



Blessings Erewa Awani

November 4, 1940 - July 26, 2020

Blessings Erewa Atse Awani was born in Ajamogha, Warri, Delta State, Nigeria on Monday, 4th November 1940. He was the second of seven children. He was born to the family of Mr. Anthony Erewa Gold Awani and Mrs. Christiana Wowonu Dorti. He attended Warri urban District Secondary Modern School where he obtained his Secondary Modern School Certificate. At School, he was a member of the Boys Scout organisation. He was also a lover of sports and was actively involved in sporting activities during his secondary school days. He played soccer and athletics. He commenced his public service career at a young age of 22 years with his appointment as a Clerical Assistant by the Western State Ministry of Works and Housing Ibadan in November 1962. He later moved to the then Mid-Western State of Nigeria from November 1963 where he worked with the Finance Ministry. Blessings Awani, though young impressed his colleagues and leaders with his diligence and eye for details. He later proceeded to Auchi Polytechnic in the then Bendel State Nigeria where he obtained a National Diploma in Accounting. He went on to complete numerous management and accounting courses during his time with the civil service. He progressively rose through the ranks to a Chief Executive Officer before he retired from Delta State Public Service, having served for 35 years. He enjoyed arable farming and animal husbandry as he got involved with agricultural and other business ventures while he was in Nigeria.

Blessings Erewa Awani emigrated to the United States of America and lived in Dallas, Texas until his death. Upon arrival at the US, he worked briefly with Parkland Health and Hospital System Dallas before he had to leave for health reasons. He enjoyed watching American football. He kept active touch with his ever-growing family spread across Europe, US and Nigeria.

Blessings Awani was a kind and compassionate man who loved God and was committed to his family as a husband, father and grandfather. On getting to the United States, he turned over his life completely to God and regularly attended Church before he had failing health which made it impossible to continue to attend. His charming and amiable personality endeared him to several people who came close to him. He opened his home to several people who visited the US from Nigeria even when they were not direct members of his family. His love for Africans, Nigerians and particularly Itsekiri people is unwavering. Blessings actively rallied the Itsekiri community in Dallas around him and

promoted peaceful co-existence among them. His life is remarkably characterised by his keen interest in charitable works as he touched the lives of many people who turned to him for help. He provided a safe haven and succour for the underprivileged and the needy. He will be remembered for building and fostering unity and development among his children. As the family grapple with his demise, we know that Heaven has gained eternally another saint from the earth.

Blessings Awani leaves behind his two wives, Mrs. Muriel Uknortoritsemofe Awani and Mrs. Clara Uyinmwun Awani; children, Miss. Alero Hilda Ifeajika-Awani of Asaba , Nigeria, Mrs. Mirabel Eregua Owa of Abuja, Nigeria, Mrs. Bemigho Momoh of Republic of Ireland, Dr. Tuoyo Gold Awani of Northern Ireland, Mrs. Oritsebawo Tracy Aghedo of Republic of Ireland, Mr. Eretoritsedawumi (Wumi) Gold Awani of Texas USA, Mr. Tojuoritseagha (Toju) Nosa Awani-gold of Republic of Ireland, Engr. Oritsegbitsekirimi (Itse) Gold Awani of Texas USA, and Mrs. Tina Gold Uyinmwun of Texas USA; son-in-laws/daughter-in-laws, Barr. Olugbenga David Owa, Prince Razaq Churchill Momoh, Mrs. Fiona Martin-Awani, Engr Onyeka Aghedo, Mrs. Blessing Ukamaka Awani, Mrs. Sophie Bodunrin Awani-Gold, Dr. Abieyuwa Awani, and Mr. Osuyi T Uyinmwun; grandchildren, Nwamaka Paula Ifeajika, Oluwatosin Zurriel Owa, Ugochukwu Gerald Ifeajika, Oluwakemi Maranatha Owa, Stephanie Momoh, Chukwunwieke Nicholas Ifeajika, Mary Nne Aghedo, Justin Awani, Olorunsola Jason Owa, Idanesi Momoh, Jeremiah Ekperem Aghedo, Khafu Momoh, Andrew Awani, Daniel Chukwuemeke Aghedo, Gracious Momoh, Emmanuel Chukwuedum Aghedo, Damiloju Zoe Owa, Taliyah Gold Uyinmwun, Carla Awani, Peter Nwakaego Aghedo, Isabel Sisanni Awani, Oritsebeneweno Chimagozikam Gold, Israel Chukwuka Aghedo, Ogie-Joshua Momoh, Amelia Awani, Isaac Ojirioritsemofe Awani-Gold, Jasmine Ofeoritse Awani, Oritsedere Chukwudumebi Gold, David Oritsetemisan Awani-gold, Elizabeth Oritserowoli Awani-gold, Zechariah Esosa Uyinmwun, Judah-Amos Oritsemajemite Awani-gold, and Hannah Ewooritse Awani; brothers/sisters, Mr. Justice Gold, Mr. Funmi John Egbejule, Dr. John Wasami Okoro (MD) and Mrs. Elizabeth Obente Onovo; also survived by numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. He will be greatly missed.

