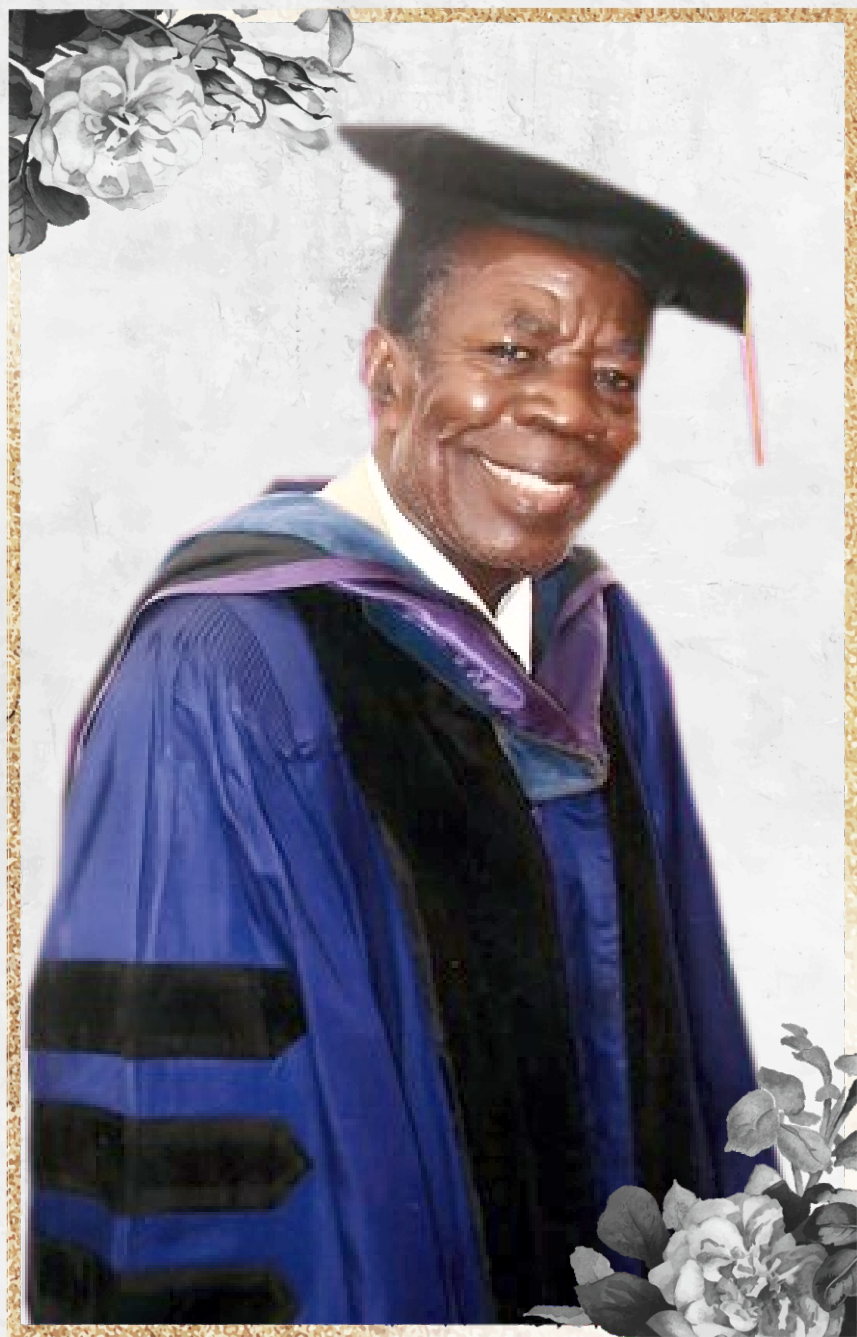


CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**PROFESSOR
ISAAC OLALEYE OWOYE**





ORDER OF

FUNERAL SERVICE

for

PROFESSOR
ISAAC OLALEYE OWOEYE

Aged

78 Years

Held at

CHAPEL OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT
University of Lagos, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos

On

24th October, 2025

By

10:00 a.m.

REVEREND (DR.) AZUKA OGBOLUMANI
CHAPLAIN

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

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Venerable (Professor) F. A. Fajemirokun

Reverend Bayo Awala

Reverend (Prof.) Bolaji Owasanoye

Reverend (Prof.) Fola Tayo

Reverend (Prof.) Wale Okunuga

Reverend (Prof.) Yemisi Obashoro John

Reverend Taiwo Adeniyi



CHOIR-IN-STALL

The Chapel of Christ Our Light Choir

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Meeting of the body
2. Sentences
3. Hymn: *To God be the glory*
4. Psalm 46 & Gloria
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1. Meeting of the Body

The Clergy meets the body at the entrance of the Church

Priest: Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord.

People: And let light perpetually shine upon him

Priest: I have set God always before me: for He is on my right hand therefore I shall not fall.

People: Wherefore my heart was glad and my glory rejoiced; my flesh always shall rest in hope.

Priest: For why? Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; neither shalt thou suffer Thy holy one to see corruption.

People: Thou shalt show me the path of life, in Thy presence is the fullness of joy: and at Thy right hand there is pleasure forever more.

Priest: Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord.

People: And let light perpetually shine upon him

2. Sentences

(To be said by the Priests)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and I am the life, he who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall live and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die".

The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His compassion never fails, every morning they are renewed.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

3. Hymn: *To God be the Glory*

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

4. Psalm 46 & Gloria

5. Bible Reading: *Romans 8: 31 - end*

31. What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who can be against us?
32. He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
33. Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.
34. Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36. As it is written:
*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."* Psalm 44:22
37. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
38. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39. nor height nor depth, nor any other created things, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6. Choruses of Praise and Worship

7. Exhortation

8. Hymn: *When Peace Like A River Attendeth My Way*

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows, like sea-billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,
"It is well, it is well with my soul"

Chorus:

It is well... with my soul,...
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin-not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross; and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
5. But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait;
The sky, not the grave, is our goal:
Oh, trump of the Angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope! blessed rest of my soul!

9. Prayers and Grace

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise You that men are made in Your own image and reflect Your truth and light. We thank You for the life of Your son, Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, for the love and mercy he received from You and showed among us. Above all we rejoice at Your gracious promise to all Your servants, living and departed: that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with our brother that clearer vision when we shall see Your face, in the name of Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant us, with Your servant, Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of Your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when You gather up all things in Christ we may with them enjoy the fullness of Your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Eternal Lord God, You hold all souls in life; shed forth, we pray; upon Your whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of Your light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have loved and served You here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of Your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Father of all, by whose mercy and grace Your saints remain in everlasting light and peace, we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer and we pray that in them Your perfect will may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10. Eulogy

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, was more than a father — he was a pillar of faith, wisdom, and love. He lived a life anchored in God, guided by a deep conviction that every breath and every blessing must serve a greater purpose. His faith was not merely spoken; it was lived daily in the way he treated people, in his humility, in his patience, and in his unwavering trust in God's plan.

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye filled the room with laughter, he was full of warmth, life, and love. He made everyone around him feel special. He never raised his voice; his calmness was his strength, and his patience was his language of love. He loved people deeply. He paid school fees for many who were not his children. He opened doors, lifted others, and made sacrifices quietly — never seeking praise, only purpose. His generosity was boundless, and his compassion knew no limits. He believed that knowledge was one of the greatest gifts of God, and he dedicated his life to sharing it.

As a teacher, scholar, and pioneer in Physiotherapy in Nigeria, he gave everything to build the profession from the ground up. He sacrificed personal comfort, time, and resources so that others could learn, grow, and succeed. His dream was not just for himself but for generations yet unborn. Today, many professionals stand tall because of his courage, his advocacy, and his lifelong commitment to excellence.

