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PROFESSOR EMMANUEL EJIUGU OSUJI 19 FEBRUARY, 1944 – 10 APRIL, 2018

Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Emmanuel Ejiogu Osuji of the Department of Adult Education, Faculty of Education. The event occurred on Tuesday, 10 April, 2018. He was aged 74 years.

Late Professor Emmanuel Ejiogu Osuji was born on 19 February, 1944 to late Elder Solomon Anyanwu and Mrs. Patience Osuji in Ezinihitte, Mbaise Local Government of Imo State, Nigeria. He had his elementary and post-elementary schools in the then Eastern Region of Nigeria. Professor Osuji was a student in the Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan between 1965-1971 as an undergraduate. He left the University as a result of Nigeria's civil war that broke out in 1967. He later came back in 1970-1971 to complete his undergraduate programme, and he graduated as the best graduating student of his Department in 1971. He got the University of Ibadan scholarship to pursue his Postgraduate studies between 1971 and 1975 when he bagged his Ph.D in Political Science.

Professor Osuji was a recipient of many awards namely: Federal Government of Nigeria Undergraduate Scholarship Award 1970-1971; University Scholarship for Postgraduate Programme 1970-1975; Danish Fellowship Programme in Adult Education and Socio-Economic Development, Askov, Denmark 1982; UNICEF Fellowship in 1993; UNESCO/USAID Fellowship 1993 and British Council Fellowship 1998, among others.

Professor Osuji served the Department of Adult Education, Faculty of Education and the University as well as society at large in various capacities. He was a Coordinator of the Departmental Postgraduate Programme. He was the pioneer Acting Head, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan, (2000-2002). He was Head of Department, Adult Education University of Ibadan, (2006-2009), Member, Board of Directors, United Nigeria Insurance Company (UNIC) 1983-1984.

He served as a resource person and consultant to many organisations both locally and internationally. He was a great mentor whose life touched many academics within the Department of Adult Education; most of them are versed in research. He displayed his skills at Continuing Education Coordinating Unit (CECU), Faculty of Education.

He was also a member of many learned societies, namely: Nigerian National Council for Adult Education; Fellow, Literacy, Training and Development Programme for Africa (CLTDPA) and Member, Nigeria Participating Rural Appraisal Network.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Victoria Ekaete, children (both biological and academic) grandchildren and extended family members. He will be sorely missed.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Arrangements:

Tuesday, 19 June, 2018

4.00pm – 6.00pm Night of Tributes, Large Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Education

Wednesday, 20 June, 2018

4pm – 6.00pm Family Wake at No. 74, Model City, Idi-Omo, Ojoo, Ibadan.

Thursday, 21 June, 2018

8.00am – 9.00am Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan

Friday, 22 June, 2018

Final Burial at his own hometown, Afa N'Oke Village, Owutu Community, Ezinihitte LGA Mbaise, Imo State

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