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## OBITUARY

### **PROFESSOR HENRY AJIBOYE AJAGBE**

**(10 FEBRUARY, 1934 – 19 AUGUST, 2018)**

Professor A. I Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Henry Ajiboye Ajagbe, a staff of Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry. The sad event occurred on Sunday, 19 August, 2018.

Late Professor Ajagbe was born on 10 February, 1931. His early elementary education was at Sudan Interior Mission Day School, Oro-Ago and Ilesha Grammar School which he completed in 1947 and 1953 respectively. Thereafter, he proceeded to the Greenville College in Illinois, USA for his pre-medicine four year course where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences in 1960. He later obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in May 1968 from the College of Dentistry, Howard University, USA.

Upon graduation, he proceeded to Washington D.C. General Hospital, USA in 1968 for his one year of internship and thereafter returned to Nigeria in 1969 and was appointed a Dental Surgeon in the Western State of Nigeria Health Services.

Late Professor Ajagbe started his career in the University College Hospital, Ibadan as a Hospital Dental Surgeon on 01 February, 1971. He, then, proceeded to Eastern Institute of Dental Surgery, University of London for a Master's degree in Oral Surgery. He dutifully returned to University College Hospital, Ibadan in October, 1974 and was appointed an Associate Lecturer in the Department of

Surgery in 1975 and rose through the ranks to become a Professor and became a pioneer Clinical Teacher and Consultant in the Faculty of Dentistry. Aside being a distinguished Surgeon, Professor and Teacher, Late Professor Ajagbe also made significant contributions at home and international community. He remained very active throughout his career in many aspects of development of the Department, Faculty, College of Medicine and University of Ibadan.

As an astute and diligent teacher and academic, Late Professor Ajagbe had numerous academic publications that appeared in learned journals which cut across different fields of Medicine and Dentistry. He was a recipient of numerous research support grants and had greatly contributed to the body of knowledge in dentistry, particularly in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He had visited, contributed and attended conferences and trainings facilitated sessions in various countries across different countries.

He served as External Examiner to some Universities including University of Lagos, Lagos and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife. He also served as an External Examiner to the West African College of Surgeons in the Faculty of Dental Surgery. He was a trustee of the Nigerian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

He also wrote a book “My Education” which tells the tortuous story of how he acquired his education with intimacy and candour. On many occasions, he passed across weighty counsel and advice to everyone with whom he was acquainted in excellent proverbial communication. He raised generations of health care professionals many of who became eminent scholars and dental practitioners like himself.

He received many honours, awards during his lifetime for services to humanity as well as being a member of many learned societies some of which include Fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, Nigerian Dental Association and member of Medical & Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria (MDCAN) among other professional societies.

Most importantly, late Professor Ajagbe was a fervent Christian and an ordained lover of the gospel. He was very active in the Christian community, especially in his Local Church, Orita-meta Baptist Church where he was an Elder and an ordained Deacon.

Late Professor and Mrs Ajagbe had four children: an Architect, a Pharmacist, an Administrative Secretary and a Medical Doctor.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

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