A “come and go” visitation will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020** from **6:00 p.m.** until **8:00 p.m.**, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. Only a limited number of guests will be allowed to enter the funeral home facility at any one time to maintain social distancing.

In support of our local, state, and federal govt including CDC directives and to protect the physical health, safety and well-being of our community, only a limited number of **guests** will be allowed to attend the Funeral Service.

A funeral service will be held at **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas, and will also be live streamed on the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Facebook page and a recorded video will be available following the funeral service Blessings’ obituary page.

However, when the maximum number of guests are reached, those who would like to honor Blessing and show their support to his family may remain at the funeral home in your vehicle, where you can watch the live streamed service on your personal device (laptop, tablet or smartphone) or listen through a designated FM radio chan

Live Service Viewing link

<https://jdmediatv.myportfolio.com/live>

Facebook Livestream <https://www.facebook.com/TurrentineJacksonMorrow/videos/422587035351073/>

Memorials

May the soul of daddy rest In perfect peace. Condolences from Aguaze’s Family.

EVELYN AGUAZE, AUGUST 27, 2020

May God rest his soul.

DAMI, AUGUST 15, 2020

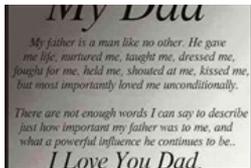
May his soul rest in Peace May God Almighty grant all his family fortitude to bear his loss in Jesus Faithful Name, Amen.

OLUWAKOREDE OGUNLEYE, AUGUST 13, 2020

blessings enjoy your heavenly reward with jesus you well earned it rest in peace from okeeffe family dublin ireland

PADDY OKEEFFE , AUGUST 13, 2020

Rest in peace daddy Awani. Although I never met you I feel as if I know you through your daughter Bemingo Momoh who unselflessly cares for my wife. Rest in peace with Jesus from the Okeeffe family, Dublin, Ireland.



PADDY OKEEFFE , AUGUST 13, 2020

My dearest brother, You are truly loved and will be missed. We love you but God loves you more. You are a good man with a good heart. I believe you are resting at the bosom of the Lord. Rest in peace dear brother. Adieu Patricia Bisi Solanke

MRS PATRICIA SOLANKE, AUGUST 12, 2020

I will miss you so much Bro. Blessings. You were a very accommodating and dependable brother. Sleep on till we meet to part no more. Gloria.

GLORIA ISABELLA AWANI, AUGUST 12, 2020

rest in peace brother blessing

DR TINA NWACHUKWU , AUGUST 12, 2020

O Bro. Blessings I will miss you greatly. You were a very dependable brother and very accommodating too. Gloria.

GLORIA ISABELLA AWANI, AUGUST 12, 2020

I and my family pray the Lord give you all the grace to bear this irreplaceable loss. We know you miss daddy but God knows best and has a better place and

*plan for him. May the Lord bless and keep you all and continue to comfort you.
Best wishes The Datubo's*

TAMI ELEYE-DATUBO, AUGUST 12, 2020

My sincere condolences. May the Lord grant the entire family the fortitude to bear this loss and grace to go through this time and beyond. Amen.

IKPONMWOSA OSAGHAE, AUGUST 12, 2020

With gratitude to God, for the opportunity to meet with one of his daughters, Mrs Bemmy Momoh, I pray God in His infinite mercy grant you eternal rest...It was a painful exit to Mrs Momoh as witnessed by me. I pray God Almighty grant the family the fortitude to bear the loss. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

FAUSAT OMOWUNMI JOSEPH, AUGUST 12, 2020

Daddy! You will surely be missed by many, Apostle Paul said to die is gain and heaven is rejoicing over your transition. We believe that we will meet on the resurrection morning. Rest on the bosom of our Lord till we all meet to part no more. Adieu.

FUNMILAYO OLUYEDE , AUGUST 12, 2020

Daddy, You were a wonderful father, not only to your children but to me as well. Ever smiling welcoming personality. Rest in the bosom of Christ.

TEGA (TUGUOR, AUGUST 12, 2020

Rest in peace

MICHAEL OBAMWONYI, AUGUST 12, 2020

Dear Tuoyo and Fiona, may the Lord comfort you at this time. You often spoke of your dad and his influence on your formal and informal education.

Importantly, from your values and tenacity of spirit, it is obvious thst his investments has benefitted humanity in many ways. We are all beneficiaries as well. Draw comfort from his accomplishments. We are thinking of you all at this time. From Drs Itoro & Agnes Udo, London, Ontario.

DR. ITORO UDO, AUGUST 12, 2020

My sincere condolences. May God's perpetual light shine upon your dad and may he grant you all the strength to move on. It is well Toju and the entire

family.

IYOBOSA NWABUZOR, AUGUST 12, 2020

Uncle Blessing! As we fondly called you! You were always a warm, caring and loving person with a very big heart, you were literally a father to many of us. everytime we were together with my dad there was always a smile on your face, always made negative situations seem surmountable. I will miss you dear uncle! Rest well!

