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### OBITUARY

#### **PROFESSOR JACOB ADEBOWALE OLUYEMI (1932-1992)**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebawale, mni, FAS, fspsp, announces the transition of Professor Jacob Adebawale Oluyemi, a distinguished retired staff of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ibadan. His death happened on Monday, 14 April, 1992. He was aged 59 years.

Late Professor Jacob Adebawale Oluyemi was born to the family of Mr and Mrs Oluyemi on the 22 September, 1932 in Usi Ekiti. He had B.Sc. Agric. (London) in 1961, M.Sc. (Edinburg) in 1964 and Ph.D (Ibadan) in 1974 with specialisation in Animal Breeding and Poultry Production. He worked at a time with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Nigeria after his first degree and also taught Poultry Science as a course in Department of Animal Science, University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife) in 1967.

Professor Jacob Adebawale Oluyemi joined the service of University of Ibadan in 1968 as a Lecturer in the Department of Animal Science. He also worked with the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station between 1977 and 1978 during his sabbatical leave. He rose to the position of Professor within a short period, precisely 1980. He was appointed Head, Department of Animal Science between 1983 and 1987. Late Professor Oluyemi was Dean, of the defunct Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry from 1990 to 1992.

Late Professor Oluyemi had a very robust academic career within the four decades of his sojourn in the University of Ibadan. He made significant contributions to research in dietary energy and nutritional requirements and strategies in poultry production, particularly as it pertained to the Nigerian indigenous chicken breeds. He attracted scholarships and sponsorships from institutions which included the esteemed National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, USA, and the National Institute of Health.

He was a lead-author of "Poultry Production in Warm Wet Climates". A book that served as the "bible" of poultry production in sub-Saharan Africa for decades, which still retains its relevance to-date. The publication has been widely cited and remains a key reference in tropical poultry production.

Late Professor J. A. Oluyemi is well published in reputable journals. His works addressed core poultry topics such as dietary energy and protein levels and requirements of broiler chickens and Nigerian indigenous chicken breeds. He also researched and published titles that addressed innovative feed resources and resourcing like maggot meal production, cassava utilisation for poultry nutrition. His expertise played pivotal roles in poultry science, poultry nutrition and management in Nigeria and across West Africa.

He was a member of many professional bodies including Animal Science Association of Nigeria, Nigeria Society of Animal Production, Nigeria Institutes of Animal Science, World Poultry Science Association, Genetic Society of Nigeria, Agricultural Society of Nigeria, World peace Academy, Poultry Association of Nigeria, among several others.

He supervised many B.Sc., Masters and Ph.D students and had several publications inform of Journal Articles, Conference proceedings and textbooks to his credit.

Professor J. A. Oluyemi retired from the services of the University of Ibadan in 2006 after attaining 65 years of age.

Professor Jacob Oluyemi was survived by wife, Mama Princess Modupe Oluyemi, Blessed Children and grand Children.

May his gentle soul rest on in the boson of the Lord. Amen

**Burial Announcement:**

The family has scheduled Friday, 23 May, 2025 for his funeral programme.

**Venue:** Chapel of the Resurrection, University of Ibadan

**Time:** 10.00am

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