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye was fearless and courageous — not in loud ways, but in quiet determination and moral strength. He faced challenges with grace and spoke truth with dignity. He was the kind of man who stood for what was right, even when it wasn't easy.

He was not just a father to his children — he was a father to everyone who crossed his path. He was a mentor, a counsellor, a provider, and a friend. His presence commanded respect, but his heart overflowed with tenderness.

Thank you Professor for showing us what it means to walk with God, to live for others, and to believe in the power of knowledge and kindness. You've run your race with faith and courage. We will carry your light in our hearts forever — and through our lives, your legacy will live on.

Rest well, our hero, our teacher, our daddy. You will always be loved, always be remembered, and always be celebrated.

'The memory of the righteous is blessed.' — Proverbs 10:7

Sleep well in the bosom of your Maker, beloved father and teacher. Your legacy of love, learning, and faith will continue to shine through all of us.

11. Recessional Hymn: *Through the Love of God our Saviour*

1. Through the love of God our Saviour,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favour,
All, all is well:
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

2. Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation,
All, all is well:
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful, if in Christ abiding;
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

3. We expect a bright to-morrow;
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All, all is well:
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Or in living or in dying,
All must be well. *Amen.*

12. Biography of Professor Isaac Owoeye

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Interment at Atan Cemetery, University Road, Yaba

INTERMENT

13. Hymn: *Thine Forever* M.H.B No. 569

1. Thine for ever, God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity.
2. Thine for ever, Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the life, the Truth, the Way
Guide us to the realms of day.
3. Thine for ever, O how blest,
They who find in Thee their rest.
Saviour, Guardian, Heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.
4. Thine for ever, Shepherd keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.
5. Thine for ever, Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven. *Amen.*

14. The Burial

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower, he fleeth as it were shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O LORD, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O LORD, God most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our heart, shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

For as much as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our dear Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our vile body that it may be like unto His glorious Body, according to the mighty working. Whereby he is able to subdue all things to Himself.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: 'Write from hence forth, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours'.

15. Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Priest: Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;

People: For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Priest: Grant unto him eternal rest O Lord;

People: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, go forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul:

In the name of God, the Father Almighty who created thee. *Amen.*

In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for thee. *Amen.*

In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthened thee. *Amen.*

In communion with the blessed saints, and aided by angels and Archangels and all the armies of the heavenly host. *Amen.*

May thy portion this day be in peace, and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

AT CHAPEL

16. Hymn: *Abide with me* M.H.B No. 348

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail, and comfort flee,
Help of the helpless, O 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,
Oh Thou who changest not abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power,
Who like Thy self my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness,
Where is death's sting, where grace, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadow flee.
In life - in death, Oh Lord, abide with me. *Amen.*

17. Prayers

Biography of Professor Isaac Owoeye

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye was born on the 8th of July, 1948, in Ilesha, Osun State, Nigeria, to Mr. and Mrs. Owoeye, both of blessed memory. His father was a dedicated farmer and his mother a resourceful trader — industrious parents who instilled in their young son the values of hard work, honesty, and perseverance.

However, tragedy struck early in his life. He lost his father at the tender age of six, a loss that brought about immense hardship and changed the trajectory of his early childhood. Despite the challenges of growing up with limited means, and later becoming an orphan, young Isaac demonstrated remarkable courage and determination. His mother's unwavering faith and his own early encounter with God shaped his moral compass and ignited a burning desire to succeed against all odds.

Early Life and Education

Isaac began his primary education at Methodist Primary School, Oromu, Ilesha, where he quickly stood out for his intelligence, curiosity, and quiet strength of character. His early years were marked by financial hardship, yet he refused to let poverty define him. His teachers often described him as a bright, disciplined child who showed leadership even among his peers.

After completing his primary education, he proceeded to Secondary Modern School, but due to financial constraints, he took up teaching jobs at an early age to sustain himself and support his education. This period of his life revealed his remarkable self-reliance and discipline — qualities that would later define his academic and professional career.

Through sheer perseverance, he saved enough money to attend Wesley College, Ibadan, where he obtained his Teacher's Certificate in 1965. His years at Wesley College were formative — they honed his passion for learning and awakened in him the realization that education was not just a means to personal advancement but also a powerful tool for societal transformation.

After qualifying as a teacher, he returned to teaching, working diligently while saving to further his education. His unrelenting drive led him to seek university admission, and in 1970, he was offered a place at the University of Ibadan to study Physiotherapy — a field that was still relatively new in Nigeria at the time. Despite the financial strain, he refused to be deterred. He sponsored himself through the university with his modest savings, embodying the essence of resilience and self-determination.

He graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy, and soon after, he participated in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in Zaria, Kaduna State, completing his service in July 1975. Those who met him during this time recalled a young man with an uncommon sense of purpose, humility, and a deep passion for helping others.

Academic and Professional Career

Professor Owoeye's academic journey officially began in 1979, when he was appointed as Lecturer II in the Department of Physiotherapy, College of Medicine, University of Lagos. His brilliance, dedication, and commitment to excellence quickly distinguished him among his colleagues and students.

In pursuit of advanced knowledge, he was sponsored by the University to travel to the United States of America, where he obtained his Master's and Doctorate (Ph.D.) degrees in Physiotherapy. While abroad, he continued to demonstrate his characteristic humility and diligence, balancing academic rigour with deep spiritual reflection. His time in the U.S. broadened his horizons, strengthened his academic foundation, and inspired him to return home to contribute to national development.

Upon his return to Nigeria in 1982, Professor Owoeye resumed teaching and research at the University of Lagos and Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), where he served meritoriously for over three decades until his retirement in July 2018. His career was marked by outstanding teaching, groundbreaking research, and mentorship of countless physiotherapists who now serve across Nigeria and beyond.

Leadership and National Service

A visionary leader, Professor Owwoeye served as the President and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (NSP) from 1989 to 1993, during which he championed the professional recognition of physiotherapy and worked tirelessly to strengthen the association's role in health policy and education.

He was also the Editor-in-Chief of the Nigerian Society of Physiotherapy Journal, through which he promoted evidence-based practice and scholarly research in rehabilitation sciences. One of his most enduring contributions was his instrumental role in establishing the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board (MRTB) of Nigeria, the statutory body that regulates the practice of physiotherapy and other rehabilitation professions.

Notably, he authored the Physiotherapy Oath of Practice still in use today — a document that continues to guide the ethical and professional standards of the field. His legacy as an academic leader, reformer, and advocate for quality healthcare remains deeply respected.

Faith, Values, and Personal Life

Professor Owwoeye was not only an academic giant but also a man of deep Christian faith. From childhood, he experienced a divine encounter with God, which profoundly shaped his life. His spirituality inspired a lifelong commitment to service, integrity, and compassion for others. He was known for his gentle spirit, humility, and unwavering belief that God orders the steps of the righteous.

He was also a firm believer in Nigeria's potential for greatness. He often expressed optimism about the nation's future, declaring that with dedication, honesty, and faith, "Nigeria can be great again." His patriotism and sense of duty were evident not only in his work but also in his mentorship of younger professionals, whom he constantly encouraged to believe in themselves and in their country.

Outside his professional life, Professor Owwoeye was a man of refined taste and culture. He loved classical and old country music, finding in them a soothing escape and inspiration for reflection. He enjoyed quiet evenings surrounded by his family, sharing stories, laughter, and wisdom. His home was a place of warmth, hospitality, and faith — a reflection of his heart.

He was blessed with four loving children, all of whom inherited his strength of character, discipline, and commitment to excellence. He was also a proud grandfather, who found immense joy in spending time with his grandchildren. Family meant everything to him, and he cherished every opportunity to nurture, teach, and love them deeply.

