

## **THE EXIT OF AN ICON**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, I was confronted with the rude shock of your demise when Aderonke put a call through to me.

Daddy, it feels so sad to imagine that you will not be here with us anymore, but I take solace in the fact that you lived your life positively so much that it has become a model for the younger generation of Akinyele/ Adetunji Family to follow.

The memories of your unalloyed support and impact in my life as a person are too numerous to mention in this short piece.

However, one of such immense support that stands out amongst others, which I still hold very dear to my heart till date, which I have also shared with my Children was how you singlehandedly buried my Mother on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1969 when I was just 17 years old when help was coming from no direction.

Another support I got from you at the nick of time was the Fatherly role you played when I lost my dear Husband on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1986. When my in-laws were up in arms against me, you stood by me, gave me moral support and fought my battles without frail or wail, despite all odds.

You are a source of motivation, inspiration and trust for all of us who had the fortune of coming into your ambit. It is no gain say that you impacted positively on people whose path crossed yours within and outside Akinyele/Adetunji Family.

Whilst your Brothers unfortunately died at the age of 60s, you passed on at the ripe age of 88 thereby breaking the jinx and by the Grace of God paving the way for other members of the Family into old age.

This moment brings with it the heavy realization that you will no longer be present with us, but surely you will be remembered for the amazing and outstanding qualities that characterize your person.

Daddy, space will not permit me to say so much, I can only pray that God Almighty rest your soul in peace and may all that you left behind never diminish in Jesus name.

Adieu Daddy!!!

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