DIDI ISHIEKWENE (NEE AWANI), AUGUST 11, 2020

May your soul rest in perfect peace. Amen

TRACY , AUGUST 11, 2020

My condolences to Mrs Awani and the entire family. May God continue to comfort you, in Jesus Christ name. Amen. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts and encourages us in every trouble. 2Corinthians 1:3-4

THE EGBON FAMILY, AUGUST 11, 2020

We met Daddy Blessing Awani, in March 2017, alongside his so caring and detailed Wife, they warmly welcomed us into their Dallas home. O his never ending comely smile was lovely to behold, so happy and excited to have us around. We immediately bonded as we fluently communicated in itsekiri language for the few days we spent together. Indeed, we were home away from home. I remember worshipping together with him in a Sunday service that was streamed live late into the night. We shared nuts and fruits together during the day while he recalled and told us stories about some folks back in Nigeria, we sure had a good laugh. Daddy Blessing Awani, we will cherish these and more lovely memories of you, Rest in peace.

MR AND MRS CHANINOMI AND OMASAN HEYMANN, AUGUST 11, 2020

Even though I never met daddy Awani, It feels like I know him through his children in Dublin. Daddy your memories will live on. Sleep on in the bosom of the most high. Good night daddy Awani.

MARIAM , AUGUST 11, 2020

Mirabel be comforted in Christ, the Resurrection & Life. Praying for you &

family sis.

NKECHI NORDI'S SIS, AUGUST 11, 2020

He was a gentle and friendly man. May God grant the family Grace to pass through this trying period in Jesus name, amen

DR AUSTINE EMIFONIYE, AUGUST 11, 2020

Rest In Peace Papa in your heavenly home Papa

TINA AND DAVE ARTHUR , AUGUST 11, 2020

You were a father not just to your children but also to their friends and colleagues. A pleasant personality with a big heart. May God console those you left behind and grant your gentle soul eternal rest.

DR FRANCIS ALIKAH, AUGUST 11, 2020

Rest in peace Daddy.

SARAH PEACE-OSA, AUGUST 11, 2020

Very warm and kind and your words were gentle. Do rest in the peace, papa. We know you are in a better place.

TONIA IMASUEN, AUGUST 11, 2020

Rest on Sir, as your impact continues to change our world for the better... R. I. P.

MILTON KING EHANA, AUGUST 11, 2020

Daddy was a great man. a wonderful intellect, a great soul of matchless courage, and yet we have no right to question God about your departure. Continue to rest in the blossom of our lord.

JAMES DUROJAIYE , AUGUST 11, 2020

Keep resting in the bosom of your Maker grandpa. The evidence of your good work is showing in the family you left behind. The Lord will continue to comfort and strengthen everyone in this very challenging time and beyond.

THE BIALAS, AUGUST 11, 2020

May his gentle soul rest in peace

FRANK IGBINOSA, AUGUST 11, 2020

What an irreplaceable loss. May the soul of daddy finds eternal rest till the last day of the Lord. Shalom

ANNA PETER, AUGUST 11, 2020

may he rest in perfect peace amen

STEPHANIE MEAD, AUGUST 11, 2020

May the good lord Grant you eternal rest. Continue to rest in peace.

AKINPELU ADEJUWON, AUGUST 11, 2020

I had the privilege of meeting and knowing this amazing man between 1995 and 1997. A father of my best man and best friend Toju, he accepted me as his own. Very jovial and down to earth, compassionate, a well of wisdom and counsel. He never saw wrong just an opportunity for one to turn the curve with the grace of God knowing there are endless benefits for making the right decisions. Thank you Daddy for sharing with your children love, counsel, compassion, empathy, wisdom and the ability not to hold unto anger, bitterness or unforgiveness. May your good soul rest in perfect peace in the blossom of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen! Adieu Daddy Blessings Awani

MICHAEL AYA, AUGUST 11, 2020

What a life well spent, thou I might not know you in person but I know a son (Toju my brother from another father) whom you well raised in the way of the lord. May God console the whole family, we love you but God love you more, may your soul rest in perfect peace as you will be layed to rest.

ADENIKE , AUGUST 11, 2020

Rest in Peace papa until we meet to part no more.

RAYMOND LAWANI, AUGUST 11, 2020

Grandpa, I wish could say I had spent enough personal time with him... but I wasn't opportuned that luxury. Yes, luxury. My mother described him as SWEET. The man was literally sweet. The way my mom emphasizes it makes it seem like you could almost taste him in the atmosphere. (Could one have an actual taste of BLESSINGS GOLD? what would he taste like?) I could relate with that because thinking about him made me hungry, still does. When I was in elementary school I bragged to friends that my grandpa was a scientist. At least I thought so at that time. Funny thing is I wasn't far off because the man was an innovative cook. His fish finger dessert was GOLD each bite from it

were BLESSINGS to the taste buds. When you're done eating you've had a full BLESSINGS GOLD special. So yes, you could actually have a taste of the man. So I'm not completely sad, because every time i eat, I remember him. I remember his big stomach that could accommodate all his grandchildren simultaneously ??????. You live on in our hearts and in our bellies. (Literarily).

Tribute by: Jason Owa.