Legacy

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owwoeye's life story is one of faith, perseverance, and destiny fulfilled. From humble beginnings in Ilesha to becoming a celebrated academic and national leader, he proved that with hard work, vision, and divine grace, no dream is impossible.

He left behind not only a strong professional legacy but also an enduring personal example — of integrity, humility, and service to God and humanity. He touched countless lives as a teacher, mentor, leader, and friend. His memory continues to inspire all who knew him.

Indeed, his life was a testimony to the transformative power of education, faith, and perseverance.

He came, he served, he inspired — and he leaves behind a light that will continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMME – CHAPEL OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT, UNILAG

Sunday worship services:

First service:	8.00am
Workers' prayer meeting:	9.30am
Second service:	10.00am

Wednesday prayer meeting **6.00pm**

Last Friday of the month vigil **11.00pm**

First day of the month (Holy Ghost Hour) **6.00pm**

TRIBUTES

Tribute from His Loving Wife

My journey with my beloved husband, Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, began over forty years ago in Ibadan - a meeting divinely arranged by God. At that time, he was working at the University College Hospital (UCH) as a young, dedicated Physiotherapist, while I served at the Jericho Nursing Home. Our paths crossed in church, and what started as friendship soon blossomed into a love story founded on faith, respect, and shared purpose.

Our courtship spanned three memorable years, filled with laughter, prayers, and hope for the future. We were united in holy matrimony at Christ Anglican Church, Mapo, Ibadan, and our union was blessed with wonderful children — both sons and daughters — who became the joy and fulfillment of our lives.

In 1979, he joined the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, a step that marked the beginning of a distinguished academic career. Later, he was sponsored to pursue his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Physiotherapy in the United States of America, and I was blessed to join him there. Those years abroad were filled with hard work, shared sacrifices, and countless moments that deepened our love and strengthened our faith in God.

When we returned to Nigeria in 1982, he devoted himself completely to teaching, mentoring, and building the Physiotherapy profession. His passion for excellence, humility, and dedication to his students and colleagues were unmatched. He was a selfless teacher, prolific writer, visionary leader, and a father figure to many. He gave generously of his time, wisdom, and resources — touching many lives within and outside his profession.

When illness came in 2017, it was a difficult season, but his faith never wavered. He faced each day with courage, dignity, and a heart full of gratitude. Our family hoped and prayed for divine intervention, and even though God's answer came differently from what we desired, we remain thankful for the grace to care for him and to walk beside him through that journey until the very end.

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye passed on to glory on 30th August 2025, leaving behind his loving wife, children, grandchildren, son-in-law, brother, and a host of relatives and loved ones. Though my heart aches deeply, I am comforted by the thought that he has entered into eternal rest — free from pain and sorrow, resting peacefully in the bosom of the Lord.

My dear husband, you were my companion, my counselor, my prayer partner, and my friend. You were a man of faith, humility, and deep conviction — steadfast in your service to God and humanity. I will forever cherish the beautiful memories we shared, the dreams we built together, and the love that will continue to live within me for the rest of my days.

Though I miss you dearly, I rejoice in the knowledge that you are at peace. Your legacy lives on — in our children, in your students, and in the many lives you touched with your kindness and strength.

Sleep well, my beloved.

Till we meet again at the feet of our Saviour, I will continue to honor your memory with gratitude, love, and quiet joy for the years we shared.

With love eternal,

Your Wife,

Ibidun Owoeye

Dad, your presence in my life was a constant source of comfort and strength. Guess, your strictness was balanced by deep love and care for our family. In your later years, I felt us growing closer, and I cherished the time we spent together.

I'll miss you dearly, especially the moments when I'd come home and you'd be there, with a gentle "you are welcome"

As I say goodbye, I want you to know that your legacy lives on through the lessons you taught me and the memories we shared. I'll hold onto those tightly and strive to make you proud.

Rest in peace, Dad. I'll always remember you with love and gratitude.

Olawunmi Owoeye (Daughter)

Daddy, for the past few days, it had been very hard and chilling to reconcile with your transition to glory. My mind had been filled with your memories, and I am truly blessed to have you as a father, not only to me, but others who has had contact with you.

My father was incredibly generous always happy to give to others. As I grew older, I watched him invest in our education and provided unwavering support in my academics. I am grateful for your genuine and unfailing devotion to the family which has made me a better person.

My final words to you is prayer, may the lord grant you eternal rest.

Good night, Daddy.

Olawale Owoeye (Son)

My dad, Prof. Isaac Owoeye, was an academician to the core. Looking back on our early days growing up, I remember how he was always busy with his work, constantly writing one journal or another—even at home.

Yet, despite his busy schedule, whenever we approached him to talk, or to seek his help, he always made time to listen. He did his best to provide for us and to meet our needs.

My dad was not perfect, but in his own special way, he had a gift for putting smiles not only on our faces but also on the faces of those around him. His presence will forever be missed, but I take comfort in the belief that he is now at peace, enjoying the well-deserved rest he has earned.

Rest on, Dad.

Olayemi Owoeye (Son)

Growing up, I remember my dad so clearly. Every evening when he returned from work and parked outside, I could always recognize the sound of his car. The moment he revved the engine, I would run excitedly to the door, waiting for him. He would turn off the car, step out, lift me high into the air, and spin me around in a full circle — a joyful 360. That moment was always my favorite part of the day.

My dad was my hero. When he came home from work, he made me feel like a princess. He would buy me snacks, drinks, and all the little things I loved. If I ever said I wanted something, he would do everything he could to get it for me. Even when I grew older, that never changed.

When I returned home from school as an adult, he would light up the moment he saw me. “Oh my God, I didn't know you were around!” he'd say, and immediately drive off to YemYem to get me something to eat. He was always so excited to see me — that kind of love never faded.

I love my dad deeply. He was truly the best dad in the world. I was his baby — the baby of my daddy's heart. I miss him so much. I miss hearing his voice, his laughter, and seeing his smile when I walked through the door.

I thank God for the precious years I had with him. I thank God for the memories, the lessons, and the love that shaped who I am today. Most importantly, I thank God because I know that death is not the end. My dad is resting now — at peace, whole, and joyful in the presence of his Maker. And I know that one day, I will see him again.

My dad was phenomenal — brilliant, excellent, and full of grace. He taught me the value of integrity and hard work. He always reminded me, “Let no man say you stole this or took that. Let no one ever hold you for doing wrong.” Those words live with me every day.

He was a man of few words, but each word carried depth and wisdom. His faith in God was unwavering, and his life was a living sermon. My father walked with integrity, loyalty, and discipline. The values I hold dear today were not just taught by him — they were demonstrated through his life.

I have never heard anyone say my father defrauded them or wronged them. Instead, I continue to hear testimonies of his honesty, humility, and kindness. That is the kind of legacy he left behind — one of light, truth, and honor.

Daddy, I thank God for you — for being my father, my example, and my source of inspiration. You were excellent in every way. I love you, and I will always miss you.

Till we meet again at the feet of Jesus,

Your daughter, who will always be your baby.

Dr. Olamide Akinlawon nee Owoeye (Daughter)

Dear Grandpa,

We miss you. We miss when you chase us around. We love you Grandpa and we will cherish every moment we spent with you.

Samuel & Emmanuel Akinlawon

Dear Colleagues and Students of Physiotherapy in Nigeria.

It is official we lost him. Prof. Isaac Olaleye Owoeye is gone. Yes, the Owoeye, once synonymous with physiotherapy in Lagos and even across Nigeria. Yes, the 'baba', Yes the 'grand master' and Doyen of Nigerian Physiotherapy.

