

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
Adedotun Oluwaseyi Odeyemi



Sunrise: October 28, 1967 - Sunset: July 31, 2017

Service:

Friday, August 11, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Adedotun Oluwaseyi Odeyemi

Was born on the 28 October 1967 to the family of David Babadare & Esther Aweni Odeyemi from Ilesha Osun State. Adedotun was born in Lagos Mainland Maternity Hospital. Dotun had 8 siblings and was the last boy of the family. During the early years of his life, Dotun attended Jehovah Jereh Primary School Suru-Lere 1974 - 1979. After finishing elementary education, Dotun went on to Birch Freeman High School Suru- Lere Lagos 1980- 1985 for his secondary education, where he achieved 9 outstanding GCSE's. Once Dotun finished at Birch Freeman, he went on to Baptist Academy Obanikoro for his A/Levels, where he also excelled academically. Once Dotun finished his secondary education, Dotun gained entry to University of Ife, Nigeria now known as Obafemi Awolowo University, where he studied Agricultural Science, achieving a Bsc second class upper degree. Dotun did his youth corp service in Calabar, with the Ministry of Agriculture Calabar Nigeria where he made a great contributions towards the developments of palm tree plantations in Calabar, during the time of his service.

Dotun was both lovable and likeable, with a good personality and great charisma, which did not take very long before it was recognized by his employers, as he was asked at end of his youth corp service, if he would like to take up a full time position with the Ministry of Agriculture, in order to continue working with them after service, but he turned the offer down, due to him being home sick, missing his mum greatly, he loved his family very much and always loved to be around them. Everybody was very fond of Dotun and he was loved beyond words by all, because of his persona, which was of a quiet, gentle nature, a warm personality, who was always a helpful person, ever so respectful to both the old and the young. Dotun loved life and the environment.

Dotun was a sports loving individual, who was passionate about football, which he loved to death. Dotun was regarded as a local football champion, featuring in most of the summer football competitions, in Suru-Lere. Dotun was a defender for our street youth club, called Akobi Bombas. (Baby's). Always determined to win in any competition he participated in. Dotun would cry uncontrollably when ever the club lost a game. From his early age, it was evident how dedicated he was to everything that he did in life.

Dotun started working for IBS American Insurance Company, Lagos upon returning back home after youth service. Dotun worked as a junior insurance claim adviser, excelling very rapidly within a few years, resulting in Dotun being offered the position of project leader. Dotun took advantage of his new position, within the organization by starting to do his professional exams (ICAN) stage 1, 2. After a period of time with IBS, Dotun decided to review his life in Nigeria and came up with the idea of travelling to pastures new and decided on an adventure to America. Whilst in America, Dotun had taken up many jobs in various organizations such as Fed Ex and gained other professional qualifications.

Dotun was blessed, he married to his beautiful wife in 2007. The couple were blessed with three beautiful children. Dotun was a family man, loved his children to bits, always putting them first. Dotun loved books, he was often called a book worm, as he always loved to read and take up any challenges when it came to education before he became unwell, which hindered his advancement in further education. Dotun was someone who liked to educate himself and find out new things. Dotun's traits are evident in his children, as they have inherited Dotun's inquiring mind.

From childhood Dotun was an introvert, one would really have to force him to interact with people, often placing pressure on Dotun at times, because of his nature. Irrespective of Dotun being introvert, he was still very popular, people he trusted brought out the best in him, he had a warm inviting smile, which melted hearts. Dotun was the kind of person a friend could count on on times of need, be it with prayers or financial help, Dotun would be there for you.

Dotun was a lovely person to know, with great character and genuine friendships, an upright member of society and trust worthy son, brother, cousin, uncle, husband, father and friend, who has left us to be with the Lord. A great saying that "it's not the stuff you know that will undo you, it's the stuff you think you know that just ain't so". Dotun's death was met with a strange mixture of giddy awe, disbelief and damn right cynicism. But only God knows best. Dotun had emerged to attain a status granted only to a very few in this world. He has earned the kind of adulation only bestowed on those who achieve greatness with style and God's grace. His collective list of achievements combined with his personal dynamism means he is mentioned at all time among family and friends, as if he is still with us.

For all the awe that greeted Dotun's achievements in life, during the early hours of Monday 31st July 2017, there are equal measures of paranoia of his illness. There remain legitimate questions to be asked of him and he has chosen to avoid answering them. That is the world that Dotun had presided over with such majesty, a world of suspicion and doubt and fear and loathing, a world where no one quite knows whether to believe that what they are seeing is real. He has been a light in the darkness and now the light has gone.

Sun re o Adedotun Omo owa Omo ekun, omo tin gbegun gboro, Omo ajanaku tin mi gbo kiji kiji. ti oba Dele bami ki baba re, pe emi Adedigba ki yin, nsi kare awe. odigba till we meet again.

Order of Service

Opening Prayers..... Rev. Dr. Lambert Nwoke

Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

Eulogy

Short Speech

Message Rev. Dr. Lambert Nwoke

Prayers Congregation

Closing Prayers/Remarks

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Evergreen Cemetery
North Broad Street
Hillside, New Jersey

Dear Dotun,

I am selfishly thinking of myself, of how much I'm already missing you and what am I going to do without you. You came into my life at the right time. You were just what I needed, loving me for who I am. Your kindness, mild manner and inner strength made you so easy to love. Not only by me, but your many friends. We had our ups and downs like most folk, but we always pulled through. I love you with all of my heart. Then, our father, in His great wisdom, decided you had struggled with his illness long enough and it was time to come home to him.

So even though my eyes are filled with tears and my heart full of sorrow, I know you are in a better place, so rest now my love and know that.....wife Elizabeth

“If Tomorrow Never Comes”

Dotun's irreverent gaiety and ease of manner drew people to him and made him immediately likeable person, I have never met anyone like him before, He was being exasperated by the senseless delays, in his early life's. But fought strong.

Sometimes late last night
I lie awake and think of Dotun sleeping
He's lost in peaceful dreams
So I turn out the lights and lay there in the dark
And the thought crosses my mind
If He never wake up in the morning
Would he ever doubt the way I feel
About him in my heart.
Too hard for me to say goodbye
For all apparent reasons why
Even though we all know
It must be Each heart will someday
Stop the beat when the rhythm of life,
And silence finally meet.
I've seen more than my share of death
I've cheated death also, I thought
I'd seen it all but I was wrong.
'Cause I've lost close ones in my life
Who never knew how much I loved them
Now I live with the regret
That my true feelings for him never were revealed
So I made a promise to myself
To say each day how much he means to me
And avoid that circumstance
Where there's no second chance to tell him how I feel.
If tomorrow never comes
So tell that someone that you love
Just what you're thinking of
If tomorrow never comes.
By Michael Adedigba Adeyemi

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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