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TRIBUTE TO CHIEF THEOPHILUS ADELEKE AKINYELE (1932-2020)

*"Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun—
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done"*

Chief Theophilus Adeleke Akinyele, a shining *light* of Ibadan Grammar school would always be remembered by the great things he had done. Chief Akinyele attended our Alma mater between 1947 and 1952 (Admission number 2407). He was a great scholar who the school was always proud of, and turned out to become a committed and dedicated ambassador who was ever interested in the progress of Chief Theophilus Akinyele was the National President, Ibadan Grammar School Old Students' Association from 1988 to 1992. He served as member of the Registered Trustees of the association until his death. In recognition of his remarkable contributions to the school, the Old Students body in 2014 conferred on him the Lifetime Achievement Award. He was later honoured for his exemplary service to the highest level by the American Branch of the Old Students' Association in 2019.

Chief Akinyele's exploits as a student at Ibadan Grammar School projected him to prominence in his later years. He became Head, the Oyo State Civil Service and Secretary to the Military Government (1976 -1979). He was appointed Special Adviser to the President on Budget Affairs (1979-1983).

With a life full of service and impact to his alma mater, community, and the nation, Chief Akinyele had contributed his quota to his fatherland and had been called to eternal rest. It is our prayer that the LORD will uphold his loving wife and the entire family left behind.

Adieu great Mountaineer!! Adieu Chief Theophilus Adeleke Akinyele!!!

Rest on, in peace till we shall meet to part no more.

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