Very renowned for professional ethics and etiquette, 'the one man squad', 'the goal getter', 'the master strategist', 'the perfect time keeper', 'the great multi-tasker' and a role model to those who worked close to him. A very kind man who would go out of his way to defend the oppressed. An academic, but yet a great philanthropist to Junior staff.

Indeed the history of Physiotherapy in Nigeria changed and did not remain the same at the moment 'young Dr Isaac' left the United States of America and arrived in the continent of Africa'. There rest is history. Those who know, they know.

History will meet us according to the lives we touched or failed to. For Prof. Owoeye, he came, he saw, and he touched the lives of many who crossed his way. Surely, he left many better than he had met them. Professor Owoeye crossed the path of generations of men and women. Many generations of the University of Lagos Association of Physiotherapy Students (ULAPS). Many had either a full share or a partial slice of destiny with him, Prof. Owoeye often brought the best out of them either as undergraduate or postgraduate students. Men and women who were his colleagues and contemporaries while he was NSP President. Men and women who were registrants while he was the pioneer Registrar of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTB). Those students and parents whom he took up the responsibility of paying their school fees. Yes, I recall those hundreds of junior academic and clinic staff of the CMUL and LUTH who stopped by 'to say hello' to Prof in his office every month-end to receive their 'back up support envelopes' from him. Prof was a man who always had enough envelopes to give out to the needy whenever he dipped his hands inside his multiple suit pockets often adorned by different colours of pen, blue, red, black and green.

But history will also remember the present 2024/2025 Executive Council of ULAPS. In December 2024, these young lads still in their 300L - 500 levels took the giant step to visit and donate to an ailing Professor of physiotherapy whom they got to hear about by history as a retired and influential teacher of teachers, a mentor or mentors and a teacher of some of their present teachers. They paid a scheduled visit, gave gifts and prayed for a man whom they never met before at his family house at Ebutte Metta. This was one of the last visitations that Prof had during his last days on Earth and as the Student Adviser, I am honoured to have led this visit. It is noteworthy that none of this contemporary set of students were direct beneficiaries nor even met him as a Lecturer or Head of Physiotherapy Department, CMUL/LUTH.

This is a call on the Physiotherapy community in Nigeria, the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria, the CMUL Physiotherapy Alumni Association and the Departments of Physiotherapy in both CMUL and LUTH to take a step further to immortalize Professor Owoeye through deliberate actions, monuments and physical infrastructures in physiotherapy and Medical Rehabilitation which he pioneered. It is indeed the end of an era.

Rest in peace Prof IO OWOEYE, a teacher, mentor, father figure, disciplinarian, leader, scholar, administrator, technocrat and a philanthropist.

- First PhD Physiotherapy Lecturer at CMUL
- Former HOD Physiotherapy, CMUL and LUTH
- Former Consultant Physiotherapist, LUTH
- Former President, Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy
- Pioneer Registrar, Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria.

Professor U.A.C Okafor

(A 2nd Generation Owoeye Mentee)

Professor U.A.C Okafor, PT, PhD

The Master of Rehabilitation Therapy: A Tribute to Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye

It gives me great pleasure to write this tribute to a great man, a distinct man, a legend, a pillar of knowledge, a dedicated physiotherapy educator, and a father-figure to many of us, a trailblazer in rehabilitation therapy, specifically as a physiotherapist - Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye. For many CMUL-PT graduates, Professor Owoeye was simply called *"the Master"*. He earned this accolade not for anecdotal reasons but for evidential ones: he was always ready to lend a helping hand. His shoulders were wide enough for all to lean on - whether *"students in difficulty"* or *"difficult students"*. Numerous students and staff benefitted from his benevolence. As a father-figure, he was quick to give a helping hand in most situations.

Personally, his encouragement and guidance laid the foundation for my growth, and for that I will always be thankful. His impact reaches far beyond the classroom; I carry those lessons and virtues with me even today. His commitment to excellence, discipline, and the holistic development of students left a lifelong imprint on generations of learners. His unique blend of tough love and exemplary style has pushed me to strive for the best and has upheld in me the high standards of our profession of physiotherapy.

I met Professor Owoeye many years after he *"landed on the shore"* of Nigeria (if you get it, you get it; if you don't, forget about it). In 1990 my set moved from the main campus of the University of Lagos (Akoka) to the Idi-Araba campus (College of Medicine, University of Lagos). Since then, he has influenced the careers and lives of many of us—in clinical proficiency, teaching comportment, and student-teacher relationships. I remember how he would not let us help him carry his bag to his office, saying, *"You are not an apprentice; you are a student of the University of Lagos, and in any case you have done the right thing by offering to help—that is what a good child does"*. Many of these virtues are now great assets for some of us today, as we carry them forward. By the grace of God, it was not difficult for me to decide to become a physiotherapy educator—in addition to continuing my clinical expertise. Professor Owoeye's teaching style was simple, logical, and garnished with stories that drove the points home.

It is true that Professor Owoeye's presence and influence will be greatly missed, but the teachings and values he instilled in us will endure forever. I recall those evenings when, because of his tight administrative and professional schedule, he taught us late into the night and then compensated the 26 of us by buying us rich food, different from the regular food - *"non-burnt-offering"*. In fact, I often looked forward to those late sessions, knowing good food awaited us.

There are many memories of Prof. In 1996, after my internship programme, at Murtala Mohamed Specialist Hospital, Kano, I received the award for Best Physiotherapy Intern among students from the University of Ibadan and Obafemi Awolowo University. I presented the award to him, and he later informed the university, prompting an official congratulatory letter from the University and College. Again, during my wedding, I gave my *"Aso-Ebi cap"* to Prof and asked him not to wear his usual suit, of which, with three attempts, one can guess the colour of his suits (need I mention that I own those colours of suits today). He showed up at the Church (Chapel of Healing Cross) in a white *"agbada"* adorned with my sky-blue *"Aso-Ebi cap"*, surprising everyone.

Should I write about how he was unhappy when I had to refund three months' salary in lieu of notice upon resigning from the University of Ibadan to join the University of Lagos? Or how happy he was when I completed my PhD? Or how quickly he would asked me to act for him in his absence as a junior lecturer?

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye is gone, but he can never be forgotten; his memories live forever in our hearts. We will miss him, but knowing that he brought holistic transformation to many lives is a great gain for humanity.

Rest in peace, my hero and mentor.

Professor Daniel O. Odebiyi, PhD., Dip Th., FNCP (OMPT)
(Deputy Provost, College of Medicine, University of Lagos)
Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Health Professions,
College of Medicine of the University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

To the Family of Professor Isaac Owwoeye

My heartfelt condolences on the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. He was my classmate at the University of Ibadan. His unrestrained desire to acquire and share knowledge - the driving force of his rise to the pinnacle of his profession and academia - was evident then. He was an inspiration to his peers and to the younger generation of Physiotherapy practitioners, both in setting standards for and personifying the profession.

May his soul rest in peace.

Bayo Uwaiso Sedenu PT., PhD
Lawrenceville, GA. USA

Transition of a Trailblazer

With deep sorrow, yet with gratitude to a life well spent, we announce the passing of Prof. Isaac O. Owwoeye, a towering colossus in the field of Physiotherapy.

- ~ First Substantive Professor of Physiotherapy – UNILAG/Medilag
- ~ Pioneer Registrar – Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTBN)
- ~ Consultant Physiotherapist – LUTH
- ~ Fellow – Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (NSP)
- ~ Head of Department – Physiotherapy, CMUL/LUTH
- ~ External Examiner – to several Universities across Nigeria and beyond

A visionary, mentor, administrator, and passionate professional, Prof. Owwoeye blazed the trail for generations, leaving an indelible mark on our profession, institutions, and hearts.