JASON OWA, AUGUST 11, 2020

Daddy was always a joy and blessing to my family, he will be missed but we know he's in a better place. Praying for God's covering on the Awani family. Remain blessed.

IYORE ADONRI , AUGUST 10, 2020

You were a father indeed. Even though I never met you, I have met you through the words and testimonies of those who knew you, spent time with you, and with whom you shared your life. Indeed, you touched lives in countless ways. Your investment in the lives of men was not in vain. Rest in peace, daddy. Your legacy lives on

DANIEL OKEME, AUGUST 10, 2020

Love you grandpa you were the dad I always needed

TALIYAH UYINMWEN, AUGUST 9, 2020

The 26th of July 2020 was a difficult day for us all, for it was the day that we lost a special man in our lives Mr. Blessings Erewa Atse Awani. Although we have lost his physical body, we know that his soul lives on within us and we will be reunited again one day in heaven. Firstly, I would like to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to show my love and appreciation for my late father in law. I know you will all agree with me when I say that Mr. Awani was a special person. I had the pleasure of knowing him for 15 years and yet I've been told that I didn't see the best of him. He was always a gentleman in my presence, very sincere and soft towards me. He always held my hand and welcomed me into his home and into his family. He adored all of his grandchildren, his eyes would light up when one of them walked into the room. I am so grateful that my children got to enjoy their grandfather and I know they

will cherish the memories they have made with him over the years. I have heard so many wonderful stories about Mr. Awani from my husband Dr. Tuoyo Awani, his siblings and my beautiful mother in law Mrs. Muriel Awani. Stories of how he made everyone laugh, how much of a good cook he was, how he worked so hard, how he provided for his large family, how he was loved by all of his friends and family, how he took on other people's problems as his own and how he was such a wonderful father to all 9 of his children. He was truly a great man. Speaking of his children, one only has to meet them to see how well they were brought up by their parents. All of them are educated, hard working, respectful, kind, loving Christians. This is a reflection of how Mr. Awani influenced them with his actions and his words. His sons looked up to him and admired him, they would do anything for him and to me, this says so much about what type of father and husband his was. Mr. Awani, you have set such a lovely example to everyone. Thank you for leading this family with strength, love and compassion. You have raised such a wonderful family and I am extremely lucky to be apart of it. We love you Daddy. Let's all celebrate Mr. Awani's life and remember him in Jesus name, Amen.

FIONA AWANI, AUGUST 9, 2020

dear grandad, I love you I hope that you are happy and healthy in heaven now I miss you but hope you will get better And I want you to be an angel looking over me amelia Troy mammy and especially daddy

CARLA AWANI, AUGUST 9, 2020

Sweet Dad, As we bid you farewell back to Mother Earth, it hurts but we know it's not how long you lived that matters but how well in Jehovah's command. We pray the legacy you left behind for your children will see them through the journey called LIFE. Even though you were a man of little words, you were gracious, large-hearted and fun-loving. Truly Different. Rest well daddy.

AGHEDO, Ogochukwu Jolly (Nigeria)

AGHEDO, OGOCHUKWU JOLLY, AUGUST 9, 2020

Honoring A Peaceful Family Man: Daddy, you were a father to many children, I am glad to call you DADDY. You touched many life's with your smile and warm

heartedness, Your calm personality was a blessing to many. To me, I knew you enjoyed having people around you, you were always ready to hear my greetings in "Bini". Today, I salute you - Dunomo, Lani, Kuoyo daddy. I can see your response, smiling even brighter than before. We shall miss you, but we know you are rejoicing with your maker where there is no longer pain or fear. Go daddy, Rest In Peace for you did fight the good fight of faith and victory is yours now. Thank Jesus, you kept the faith. Death where is your sting now?. 1 Corinthians 15:55. Hallelujah, for we know that through faith in Christ Jesus, death is no longer a stinging punishment but the victorious entry into eternal life. Yes you enter into God's rest daddy. Rest In Peace sir.

FRANCISCA AISEVBONAYE, AUGUST 9, 2020

Daddy, everything is still fresh in my memory, how you used to carry us (Tuoyo and I) from uniben to Ogbe stadium, to watch all Bendel Insurance home matches. I remember how we always hug ourselves whenever insurance scored a goal! We always wore gloomy faces when insurance failed to win. At the end of the game, you always take us home to eat dinner and do a post Morten of the game with the younger boys at home, Wunmi (Wumzy) and Itse (The Grand Itch). I won't forget all the numerous times you took us to Sapele and Warri to spend weekends together! I learnt so much from you as a father. Your love for your family was second to none! I will miss your ever smiling face, your love and your kindness!! Rest well Daddy!!!

DR LUCKY OKPETU , AUGUST 9, 2020

I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Gold-Awani and especially to my friend, Dr Tuoyo Gold -Awani. May the soul of their departed father rest in perfect peace and may the good Lord be the father to those he left behind.

DR OLAYINKA SHONEYE-VAUGHAN , AUGUST 9, 2020

Expressing our condolences to Tuoyo and the Awani family and praying for peace and comfort for those left behind. May dad be remembered with love and may his soul Rest In Peace!

