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## OBITUARY

### MR. SUNDAY SAMUEL ODULARU

(11 October 1938-23 July 2016)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret the transition of Mr. Sunday Samuel Adesegun Odularu, a retired Acting University Librarian. The sad incident occurred on Saturday, July 23, 2016.

Late Mr. Sunday Samuel Adesegun Odularu was born to the family of Pa James Kasumu Odularu and Eunice Efunyela Odularu (Nee Falolipe) of No 45, Araromi Street, Ijebu Ode on Tuesday, 11 October, 1938.

The young Adesegun Odularu had a chequered experience of elementary primary school starting from Christ Church Primary School, Porogun, Ijebu-Ode and from here to St. Paul's Primary School, Gbongan, Osun State, then to Wesley School, Mamu and from Mamu, he finally moved to Christ Church Primary School, Mapo, Ibadan in 1953, where he concluded his elementary education.

After a brief teaching experience at the Primary School level, he proceeded to Teacher Training College at St. Luke's College, Molete, Ibadan and passed out with Teachers grade II Certificate in 1959.

Late Mr. Sunday Samuel Adesegun Odularu was part of the students admitted to the Faculty of Arts, University of Ibadan, in 1962 where he graduated with a B.A. in Arabic and Islamic Studies in 1967.

He later bagged a Postgraduate Diploma in Library Studies in 1970 in the University of Ibadan before he proceeded to Loughborough University of Technology England, for his Master of Arts (M.A) Degree, which he obtained in 1977. While in Loughborough, Mr. Odularu also taught Undergraduate Library Practice in the Department of Library and Information Studies.

Late Mr. Adesegun Odularu was appointed Librarian II in the then University Library, now Kenneth Dike Library, in 1967 as the Arabic Librarian. He later became the Circulation Librarian and Readers' Adviser (1979-81), Serials Librarian (1978-1979) and moved to the Collection Development Division as the Rare Work Librarian in 1981.

He was promoted to the post of Deputy Librarian in 2003. Thereafter he was appointed Acting University Librarian, a position he held until his retirement in 2004.

As a member of the Academic Staff of the University of Ibadan, Late Mr. Odularu had many Publications to his credit; among which are: Theses, Journal Articles, Books and Monographs.

His M.A. Thesis (1979) was titled "Methodology for Communicating African Culture".

His other publications included among others:

Map Acquisition and Reference Service in an Academic Library (1983);

Ansar-ud-Din Society in Lagos and Western Nigeria (1967);

Oruko ni Ile Ijebu (Names and their meanings in Ijebuland (1970);

The Twins children Rituals among the Yoruba (1976);  
Nigerian Library Association, Cataloguing and Classification Section:  
(A Monograph) (1974);  
Biography of Agriculture (1969);  
A list of English Language Writing on Islam in Nigeria (1969);  
Manual for the Arabic and Islamic Section (1973);  
Map Marketing and Distribution in Nigeria (1984);  
Index to Ransome- Kuti Collections (1985); and  
Divination in Africa: An Annotated Bibliography (1702-1985).

Mr. Sunday Samuel Adesegun Odularu was a pleasant family man married to Alice Taiwo Odularu (Nee Oyemade) and the union is blessed with many children.

May his soul Rest in Peace. Amen

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