

## **.....AND THE COLOSSUS TAKES A BOW.**

***"We all die. The goal isn't to leave forever; the goal is to create something that will".***  
**Chuck Palahniuk.**

As a third generation, I feel extremely privileged to be afforded the opportunity to scribble this short tribute in honor of an amiable and quintessential "Grandfather", who left indelible mark in the sands of time and whose exemplary life no doubt is worthy of emulation.

The Man whose passing we celebrate today was a great man by all standards, definitions and in all ramifications. He was an embodiment of sturdy experience that transcends Politics, Economy, Traditional Institution, History, Religion, Agriculture and Education just to mention a few and he was more than willing to share his wealth of experience with anybody who came in contact with him.

I recall with nostalgia my visit to him and Mummy in Uncle Akintunde's House in Atlanta, United State, sometimes mid-summer of 2016, we had several discussions along the line of politics and governance in Nigeria. I marveled at is unusual in-depth understanding of the dynamism in governance, policy making and economics. During the discussion, one thing he said that struck my mind was **"Dare, no man is perfect, we all make mistakes, but I have done restitution with my maker, I am at peace with everybody, I am ready to meet my maker"**. This statement kept echoing in my heart after I was informed of his passing.

The last time I saw him was during Damilola Adedayo's wedding in Lagos, sometimes in 2019. Uncle Akinkunmi had signaled to me to assist him in the Bathroom as he makes his way. While I was trying to unknot the rope around his pair of Trousers, he said to me **"Dare Oshe o.....agba de 'lorin di owe....iwo na a dagba"** and I said amen. The payer touched me so deep. I never imagined that it will be the last time I will see him.

It is stating the obvious that Daddy touched every life within the Family either directly or indirectly, and the records no doubt speak for itself. His contribution to Oyo State (his State of origin) and Nigeria cannot also be wished away.

No pain is far reaching than the pain of losing a dear one like this colossus that takes a bow and this makes his loss inexpressible. No words may heal the pain that we carry in our heart. His presence and aura will forever be remembered. My utmost prayer is that God Almighty Will Grant Him Eternal Rest!!!

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