ANGELA AKPOVI , AUGUST 9, 2020

Our sincere condolences Celebration of your dear Daddy 's Life , He lived a

beautiful life - I hear such unique fatherly stories of him . He has left a great legacy ...to be alive foreverin the hearts of all who love him . May his soul rest in perfect peace in God .

DR NEEMA AFEJUKU ADELAJA , AUGUST 9, 2020

Lord embrace him with your tender love. Welcome him into paradise where there will be no sorrow , or pain. But fullness of peace and joy. Uncle you will always Be loved and Remembered.R.I.P uncle !Amen

TEGGY EGBEJULE, AUGUST 9, 2020

I don't really recall ever meeting you but I met your daughter Mirabelle Owa and her family. They are amazingly friendly, hospitable and very much concerned about others welfare. They are a lovely Christian family. This made me believe that you brought up your children in the Christian faith and they have not deviated. You were a God-fearing, Christian father who would be missed by everyone who knew you, including myself. Rest in the bosom of the Lord Jesus Christ till we meet to path no more. Adieu, Father

HARRIE BAZUNU , AUGUST 8, 2020

May the Lord grant your family the fortitude to bear the loss. May the lords' perpetual light continue to shine upon the soul of our beloved dad as he joins with the saints in heaven. Rest in the lord Sir.

MARIAN AND ROLAND IDAHOSA, AUGUST 8, 2020

My condolences to the entire family. The Lord give you all comfort at this time. May your memories be a source of joy in the midst of your loss.

NORDI, AUGUST 8, 2020

Accept my condolences. May the Lord be with the family in Jesus mighty name.

ELIZABETH ODUME, AUGUST 8, 2020

My daddy, I miss you and I love you so much. I miss those times I will come home from school and you have made a wonderful lunch for me, I miss when you called me your little princess, I miss those times, no matter how tired you were, you would take me to school in the morning. I wish I can go back. I love you daddy. Thank you for your love. (your Princess Tina).

TINA GOLD UYINMWEN, AUGUST 8, 2020

With grandpa, I have lots of good memories whether it's him asking me how school was or informing me how sweet grandma's beans were. But the greatest memories I have of him is when we would always sit down and watch his shows. We would discuss it and laugh about even pass my bedtime. Just spending time with me was always appreciated. For that, I love you grandpa and you will always have a home in my heart.

NANA, AUGUST 8, 2020

Brother Blessings was a Decent, Credible, Godly individual with high integrity in his dealings. He will be solely missed by those he came in contact with in his journey through life. Brother Blessings - Adieus.

SKELLY K. JOE, AUGUST 8, 2020

To be absent in the body, is to be present with the Lord. I pray for God's peace and comfort over the Awani family. May His hedge of protection surround the Awani family, and May He provide supernatural strength & comfort during this time.

AJIBIKE SHODUNKE , AUGUST 8, 2020

Hmm. He was one of my best big first cousins. He pulled the family together and took care of our grand mum and even my mum. He was my mothers best son, her padi padi. Such a good and nice man. We have indeed lost one of the best brothers in the family. We will surely miss him so much. Rest in perfect peace.

FLORENCE BADA OLICKS , AUGUST 8, 2020

Daddy we love you but God love you more, rest in peace sir

ETCHIE JOSEPH, AUGUST 8, 2020

There is time for everything in this life! Rest in peace sir.

EDWINOKHUMEODE@GMAIL.COM, AUGUST 8, 2020

We bless God for the life of the departed. We pray that the Lord will be with all that he left behind in Jesus name.

CANON & MRS. ADEBAYO ADENEKAN, AUGUST 8, 2020

It is never easy to loose a loved one but know that the holy spirit is here to

comfort you and your family. Papa has ran his race and passed the baton to us here. Let us continue by Gods grace. Praying for everyone

UJUNMA EGWIM, AUGUST 8, 2020

I extend my deepest sympathies to the Awani family. Awani family are in my heart and mind. My condolences on the passing of your father. May God gives you all the peace that you all are seeking. May my prayers ease the pain of this loss. I know that Mr Blessings Erewa Awani is at peace with our Heavenly Father. May his gentle soul rest well. The family of Fresh Oil chapel love you all. We offer our thoughts, prayers, well-wishes during this dark time in your life.

ZAINAB BERNARD , AUGUST 8, 2020

Daddy, Rest in the bosom of the Lord Almighty

PROF VIVIAN OMUEMU , AUGUST 8, 2020

Keep resting in Gods bosom" Pa Blessings Awani. May His Memory Warm the Hearts of the Family in Jesus name.

PAS. MRS OLUBUKANLA AKINNUWA, AUGUST 8, 2020

Daddy, I will never forget you !!! Your kindness towards me and my baby daughter. Your welcoming spirit, your positive attitude is Forever in my heart. I will continue to remember all that you are. I will miss you. Thank you for being you sir. You are indeed blessed. Love always Josephine.

