the services and progress of the fellowship through his wise counsels and pieces of advice even unto his death. He has really left a wide vacuum. He would be remembered for his good deeds, services and prompt and wise counsels

Adieu our dear Baba A. B. and may your soul rest in perfect peace. Our prayers is that the lord Almighty will comfort, console and support his wife, the children and the entire family in Jesus name

President Chapel Of Redemption, UMCA Men Fellowship

as he always offered useful advice as to how the association could be run for better results.

The deceased was noted to be a pillar of success to his children. Late Pa A.B. Oloke was surrounded by his godly wife and children when he celebrated his last birthday which was full of emotions. Members of the community loved the deceased so dearly and he will be greatly missed in the group. Our hearts linger over his demise but we are consoled that he is resting in the bosom of the Lord. We however want the wife, the children, grand children and extended family members to note that Christians don't die, they only sleep.

May the Lord console all of us and grant us the fortitude to bear the loss. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

ADIEU !!!! Sleep on till we meet to part no more.

Chief G.A. Oyinloye (JP)
For & on behalf of Landlords and tenants of Igbesi Street and environs, Ogo Oluwa area, Tanke-Ilorin

Appreciation

The family of Pa Andrew Bamidele Oloke wishes to express their profound gratitude and appreciation to the officiating ministers, extended family, and friends who have in so many ways expressed their heartfelt support, prayers and condolences. May almighty God reward you and grant you journey mercies back to your various locations in Jesus name!

Children, grand children and great grand children

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Gbogbo ebi Pa Andrew Bamidele Oloke fi tokantokan ati idunnu dupe lowo awon olu dari eto isin, ati gbogbo ebi ati ore fun atilehin wiwa sibi ayeye oku baba wa. Adura wa ni wipe ki Oluwa bukun fun yin. Adele bare, arina kore, akoya ibi ki Oluwa ki o bukun fun yin. Amin.

Awon omo, ati omo-omo, ati omo-omo-omo Ologbe

Pa. Andrew Bamidele
OLOKE

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