His legacy of excellence, service, and humanity will continue to inspire.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Dr. Mrs Funke Ajiboye

Glorious Exit of a Once in a Generation Physiotherapy Icon, Educator, Mentor, Leader, Administrator, and Pioneer

Sometime in 1991, during an Electrophysics lecture, some agitated and disturbed 200 Level physiotherapy students at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos (CMUL), took up their lecturer on an issue bothering their young minds. They were apprehensive of the reported poor earning power and potentially bleak future prospects, professionally upon graduation. The following dialogue therefore ensued:

Lecturer: *"Never mind the present condition of service of physiotherapists in Nigeria; it is a camouflage. Outside Nigeria, physiotherapists are well paid, highly priced, valued and respected. That is why many Nigerian physiotherapists including many of my colleagues here are going abroad, especially to the USA for greener pastures".*

The students became excited, but they wondered and prodded further:

Students: *"If that is true sir, then why are you still here, why haven't you gone too?"*

Lecturer: *"Well, I also got many tempting offers, none of which I applied for. My colleagues abroad gave my name and credentials to some Physical Therapy Schools in the USA who decided to offer me appointments even without applications or interviews. All these offers came at a crucial time that if I leave, the BSc program here will collapse. But I believe that you students have a right to your BSc education just as I had mine. You are the reason why I have stayed back. My joy therefore will be if each one of you graduate with flying colours. Then I would be fulfilled and fully compensated".*

With these heart touching words, this crop of 26 young students became highly motivated in their studies. They broke all available academic and extracurricular records at the CMUL at the time. Their 1994 \ graduating set had distinctions in all courses. They produced two, 1st Class degrees, fifteen (15) 2nd Class Upper Division and nine (9) 2nd Class Lower Division degrees. Their records till date at the CMUL some 31 years after are yet to be equaled.

Those were the days of Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) of the Mohammed Babangida Administration; there was economic crunch. Professionals could hardly sustain themselves on their salaries. Those were the days of the 'Andrews'. Remember Andrew?... *"I'm checking out! No light, no water, no good roads, you can't even make a phone call, Bullshit! I'm checking out!"* Remember that NTA jingles on national TV stations nationwide? Things were really BAD. It was about the same time that the US congress passed a bill which allowed America to recruit internationally educated Physiotherapists (PTs) *enmass*, to supplement and meet up with demands for rehabilitation services in the US, and other countries. The H1-B visa was therefore almost 'automatic' for Nigerian PTs, many of whom were relocating to the USA daily in their numbers; a few to the UK, some to Saudi Arabia and yet a handful to Canada. It was Nigeria Physiotherapy 'Export' galore.

The effects were outstanding! There was a dearth of seasoned and skilled clinicians in our Health Centers nationwide. Distinguished Physiotherapists who were providing leadership for the profession about that time became absent thereby putting on hold momentarily, the cause of the profession's progress being pursued at that time. There was a progressive and exponential depletion of the faculty (i.e. lecturers and professorial) pool of our academic institutions. The very existence of Nigeria's Physiotherapy training programs was threatened.

Professor Isaac Owwoye, to the financial disadvantage of himself and his immediate family, stayed back, and held the fort. In the face of downturn in Government funding and lack of personal and professional incentives... he stayed put. He deserves our commendations and acknowledgements. He deserves to be celebrated, and worthy of national award by the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy. Indeed, successive generations of physiotherapists and those coming behind will not forget this Icon. He was a patriot, and a great citizen of this country.

Today, I join many colleagues from around the world, including former students, and mentees of our icon, mentor, teacher, professor, inspiration, a once in a generation leader, in celebrating the life of Isaac Olaleye Owwoye, BSc, MSc, PhD, MNSP, FNASM, Professor of Physiotherapy, CMUL. Consultant Physiotherapist, LUTH & Pioneer Registrar, Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria (MRTB).

Professor Owwoye joined CMUL in 1979 as a MSc in Physiotherapy degree holder at a time when the school needed at least one Master degree holder on staff in order to graduate their first set of BSc Physiotherapy students in 1980. The University of Lagos thereafter sent him and ten (10) others as University Scholars abroad for graduate and doctoral studies. This was in order for them to return home to Nigeria after their studies, and help strengthen the BSc program. Unfortunately, of the eleven (11) physiotherapists sent abroad for further studies by the University of Lagos, it was only Prof. Owwoye who returned back to Nigeria after completing his PhD studies. He honoured the bond he signed with the University. He was a man of integrity, and character. The 4-year BSc program which has now become a 6-year Doctor of Physiotherapy program would have collapsed at the time, if not for the sacrifice of Prof. Owwoye who returned to Nigeria, and stayed back to ensure continuity of the program. Professor Owwoye is the Lecturer discussed above. I was fortunate to be one of those 26 young minds he impacted that day during Electrophysics lecture. He shunned all offers from the USA and stayed back to keep the CMUL physiotherapy program running.

Prof. Owwoye had a diehard patriotic zeal. Indeed, he had a call to stay back while others left. He sacrificed the comfort and the juicy opportunities that awaited him and his family, if he had gone abroad. Professor Isaac Olaleye Owwoye, therefore, belongs in our glorious memories, and deserves our tributes, respect, as he transitioned to rest in the bosom of his Creator. We celebrate today the life of this great Icon, who has gone home to rest. Without his sacrifices and that of his immediate family, many of us today, including myself, who are making great impact around the world, would not have actualized our dreams and prophetic destinies. Our vast potential would have been cut short, severely caged-in, and many may not have achieved their God-given destinies. It was indeed a great sacrifice on the part Professor Owwoye (and his family) who stayed back at home and made a pathway for us.

In fact, it takes a calling to make such sacrifices. I therefore join my colleagues from around the world to pay tribute to my personal mentor, my teacher, my professor, and my role-model. He was our inspiration in our student days. Wow, our Baba is gone! He came, he saw, and he conquered.

He was my personal Baba, my peers used to call me, 'Omo Baba', in those days, because even on campus, I modeled my outlook after him, walked like him, dress like him, attempt to talk like him..... He greatly inspired me, personally. Adieu Professor of Professors, Teacher of teachers, an Apostle of Physiotherapy in Nigeria has gone home to rest. *'Welcome home, good and faithful servant'*, is what I imagine he will hear from our Heavenly Father, as he crosses, and enters through the Pearly gates. Till we meet again on resurrection, morning, I say on behalf of many, thank you, Baba, thank you, Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye, *the son of Father Abraham*, as he fondly refers to himself.

Let me end my tribute by saying to our Mama, Mrs. Theresa Ibidun Owoeye, and Baba's children and immediate family: Thank you for your sacrificial giving to us all. As Prof. Owoeye carried on his earthly assignment, and 'ministry', he was missed by you all at home. As he was busy shaping the lives and destiny of many, you sacrificed and shared him with us. Please be comforted in the words of scripture from 2 Corinthians 6:10; *"...As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."* The man you knew as Husband, Father, Grandfather, etc, is, and was an "Apostle of Physiotherapy", sent by God to shape the professional destinies of many, and to raise the foundations of many generations (Isaiah 58:12). While on earth, he worked with the passion and urgency of his God-given assignment. Each one of you, his immediate family members will also share in his eternal rewards, because of your sacrifice through his absence, while he was on assignment. May the Lord cause His Face to shine upon you, comfort you, and give you His peace, in Jesus' mighty name, Amen!

Adieu, my personal Baba!