JOSEPHINE AAIGBOJE , AUGUST 7, 2020

Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers on behalf of Eghoba Dallas Chapter. The Lord will grant you and the family the fortitude to bear the loss. May his soul Rest In Peace- Amen Engr. Charles Asemota President, Eghoba Dallas Chapter

ENGR. CHARLES ASEMOTA, AUGUST 7, 2020

Rest In Peace

JENNIFER OKOH (OTEZE), AUGUST 7, 2020

Rest is perfect peace Grandpa, I love you very much, I wish I had more time to spend with you Fly high You're precious granddaughter, Mary Nne Aghedo

MARY AGHEDO, AUGUST 7, 2020

On behalf of my family and I we would like to send our sincere condolences to the family of this great man. We should take to mind that great men only step aside so that we the younger generation can flourish and exercise the knowledge they have impacted on us Thank you daddy for the unforgettable memories you have left behind.

IBEGBULEM IHIOMA AGHEDO (MR), AUGUST 7, 2020

It has been a week since the 26th July 2020, I have finally been able to bring myself to write about someone who has been a key part of my life and world since the day I was born. There is not much that I can say or write about my dear father Blessings Erewa Atse Awani that numerous other friends and family have not said about him. Over the years as I navigate through life, I have long realised how very fortunate we were to have him as our father, the love, sacrifice, and nurturing he gave me and my siblings has been endless and invaluable. As I look back now and ponder about the things I said to him and the conversations we had, I have come to realise that I did not thank him enough for all he has done for us. He was always the first by our side to congratulate and celebrate our successes and ponder through our problems and difficulties. He bore the anguish with us whenever there was adversity, and taught us the value of good judgement, integrity, hard work, courage, and resilience. My Dad loved people, loved his family, and loved having and hosting his friends. He was never shy and liked to make people feel welcome. He loved laughter, smiles and music. He loved to sing with us and taught us most of the songs of our childhood that we so instinctively hum and sing when we are happy, sad, or upset. I used to believe at the time that all fathers used to sing the songs from the popular musical film "sound of music" with their children until my friends at school looked vacantly at me when I told them we sang it at home, and I belted the songs so effortlessly at school. I will always remember the special smile and the warm embrace he always gave me whenever I saw him, and as we bid him farewell (for now), I hold on to the experience of those memories, and know that there will never be another one that will replace him in our hearts. I will conclude with the words from Alfred

Delp "when through that one man, a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth comes into the world, then that man's life has had meaning". Our father touched peoples lives with his loving and caring personality. I will forever remember him in my heart. Rest in Peace and in our Lord God's Bosom Dear Dad Tuoyo

DR TUOYO AWANI, AUGUST 7, 2020

Rest in perfect peace Baba, we didn't get to meet you in flesh but we love you and we will surely miss you, adeiu. Our since condolences to all Awani Golds.

MRS S OGUNTAYO , AUGUST 7, 2020

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident,I say and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the lord.

QUEEN LNNEH, AUGUST 7, 2020

Rest in Perfect peace Daddy.

ONYEKA AGHEDO, AUGUST 7, 2020

May Daddy soul rest in peace and may God grant his family the grace to deal with his lost in Jesus name

PATIENCE EBISIN , AUGUST 7, 2020

Papa, may your gentle soul rest in perfect peace, we love you but the loved you more. Your legacy lives forever. You came You saw You conquered. From Oguntayo family

THEOPHILUS OGUNTAYO , AUGUST 7, 2020

Rest in peace daddy I love you so much, fly high like the beautiful angel that you always were and always will be Till we meet again, Your beautiful and loving daughter Bawo



BAWO AGHEDO, AUGUST 7, 2020

Grandpa, I love you. You were always such a sweet presence and a standard. You never seemed old nor dull. I used to brag about you to my friends, that my Grandpa is the world's best cook! When I count my Blessings, I count you twice! Literarily! (lol). I thank God for the moments I had with you, the stories,

the Epuru (Yam Pottage), the songs and your laughter. Can I ever forget it? Adieu Grandpa. Sing with the Angels. Sing, Grandpa – with the Angels. I love you. – MARANATHA KEMI OWA – GRANDDAUGHTER

OLUWAKEMI MARANATHA OWA, AUGUST 7, 2020

My darling name sake is gone. You made me hold my head high knowing I'm not the only one with the 's' at the end of my name, didn't get the chance to meet you on earth but I'm sure I'll see you on the resurrection morning. Sleep well Blessings.

BLESSINGS ABU, AUGUST 7, 2020

Bro Blessings I missed you greatly because you added color to my life. Your life style showed that you made it to the bossom of Almighty God. Rest in peace.

ONOVO ELIZABETH OBENTE , AUGUST 7, 2020

My beloved dad. I miss you so much and I'm pained at my loss. Not seeing you and not being able to pay my last respect to you is devastating. You lived a good life and touched all in came in contact with you with love and kindness. I love you daddy my first love, my teacher, my friend and confidante. I have hope that we shall meet again in the new earth Jehovah promised. Adieu my beloved dad Your daughter Alero Hilda Ifeajika-Awani

ALERO HILDA IFEAJIKA-AWANI, AUGUST 7, 2020

A special dad is hard to find. I wished you could have stayed forever, But I will never forget you; not ever Daddy . If dreams weren't dreams and dreams came true, I wouldn't be here; I'd be with you. Distance is one thing that keeps us apart, But, Dad, you will always remain in my heart. A special smile, a special face, A special someone I can't replace, I love you so much Daddy and I always will. You filled a space that no one else could fulfill.

