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## OBITUARY

### PROFESSOR FOLASADE MODUPEORE AKINKUGBE (1938 – 2023)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Folasade Modupeore Akinkugbe, a distinguished retired staff of the Institute of Child Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Tuesday 02 May, 2023. She was aged 84 years.

Professor Folasade Modupeore Akinkugbe was born on July 10, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Dina. She had her primary education at St. Annes School in Ibadan, Nigeria, and her secondary school at the Priory School for Girls in Shrewsbury, England. She received her undergraduate university education at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, University of London, England, where she earned her MBBS (London) in 1965. In 1964 and 1965, she also earned the Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (LRCP) and the Diploma and Specialty Certificate Examinations (MRCP) of the United Kingdom. She began her medical career in 1965 as a House Physician and House Surgeon at the University College Hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria, and went on to residency training at the same institution from 1966 to 1971.

Late Professor Folasade Modupeore Akinkugbe began her academic career at the University of Ibadan shortly after completing her professional training at the University College Hospital in Ibadan and receiving the Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Physicians in 1971. She began as a Medical Research Fellow I in the Institute of Child Health. She was promoted to Senior Medical Research Fellow with effect from January 1972 and worked her way through the ranks to become Professor in 1989. She was the Director of the Institute of Child Health from 1991 until her retirement in 2003. She also served the University of Ibadan as the Hall Mistress of Queen Idia Hall from 1993 till her retirement in 2003 after 32 years of dedicated service to the University.

Late Professor Folasade Modupeore Akinkugbe has served her country and international non-governmental organisations in a variety of capacities, including health, education, and research. She was a member of the Nigeria National Certificate Committee and a consultant to WHO and UNICEF on numerous children's health projects. She was a well-known expert in children's health who made important contributions to the progress of paediatrics and child health by educating various medical professionals, conducting research, and providing services in the fields of immunisation, newborn feeding, and growth monitoring.

May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

**Lying in State: 8.00 a.m., Wednesday 07 June, 2023 in Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.**

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