Emmanuel B. John, PT, DPT, PhD, MPH, MBA, FAHA, FIMC
Credentialed Fellowship Graduate of the APTA Education Leadership Institute
Fellow of the American Heart Association
Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants
Dean & Professor
Dr. Donald E. and Lois J. Myers
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York College of Pennsylvania
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"From GOD we come, to GOD is our return". This Scripture is the truth of our life. This Scripture is the ultimate lesson we must offer to ourselves as an everlasting legacy of the Teaching and Training career of Prof. Isaac Owoeye, which he had bequeathed on his Physio - family. This was Mr. Owoeye, at the tender fresh Graduate age, who individually and independently convinced NYSC to admit Physiotherapy Graduates at par with other Graduates of other courses and Medical Training. If I may remind you this was "Isaac of New York", of the 1970's and eighties, at LIU and NYU, New York, USA. Please give those to the memory of Isaac Owoeye, who imagined and inspired and achieved so many firsts, for the Department, for the profession, and for the Professionals. Students and colleagues of Dr. Isaac Owoeye, this was Isaac Owoeye who brought Mr. POPOOLA from the Physiotherapy Department at UCH, to the Department at CMUL/LUTH. With my tears, I reveal the Dr. Owoeye who literally paid for my first Car in Lagos, paid for my first house rent in Lagos, whom I slept for days in his residence, and who we slept on the same bed at Conferences. While he could afford his travel and accommodation, I could barely afford mine. "I'll rather have you keep your money, whilst we share (spend) mine" he would retort, even as I requested I could afford to stretch, even a little!!

Students and colleagues of Isaac Owoeye, please build upon his legacy, by doing better what he did so well. What he "tutored, taught, and trained" so passionately.

Adieus, my Master, Mentor and benefactor.

I doff to your achievements and patriarchy, while affirming, your Legacy shall retain and resound in our hands.

Adeola Popoola, PT, MEd, DPT
New Jersey, USA

On the 30th of August, 2025, the Medical Rehabilitation profession in Nigeria and beyond lost a rare gem, a trailblazer, a teacher, and a father figure, **Professor I. O. Owwoye, the pioneer Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria (MRTB).**

Prof. Owwoye was more than just the first Registrar of the Board; he was its foundation. At a time when the Board had very few staff, he worked tirelessly, going from institution to institution across the country to conduct inductions, inspections, and accreditations. His resilience, commitment, and passion laid a solid structure upon which successive Registrars have continued to build. Today, the strength and credibility of the Board are living testaments to his foresight and sacrifice.

An academic of the highest standard, Prof. I.O Owwoye, who happened to be among the first five professors of Physiotherapy in Nigeria, demonstrated his scholarly excellence through the establishment of the MRTB Journal, setting a benchmark for intellectual and professional discourse. As a lecturer, his teaching went beyond the classroom; he instilled discipline, professionalism, and clinical pride in his students and colleagues alike.

Prof. Owwoye was also a man of clinical dignity. He believed strongly in the professional image of a Therapist. He would often remark that if you were not in your clinical coat, you were no different from a farmer or market woman. His insistence on wearing the clinical coat at all times within the hospital was not a mere rule but a statement of identity, professionalism, and respect for the calling of medical rehabilitation.

Beyond his professional excellence, Prof. Owwoye was a man of immense generosity. Fondly remembered for carrying layers of naira notes neatly arranged in the inner pocket of his suit, he was always ready to give. I recall with fondness when I completed my second Master's degree at the University of Lagos and graduated with distinction. Prof, in his excitement, called me into his office, congratulated me warmly, and gifted me money. That was the kind of man he was, generous to a fault, ever encouraging, and genuinely happy at the success of others.

When I later assumed office as Registrar of the Board, Prof. Owwoye honoured me with a visit. He came into my office, full of joy and fatherly pride, and spoke words of encouragement. He pledged his unflinching support. His fatherly presence and wise counsel remain evergreen in my memory. One of the most memorable occasions when I was the Registrar of the Board was the visit we paid him after his retirement, in the company of dignitaries and professors. It was a moment of joy, honor, and respect for a man who had given his all to the profession.

Prof. I. O. Owwoye lived as a man of integrity, discipline, excellence, generosity, and vision. He has left behind a legacy that generations of medical rehabilitation professionals will continue to build upon. His name will forever be imprinted in the history of our profession, not just as the pioneer Registrar of MRTB but as a hero who carried the torch and lit the path for others.

Prof. I. O. Owwoye will always be remembered as:

- A hero of the profession,
- A visionary pioneer,
- A mentor and encourager,
- And a generous soul whose kindness touched many lives.

Though he has departed this world, the seeds he planted and the standards he set will continue to flourish in the Board, in the profession, and in the lives of all those he impacted.

May the Almighty grant his soul eternal rest and comfort his family, colleagues, and the entire rehabilitation therapy community.

Adieu Prof. Owwoye — a true pioneer, a generous heart, and a legacy that will never fade.

May your soul rest in perfect peace.

Mr Akanle

Adieu my Father in the profession.

Prof. Oluwaleke G. Sokunbi

Rest in peace Prof! Your legacy will never be forgotten.

Dr. Ihedima George

Adieu Professor Isaac Owoeye. Your exit remains a painful one but you lived a fulfilled life and you left a good legacy for Physiotherapy. Continue to rest in perfect peace.

Professor Olajide A. Olawale

Professor of Professors, the Doyen of Physiotherapy; it is quite sad to learn you had passed on. Although, my class mates and I at the former FSPDK were hearing about that amazing name, the name that rings a bell "Professor Owoeye". Then the opportunity we were waiting for to meet and know you in person came when you showed up as our first external examiner. Your smile was captivating, then your advice and encouragement built our confidence, and the usual phobia for clinical exams vanished into the thin air. You were in fact, a father figure; your being present in our lives at that particular period as the pioneer students of the present day, Department of Physiotherapy, Bayero University Kano, shaped and made us what we are today. As the pioneer class captain (Stanley Maduagwu), on behalf of my classmates (Deyeola Ibidemi, Felix Obi, Musa Usman, Garba Fegge, Solomon Bassey (RIP), Dayo Akanmu, Canice Akachukwu, Freeborn Oritseogwhe, Prince Bishen, Blessing James, Sophia Onyefusonu, Kehinde, Franka and Adeboye E. Adelowokon, we pray that the good Lord grant you an eternal rest in His bosom. May He continue to comfort your family members, and grant them the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss. Adieu Prof., rest on.

Stanley Maduagwu

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Professor Isaac O. Owoeye. He inducted my colleagues and me into the physiotherapy profession in early 2001, when he served as Registrar of the MRTB. His contribution to the growth of physiotherapy in Nigeria will always be remembered. My heartfelt condolences go to his family and to the entire Nigerian physiotherapy community. .

Fatima S. Sani

A gentle man indeed in his lifetime. A kind hearted and generous man. I never saw him frown, but always smiled even when confronted with challenges. He was never late for church services. Not materialistic, modest to a fault. We will surely miss him in the community of physiotherapists and at the Chapel of Christ Our Light. May Prof. Isaac Owoeye's soul rest in peace in the bosom of his maker.

Modupe Adesanya

So sad and shocking to hear the news of our beloved Professor Isaac Owoeye's passing away. He was a legend of the Physiotherapy profession. Words cannot express his huge accomplishments and his significant contributions towards our profession. He will be greatly missed. Rest in the Lord your God Sir. And praying for God's comfort for whole family and all colleagues.

Elizabeth Fowler MCSP UK

Our Prof. Owoeye has fought a good fight, finished his course, and passed with flying colours. These tributes to his legacy testify to an excellent man, full of conviction and dedication to a worthy course - physiotherapy, education, research, and leadership - which we have all benefitted from. I celebrate an extraordinary man, a mentor, teacher of teachers, leader of leaders, excellent researcher, legend, and a thoroughly decent human being. Adieu, our Baba Owoeye, we will miss you, but your legacy lives on in all of us, for whom you sacrificed so much to give a chance to shine in this world.