TERRY EGBEJULE , AUGUST 7, 2020

You led a successful life. In Africa, we say the hoe buries the yam. The natural order is that your children should bury you ;not otherwise! This is playing out now and we are in this comforted.

BEN ADIGWE ESQ, AUGUST 7, 2020

Dear daddy, I can still recall that jovial and happy face even though it is over three decades ago that I last saw you. May your gentle and enthusiastic soul rest in perfect peace in the Lord. Amen.



BARR. OSAS JOHNSON, AUGUST 7, 2020

In loving memory of a very good in law who gave us a very beautiful daughter in the person of Mirabel. Rest on, rest in the bosom of the Lord till we meet to part no more. We are already missing you.

MR & MRS ISHOLA, AUGUST 7, 2020

Dear Uncle, It pains my heart that I didn't get to see you again after my last visit to Dallas. My dearest and lovely Uncle, it was always fun to have you visit or we come over to Benin. I remember the big Guava tree in your compound that I always looked forward to, your home was indeed a safe haven for many. You were so involved in your family and children that I sometimes wished you were my biological father too. Your unquestionable love for all your children created peace, unity and progress that is evident in their lives today. I remember when I was a freshman in Uniben and had to move to school (Hall 1) you came to pick me up in your car and took me safely to school. You are indeed a father that will be greatly missed. Sleep my dearest Uncle till we meet again. "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him". 1Thess 4: 14

BETTY ORITSHELUMEWO IDOLOR (NEE EGBEJULE), AUGUST 7, 2020

Bemigho Momoh A Letter to my Daddy(Blessings E.A. Awani-Gold Daddy dearest, How you filled and decorated my childhood with so much love and happiness. You made me feel secured and confident of who I am today. The first great man in my life. You showed me what to look for in a man when it was time to have a life partner. Oh daddy with a golden heart, you gave unlimited love with no borders to us and all who crossed your path. A daddy I

was never ashamed or afraid to hold his hands when you came to the hostels in the university every Friday and Sundays to see and bring goodies. You were a centerpiece of the family and endowed with wisdom for all. It's so sad to say goodbye. From Prince Razaq Momoh Tribute: I appreciate God for a life well spent. Daddy was a father to all. I met him on two occasions when he came to visit us in the Republic of Ireland and I can never forget the warmth and the smile. He quickly asked me to perform the marriage rites to him and I did and he accepted. He was full of goodness, he was a man of peace. He fought the good fight and now he has gone to rest. Rest peacefully man with a heart of gold. From Idanesi Momoh I met my Grandad when I was two and I don't have a clear memory of him. However, watching those who had a close relationship with him, those who came in contact with him, those who were simply impacted by him in a good way, it pains me that I couldn't have more of a relationship with my Grandfather. I have heard countless stories that convey his loveable and helpful traits. I aspire to take on these traits as I grow and develop into a man. Goodnight Grandad

BEMIGHO MOMOH, AUGUST 7, 2020

It was in 1991 (29years ago) I met my ptofessional daddy (as i csll him) in his office (Treasury Cash Office, Benin City, Nigeria) snd he became a father figure to me. Oh how i came to know your kind, easy-going, peace-loving spirit and heart full of generosity. You gave me your accounting text books and told me, 'be my son that will study and become a Chartered Accountant. Dadfy I fulfilled your wish. I thank heaven i was oppoertuned to know you. Thank you for being a BLESSING, as you were rightly named.

HENRY OLEABHIE , AUGUST 7, 2020

Some people leave an impact on you, that it sometimes causes you to think They are leaving in a different world. However, getting to know them better you soon realize that they feel or have felt every pain you are struggling with, yet no matter the circumstances they ware that infectious smile that says "it is Well"! Pa Awani, is one of those. He will greatly be missed. I am glad he lives on with the Lord, leaving that smile on the faces of his Children. Adieu

MR. WILLIAMS O. IMAFIDON, AUGUST 7, 2020

Gentle and peace living. Our God strengthen all who loved him.

BENEDICTA, AUGUST 7, 2020

Dad, Couldn't see much of you before your painful exit. Good night our Father. Good night our inspiration Good night our friend. Rest in the arms of the Almighty . I will miss you greatly. Good bye and Good night. Your nephew.

