

Pallbearers

Chibuike Akwiwu
Joseph Daniels

Godwin Igwe
Manuchin Didia
Wayne Orego

Ike Ukata
Prince Ekeh

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

DR. KINGSLEY IHENACH AJOKU

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Dr. Kingsley Ihenach Ajoku, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024
1:00 P.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Obituary of

Dr. Kingsley Iheanacho Ajoku

Dr. Kingsley Iheanacho Ajoku was Born on December 20, 1944, in the village of Eneka, Port Harcourt, River State, Nigeria. His early years were marked by profound loss and adversity, losing both parents at a tender age. He endured a childhood devoid of the peace and happiness. Yet, amidst these trials, he displayed a remarkable strength of character, laying the foundation for the extraordinary journey that lay ahead. He pursued his education with unwavering determination, despite limited opportunities. He preserved earning the equivalent of a GED in Nigeria through self-study. He matriculated to the US and enrolled at the University of Georgia. Due to financial hardships, he dropped out of school; but undeterred, he was able to save money working odd jobs to fund his dream of higher education. With sheer perseverance and determination, he was reinstated.

Dr. Kingsley's journey to America was not without sacrifice. It was armed with fortitude and unyielding determination. He left Nigeria with nothing but a hundred-dollar bill and a heart full of dreams. It was there that fate intervened, allowing his path to intersect with an elderly white couple whose kindness and generosity provided him with shelter and support. They welcomed him into their home, offering guidance and encouragement. Their selfless act of kindness left an indelible mark on him, resulting in pursuing advanced degrees, including a master's in economics from Thiel College, Pennsylvania and a doctorate from Howard University, respectively.

Dr. Kingsley's impact as an educator was profound, as evidenced by the heartfelt testimonials from his students. They expressed their deep admiration and love for him, acknowledging his unwavering dedication towards their success. Despite his strong accent (as some of his students often retorted), he would respond by saying that his lessons were always understandable. He would humorously dismiss concerns, reassuring the students that the strong accent would not hinder their learning or success; and in fact, that failure was not an option. His pedagogical contributions in higher education spanned over several decades serving in the capacity as dean at Allen University, Webster University, Columbia, Knoxville College, Tennessee, and Midland Technical College of Columbia, respectively.

Dr. Kingsley's love for his family was the cornerstone of his life. As a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he cherished every moment spent with his loved ones, finding solace and joy in their presence. His relationship with family and friends was characterized by an unwavering devotion and selflessness. His social circle of friends was very selective; a preference for a quiet, drama-free life; as someone with a reserved nature. As a result, he was often misunderstood and misinterpreted as being aloof or antisocial. He was a man of unwavering faith, driven by a belief in the Providence of God. His favorite saying was, "If you think I have not done enough, you can pick up from where I stopped," reflected his resilient spirit and commitment to continuous improvement. Those he leaves to mourn his loss are his relatives in Nigeria, and his wife Blessing, and two children, Ozimonu Ajoku and Chime Numa Ajoku of Columbia, SC.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Deacon Michael Bull, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“When Peace Like A River”
- Invocation.....Minister Dorcas Ada Adedeku
- Old Testament.....Mr. Kingsley Talla
Psalm 90:1-12
- New Testament.....Ms. Favour Didia
I Corinthians 15:50-57
- Musical Selection.....“The Goodness of God”
Recording by: CeCe Winans
- Remarks.....Bishop R. Daniels, Jr.
17th Episcopal District A.M.E. Church
Mrs. Blessing Ajoku
Dr. Darlington Didia
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort.....Dr. Orlando McCauley, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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