Professor Isaac Sorinola, BScPT, MSc, PGCE, PhD

Deputy Dean, Faculty of Health, Medicine and Social Care at Anglia Ruskin University, London, England, United Kingdom

MY HERO, MY BOSS

The journey started when I was just 18yrs old when he decided to employ me as the First Full staff of Medical Rehabilitation Therapist (Registration) Board of Nigeria with the position assistant clerical officer. Mrs Lawal who was the First Secretary of the Board took me to him. I prostrated to greet immediately I saw him, he said, “stop that, my student will think you want to pull me down”, and we laughed over it. He was the Head of Department of Physiotherapy, College of Medicine, University of Lagos and Registrar / CEO, Medical Rehabilitation Therapist (Registration) Board of Nigeria.

The journey with him started that day. Prof. Isaac Olaleye Owoeye taught me to value and respect people. My Education and progress in life was of paramount importance to him so I can become someone reputable and a force to be reckoned with.

Prof. Isaac Olaleye Owoeye was not just a boss, he was also a mentor and inspirational leader but above all, a father. That was how I earned the name “Omo Baba”.

A time I can never forget in my life was in the year 2001. I was sick and needed to be operated on. LUTH was on strike. He took me to Prof. Ajayi of O&G who referred me to a private clinic and was well taken care of. I will forever appreciate him for the unwavering love and concern which he showered on me.

Today, I Awotayo Oluwadamilare Moses have achieve quite a number of feats which includes an assistant director and the zonal head of the Lagos state MRTB office. This was made possible because my path crossed with that of a great man in person of Prof. Owoeye who chose to love and help me.

Prof. Isaac Olaleye Owoeye's meories will remain in my heart forever.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Awotayo Dare (MRTB)

The Doyen of Physiotherapy in Nigeria goes home.

We honour the legacy of Late Prof. Isaac O. Owoeye, a true pioneer in the field of physiotherapy in Nigeria, as we pay tribute to his invaluable contributions.

As a doyen of the profession, his dedication to advancing physiotherapy education and practice has left an indelible mark on countless lives.

Through his leadership, he inspired many generations of physiotherapists to uphold the highest standards of care and professionalism. His commitment to research and innovation paved the way for significant advancements in treatment methodologies, benefiting patients across the globe.

The College of Medicine, University of Lagos Physiotherapy Alumni Association stands united in remembering his remarkable journey and celebrating his achievements.

Prof. Owoeye's impact will forever resonate within the profession he cherished and nurtured.

Rest in Power, Prof!

The CMUL PT Alumni Association

Prof. Isaac Owoeye was a rare soul, an academic giant, a compassionate father to all his students, and the inspiration behind my passion for orthopaedic physiotherapy. His discipline shaped our character, his kindness eased our burdens, and his quiet generosity spoke volumes. He gave more than knowledge; he gave hope, strength, and unwavering support. To be taught by him was a gift. To remember him is to feel both gratitude and deep loss. Rest in peace Prof.

Folorunso Kayode (2007 class, CMUL)

The departure of Prof Isaac O OwoeYE, the 1st MRTBN Chief is indeed a loss. He midwived the commencement of Physiotherapy Internship Training in Nigeria.

I still vividly recollect his coming to Jos in early 1994 to accredit Jos University Teaching Hospital as part of the pioneer Institutions for Physiotherapy Internship Training in Nigeria which started in 1994. He came calling again some 9 years later.

As the saying goes, *"only remembered for what you have done"* Indeed memory lingers, legacy stays ... My deepest sympathy goes to his immediate Family and the entire PhysioFolks.

Adieu Baba OwoeYE.

Dr. Babatunde Gbolahan Ogundunmade

Professor was a grammarian like Wole Soyinka. His mastery of English language was a masterpiece, keeping awe of him anytime he spoke. He was one of external examiners during my set. He breathe physiotherapy from every pore of his body making the profession sound very interesting. He looks so old in the shown online and I wondered how people aged so fast. I doff my hat to this doyen of physiotherapy!

Arisoyin Sanmi Joseph

Prof. OwoeYE instill respect and positive fear in me. I vividly remember his kind nature when he gave me and my fellow student 100 naira to buy meat pie after he noticed we were hungry and watching other students buy meat pie at the restaurant by the physiotherapy department. This happen over twenty years ago and I greatly appreciate it. I which the family left behind the stength to bear the lost.

Femi Olamiko

A colossus has departed — a patriot, an academic, an administrator, a mentor, and a consummate professional. His passion was unwavering, his generosity boundless, his fatherly kindness evident to all who crossed his path. Your legacy will forever linger in our hearts, in the profession he enriched, and in the institution he labored to build. May heaven receive his soul, and may his memory remain a guiding light. I remembered how he fondly calls me 001 in my first year @ the College of Medicine (CMUL) Idi-Araba. My deepest condolences.

Adieu, Baba. Professor of professors, Mentor of Mentors, Clinician of clinicians. Rest in power.

Ayo Oni JP FNSP, FPPC

Prof. OwoeYE was a trailblazer whose academic career inspired me and opened my eyes to academic opportunities and possibilities. May his soul rest in perfect peace as His perpetual light shines upon him.

Prof. Chukuka Sam Enwemeka

Good night, my dear brother. Just by Spirit driven, I was in search for you as usual this very day, and shockingly to learn of your departure from this mother earth very close weeks back. I knew you from childhood, in your close intimacy with our father, Pa Samuel Oladipo OWOEYE. Actually, it was a surprise to me that there was no recognition of him in your autobiography.

On behalf of the entire family of Pa Samuel Oladipo OWOEYE, Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria, I commiserate with the entire family left behind. And our prayer is that the mighty hands of the Lord will keep on abiding with you. The Lord will not forsake or forget you in all your future endeavours in Jesus name. Rest on my brother, till we meet and part no more. It has been a rude shock to us all. We love you my brother.

Olusola OwoeYE, Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria

Till we meet again.

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I wish I got to know you more... A good man has gone home. Daddy lived a life marked by quiet strength, Deep wisdom and unwavering focus for his work. He was a blessing to many. He was a blessing to me.

He welcomed me not just as a son-in-law, but also as his own. He was kind.

When I think on his life from his childhood, he suffered so much pain...too much pain, yet he remained kind. So many barriers...but did not stop him; did not stop him from making a mark and being a national legacy. I wish I got to know you more.

Dr. Damilola Akinlawon

Daddy, its hard for me to say goodbye. Goodbye till eternity. Yes, you have indeed gone to rest after a period of your ailment which defied medical solution.

You came, you did your very best until the cold hands of death took you away from us. We take solace at meeting on the resurrection day, when we meet and to part no more.

Sleep on, our beloved.

Dr. Kunbi Ojo

It was highly painful to hear the demise of our father in person of Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye. It is very difficult to even describe his personality. A very amiable person, very rich in giving worth advice, generous to the core and ready to solve people's problems, I really missed you as a father. Rest in perfect peace.

Mr. Olalekan Salako

Daddy, you will be remembered for all your good deed for the development of humanity. You lived a fulfilled life, rest in perfect peace.

Mr. Kunle Salako

Prof, you gave your all for the profession of physiotherapy and the CMUL. We appreciate you Sir. May the good Lord rest your soul.

Prof. A.I Aiyegbusi & Mrs. R.I Lawal

An icon indeed, may God rest His soul.

Jegede Remi

Prof. was a father and cared for everyone around him. Forever you will never be forgotten. May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Sulaiman, Balogun, Oluwo, Solomon

Almighty God will uphold the family where the presence of the father is required. His departure will be for the glory of GOD among family members. It shall be well and remain blessed.

Akinsanya Kehinde

Adios Grand pa, may your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Mrs. Funmi Ogunsanwo

May his soul rest in peace in Jesus name. Amen. The School of Prayer miss the loss of daddy greatly.