HASTINGS GOLD AWANI, AUGUST 7, 2020

The memory of the just is blessed. I remember you today and pay tribute to Daddy Awani. A man of humane peace, of sterling character and rare qualities. Before I got married to my wife, I was then a young man hanging around the house, courting his daughter, Mirabel, a young lady of 22. He received me with warmth, unusual friendship and simplicity. A man without airs around him. How can I forget how he simplified my marriage ceremony and ensured that he gave me maximum cooperation? I found, in daddy, a simple and compassionate man, a tough lover of his family. When he was in Benin and worked in Sapele, he would visit Benin by the weekends, and on most of those trips, he would stop by at the house to see us with gifts. In the early years of our marriage, we always looked forward to Christmas time, when daddy personally took charge of cooking, for he loved to see his family gather together to eat. Daddy was a man who loved God and wanted to please Him; a man who loved to hear the word. I recall the hunger with which we went through the entire book of Mark together, when I visited him in Dallas in 2015. Daddy was more than a father-in-law; he was a father indeed, a confidant and a friend. Daddy was an admixture of wisdom, humility and rare inner strength. His fortitude in the midst of adversity was demonstrated during the twilight period of his life. In spite of his failing health, his spirit remained unbroken and he remained cheerful till the end. This tribute will not be complete without a commendation for his wife, Mrs. Muriel Awani, who nursed him during the last phase of his life. Drawing on her rich professional experience as a nurse, mummy demonstrated a rare breed of loyalty, love and professional care in a world where such virtues are in short supply. You are a rare breed and a

shining gem. My grief at daddy's demise is cushioned by my profound conviction that he is in a better and more dignified environment: in the heavenly realms, in the bosom of the Lord. The memory of the righteous is truly blessed. I look forward to meeting you again at the great assembly, in the resurrection morning. Until then, adieu daddy. Adieu. GBENGA OWA – SON-IN-LAW

GBENGA OWA , AUGUST 7, 2020

On behalf of Pst Gbenga Owa's family, I write this tribute. Our dear In-law, Mr Blessings Awani was a friendly and homely man. His accomodating and friendly character bonded the two families together. He had a calm disposition to life in general. My recent visit to him, his amiable wife and some of his children afforded me the repeated priviledge of his hospitality. We will miss your kind smiles. Adieu, our beloved in-law, till we part no more.

PST (MRS) ABIGAIL. B. BELLO, AUGUST 6, 2020

Dear Brother, you have gone so soon, we will always remember you for all the good things you have done for us. We love you but God loves you more. Please keep an eye on those you left behind. May your soul rest in peace. Amen

FUNMI JOHN EGBEJULE, AUGUST 6, 2020

Bros Me you are gone physically but we. still love you and you will remain in our heart till eternity! Adieu.

WASAMI, AUGUST 6, 2020

My beloved and loving daddy. It is so painful for me to come to terms with the fact that I'll never see you again. I missed the last fifteen years of your life on earth, and this is because I didn't have the opportunity to come over and shower you with as much love as you showered on us your children. You taught me a lot as a growing child. How to cook, wash clothes and clean the house, for mummy was at the school of nursing. You were also a great storyteller and singer. I can still remember some of the songs you loved: "Count your blessings" "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam," and "Jesus is the captain of the ship" (in Itsekiri). I can't ever forget how you dedicated yourself

and time to your children, your selflessness in ensuring that you spent as much time as possible with us in both homes. You would take us in the morning from the house, pick my siblings Bemi, Bawo and Toju from their house and take us to school. You would then pick us up at the close of school, drop them off at home, and sometimes we had lunch there. You would then drop us off and return to work. After close of work, it was your daily routine to spend time with us until about 6pm, and then drive out to spend time with our siblings, only to return at about 11pm. This was your consistent daily routine while we were growing up. You built a bond amongst your children and always made sure that we all spent the festive periods together. When, in 1991, Delta State was created, and you were based in Sapele, we missed your presence at home. You could only come home at weekends. Through you, I learnt that humility and respect for self and others is one key way to succeed in life. The love you expressed towards your children was what you also extended to other relatives. You drew everyone to you with love and selfless service. Adieu my dear daddy. I look forward to seeing you in Jehovah's promised paradise that will rest upon the new earth.

ALERO HILDA IFEAJIKA AWANI, AUGUST 6, 2020

My Daddy! My peace-loving Father! I am thankful to God Almighty that you were my loving and exemplary Father; and that made it so easy for me to believe in, to love, trust, and obey our Lord God Almighty. My Dad, you plaited our hair; you taught us how to cook; and you enjoyed cooking and baking for everyone. You ensured that we were dressed as Princesses and Princes to parties, including when we attended Children's Time on the then NTV in Benin, and when we watched films and shows in the then Urhokpota Hall (Cultural Centre). Daddy always nursed us back to health with prayers, medicines and pepper soup, mixed with unsweetened akamu or cereal (Yuk!!). You never missed a visiting day in my secondary school days; likewise, you visited us often when we were undergraduates in the University. My Daddy, my one and only, very unique, incomparable to any earthly father! Daddy taught us lovely songs and various arts and crafts. During our school holidays, he took us on

weekly trips to the then Bendel State Library. In so doing, he implanted in us the reading culture and a love for books. You taught us contentment and how to derive joy from little and simple things...Oh! Daddy, thank you!! Daddy was indeed a strong, intelligent, peaceful, enduring, amiable, loving and true Father, and a worthy Grandpa to my children!! I take consolation in, and derive peace from, the assurance that you are now in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, along with our faithful departed loved ones. I love you Dad, and I cherish the soooo many pleasant memories we had together. Goodbye for now Dad, and enjoy God's presence. Your Mimi.

MIRABEL OWA, AUGUST 6, 2020

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