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## OBITUARY

### PROFESSOR ADUKE GRACE ADEBAYO (1950 - 2022)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, FAS, mni, announces the transition of Professor Aduke Grace Adebayo, a distinguished retired staff of the Department of European Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Sunday, 21 August, 2022. She was aged 72 years.

Late Prof. Aduke Grace Adebayo (nee Oni) was born in Ibadan on 21 April, 1950 to Pa Abraham Oluyemi Oni and Mama Marian Wuraola Oni of Erin-Oke, in Oriade Local Government of Osun state.

She attended Fiwasaiye Anglican Girls' Grammar School, Akure between 1962 and 1966 and Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo where she obtained the West African School Certificate (Grade One) and Nigeria Certificate in Education (with distinctions) respectively. She later proceeded to the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) between 1972 and 1975 then 1977 and 1979 from where she obtained the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with First Class Honours in French and Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in French. She obtained her Doctorate degree (Ph.D.) in 1983 from the University of Ibadan. In between, she attended a number of foreign institutions like Institut Français de Touraine and Université François Rabelais, both in Tours, in France and the University of East Anglia, Norwich, in the UK.

Late Prof. Adebayo had a stint of teaching at Hope Grammar School, Ilesha between 1970 and 1972 before becoming a Graduate Assistant at the University of Ife between 1976 and 1979 and Lecturer I at the College of Education, Ilesha in 1979. She was appointed Assistant Lecturer at the University of Ibadan in February 1980. She rose to a Senior Lecturer and a Reader in 1986 and 1993 respectively and was promoted to the rank of Professor in October 1996.

She served her Department, Faculty and the University in various capacities including Departmental Academic Staff Secretary (1989-1990), Departmental Representative on Faculty of Arts Postgraduate Committee (1993-1999), Editor of Ibadan Journal of European Studies (2007-2008), Acting Head of Department (1997-1999) and Head of European Studies Department (1999-2002, 2004-2007). Furthermore, she was Faculty Representative on the Board of the Social Sciences (1987-1988) and on the Board of Education (1980-1991), Faculty of Arts Representative on Appointments and Promotions Committee (1996-1999) and the Dean of Arts (2005-2007). She was also the Hall Mistress of Queen Idia Hall (2004-2005) and Chairman of General Studies Programme (2016-2019).

Late Prof. Adebayo successfully supervised 13 Ph.D. Theses, co-supervised 4 Ph.D. theses and one M.Phil. Dissertation. She successfully supervised many M.A. Dissertations and B.A. Projects. Her area of specialization and research interests spanned French Studies, Comparative

Literature, Literary theory and Criticism and Feminist Studies. She had over 56 publications in both international and local outlets spread across articles in learned journals, books and chapters in books, book reviews, and others.

She was a visiting Professor to the Department of European Languages, University of Lagos and Research Professor, Nigerian French Village, Ajara, Badagry. She was external examiner for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at several universities and assessed the publications of many of her colleagues seeking promotion to the grade of professor. She also served as chairperson and member of numerous NUC accreditation exercises. She belonged to learned societies and professional associations including Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), Africain Littérature Association (ALA), Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Français (FIPF), International Comparative Littérature Association (ICLA), Modern Language Association of America (MLA), Société des Professeurs Français et Francophone en Amérique (SPFFA) and African Studies Association (ASA).

Late Prof. Adebayo was a seasoned academic, a disciplined administrator and a teacher per excellence.

She is survived by children, grandchildren and numerous relatives.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

The burial programme is outlined below **Wednesday, 05 to Friday, 07 October, 2022** for her funeral ceremonies.

**Burial arrangements:**

➤ Wednesday, 05 October, 2022:

- Evening of Tributes (3.00 p. m.)

**Venue:** Faculty of Arts Quadrangle, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

➤ Thursday, 06 October, 2022:

- Lying-in-state (8.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.)

**Venue:** Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

- Wake Keep and Service of Songs (4.00 p. m. – 6.00 p. m.)

**Venue:** Ibadan Civic Centre, Agodi GRA, Idi Ape, Iwo Road, Ibadan

➤ Friday, 07 October, 2022:

- Funeral Service (11.00 a. m. - 1.00 p. m.)

**Venue:** All Souls Church Bodija, No. 1, Arigidi Street, Old Bodija, Ibadan

- Interment (1.00 p. m. - 3.00 p. m.)

**Venue:** Burial Ground (Private Interment)

- Reception (1.00 p. m. - 7.00 p. m.)

**Venue:** Ibadan Civic Centre, Agodi GRA, Idi Ape, Iwo Road, Ibadan

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