School of prayer (students)

On behalf of the estate management, I pray that the Lord will grant you Eternal rest in the bosom of the Almighty God. Rest in peace.

**Alh. Baba Gambo Abubakar
(LSDPC ESTATE, Ebute Metta)**

Baba, you such a lovely and caring father, may the Lord keep what you left behind and bless you with Eternal rest - Your memory will last long. Rest in peace.

Adetunji Abiodun Gabriel (Estate Manager)

Baba rest in perfect peace.

Olabimpe Uwadia

Baba was an icon. His impact in our lives as professionals and individuals cannot be quantified. He will forever be in our hearts. We love you but God loves you more.

Good night, Prof. till we meet to part no more.

Adeolu Babatunde (Vice Chairman EKO NSP)

Papa Isaac Owoeye has really impacted many lives and he is one of the people that made me what I am today and I am very grateful. You will be missed greatly. May you soul continue to rest in perfect peace.

Adeyoola A. Adeoye

Rest in peace in the bosom of your creator.

Yetunde Awofuwa Esq.



NOTICE TO ALL STAFF

TRANSITION OF A PHYSIOTHERAPY ICON

With gratitude to God for a life well spent, the Provost, Professor Ademola Oremosu and the entire Management of the College regret to announce the passing of the renowned Physiotherapy Icon, Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye unto glory.


Late Professor I. O. Owoeye was:-

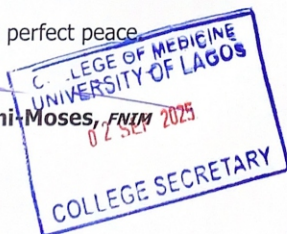
- First Substantive Professor of Physiotherapy – UNILAG/Medilag
- Pioneer Registrar – Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTBN).
- Consultant Physiotherapist – LUTH.
- Fellow – Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (NSP).
- Head of Department – Physiotherapy, CMUL/LUTH.
- External Examiner – to several Universities across Nigeria and beyond.

His legacy of excellence, service, and mentorship will continue to inspire those he tutored and generations yet unborn. Late Professor Owoeye retired on July 8, 2018 having served the University meritoriously for 38 and a half years.

A visionary, mentor, administrator and passionate professional, Prof. Owoeye blazed the trail for generations.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

 **Dr. Olayinka A. Obafemi-Moses, FNIM**
College Secretary
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September 2, 2025



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The Family of Late Prof. I. O. Owomeye

CELEBRATION OF AN ICON OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

We celebrate the life of Prof. Isaac Olaleye Owomeye, a selfless and dedicated father of the Physiotherapy profession in Nigeria.

Prof. Owomeye sacrificed so much for the growth of the profession. He chose to return to Nigeria after his Ph.D. in the United States of America to build the profession at a time he had the opportunity to say back.

We appreciate his selflessness, commitment and dedication in laying a solid foundation for the profession of Physiotherapy at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos.

Our prayer is that God will be with all he left behind.
Adekun, our great teacher and mentor.

Prof. A. I. Ayegbusi
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September 15, 2025

The Family of Late Professor Isaac Olaleye Owomeye,
c/o Professor Ayoola Ibrahim Ayegbusi,
Head, Department of Physiotherapy,
Faculty of Health Professions,
College of Medicine,
University of Lagos,
Idi-Araba, Lagos.

Dear Mrs. Owomeye,

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

I write on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tolusade T. Ogunsoye, OON, FAS, Management, Members of Staff and Students of the University of Lagos to commiserate with the entire Owomeye family on the passing to glory of Professor Isaac Olaleye Owomeye, which sad event occurred on Saturday August 30, 2025.

Professor Isaac Olaleye Owomeye joined the services of the University in November 1979 in the Department of Physiotherapy and rose to the position of a Professor before his retirement.

Professor Owomeye was an icon who mentored many faculty members, students and had great impact on their career development. His legacy will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched, both within and beyond the academic community.

It is our prayer that God comforts the entire family and grants his soul eternal rest.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

Yours sincerely,

Beauliffe
Mrs. V. Abiodun Wikelele
Registrar & Secretary to Council

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September 2, 2025

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University of Lagos,
Idi-Araba.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE: LATE PROFESSOR ISAAC OLALEYE OWOEYE

We received the news of the death of Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoye, which occurred recently with sadness but with total submission to the will of the Almighty God.

Late Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoye joined the services of the College of Medicine, University of Lagos on November 12, 1979 in the Department of Physiotherapy as Lecturer II. He rose through the ranks and became a Professor on October 1, 1996. He served as the Acting Head of Department from 1998 to 1999. He was appointed as the Prof. & Head of Department from August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2004 and from August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2007 respectively. He was the Pioneer Registrar, Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTBN) and Consultant Physiotherapist to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital. His legacy of excellence and mentorship will continue to inspire generations yet unborn. Late Professor Owoye retired on July 8, 2018 having served the University meritoriously for 38 and a half years.

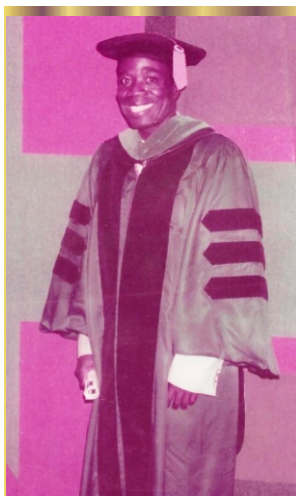
On behalf of the Management, staff and students of the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, I express our heartfelt condolences to the family.

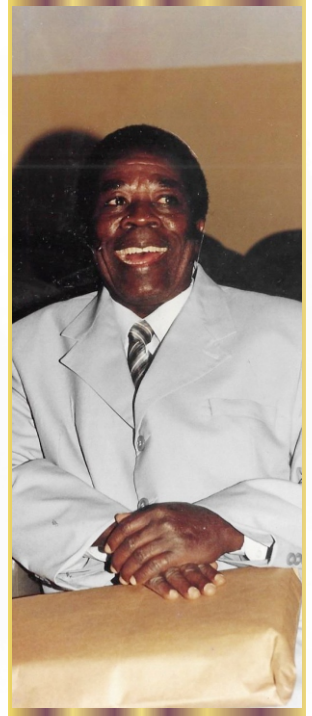
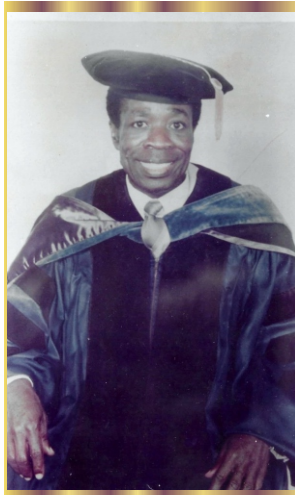
We wish the family members the strength to bear this irreplaceable loss as we pray that the soul of the departed rests in the bosom of the Lord.

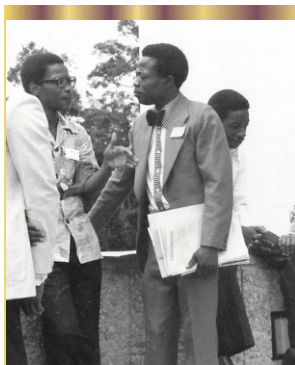
Yours faithfully,

Professor Ademola A. Oremosu
Provost

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS





❖ APPRECIATION ❖

The entire family of Late Professor Isaac Olaleye Owoeye express their immeasurable and sincere gratitude to all our friends, associates, colleagues, relations, in-laws and well wishers.

Your support and show of love in this time is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your genuine care and help, and our prayer remains that God will meet you at your point of need.

God bless you!