



Tope Oludare Adewusi

June 14, 1938 - July 6, 2024

Here is the link so view the services

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Basa9LwuD1U?si=2UeUTOoUAmr1kqNO>

PA TOPE OLUDARE ADEWUSI

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Temitope Oludare Adewusi, a dedicated father, beloved grandfather, devoted granduncle and loyal friend transitioned peacefully on July 6th, 2024, at 11:05 p.m. He was 86 years old.

Pa Adewusi was born June 14, 1938, in Ode-remo Sagamu, the second born of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekial Gbadewola Adewusi. Pa attended Igbobi and Saint Gregory's College in his early years. In 1960, he started his studies at UCLA and shortly thereafter transferred to UC Berkeley where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He later received his master's degree in electrical engineering from Colorado State University. In 1977, Pa moved back to Nigeria to start his family and begin his career at the University of Ife as the Director of the Electrical Engineering Department. Even with his numerous accomplishments, becoming a father was the greatest achievement of his life, bringing him immense pride and joy

In 1983, he moved back to the United States and began his career at Bechtel in San Louis Obispo and then in 1985 moved to Fresno to begin his new career at PG&E. Pa was a jack of all trades, while he began his professional career as an engineer, he was also a teacher and then retired as a union

organizer in 2009, a job he truly treasured.

As a young child, Pa was raised in an Episcopalian home but as he got older his spiritual journey led him to discover Theravada Buddhism. He fell in love with the religion and became a practicing Buddhist for over 50 years, spending hours a day meditating and reading to deepen his connection to the religion. He also had a strong passion for his traditional Yoruba culture and religion and was committed to mentoring others and preserving its cultural traditions. In addition, he loved to spend time gardening and could often be found in his backyard tending to his many fruits and vegetables. Pa loved to cook delicious meals using his home grown produce and shared his harvest with those close to him.

Pa Adewusi loved spending time with his family. He had always looked forward to becoming a grandfather, which he did in 2019 with the birth of Jaiye Djifa Tope de Souza. His later years were often spent with his grandson by his side, sharing stories and family memories. He was known for his generosity and compassion, always willing to lend a helping hand or listening ear. A resident of Fresno for over 40 years, Dad was a staple member of the community. He was a founding father of the Nigerian Association of the Central Valley and served on the City of Fresno's MLK committee for over a decade. His lifelong commitment to community engagement and spreading Nigerian culture will be his enduring legacy.

Leaving to cherish his memories are his daughter Bose, grandson Jaiye de Souza, his sisters Mrs. Yemisi Adedeji, Mrs. Titilayo Macaulay, his brother Ayodele Adewusi, his niece Olufunmilayo Odunlami, grandniece Yetunde Ajayi and her children Ayomide and Dayo Akintola, and all his extended family in Nigeria and around the world.

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Tribute Wall

FU

“ *Mr. Adewusi, may you rest in perfect peace. You were an elder colleague at Unife and I, being the auditor in charge of the Division of Works and Maintenance Services worked closely with you. Professionally, your integrity was impeccable. You kept good accounting records. Socially, you were easy to interact with, friendly and had a fatherly approach to the younger ones. I never got to thank you for OY3FA that gave me many good years of service. You chose to sell the car to me because other bidders already had cars- another way that you're showing your magnanimity. E sùnn re o!*

Funmi - August 04, 2024 at 02:18 AM

“ After the passing of Mr. Adewusi, I began to reflect more on our relationship and how he impacted my life during the 16 years that I knew him. To me he was many things. An elder, friend, mentor, teacher, father figure, priest, leader, an overall genuine presence and example in my life, someone who was worth emulating. Prior to attending his funeral, I was grateful to him for many things. However, after listening to the testimonies of those who spoke in honor of him during his funeral and learning about the impact he made on the lives of others, my gratitude for him took on an even deeper meaning. Not only was I more grateful for him, but I also became very proud of him.

Upon returning home from his funeral I felt inspired to learn more about the path that he walked in life that allowed him to become the man that he was. Although my relationship with Mr. Adewusi as a student was primarily centered around my studies and practice of the native religion of his culture, the Ifa tradition, upon returning home from his funeral, I felt the impulse to explore more of the spiritual path he walked outside of Ifa. Knowing of Mr. Adewusi's affinity for the teachings of the Buddha, I felt inspired to attend a local Buddhist meeting in honor of him. During my time there I felt a strong connection with him, and a deep state of peace awakened in me, a feeling of being connected with my authentic self. I realized that in those moments of peace, in those moment of authenticity and connection with my innermost essence, Mr. Adewusi's presence could be felt there. I realize that although he has passed, he will always be there.

As a priest in the tradition of Ifa, I help lead a spiritual community dedicated to the Yoruba Religion. In our weekly Ifa community meeting following Mr. Adewusi's funeral, I chose to dedicate it to talking about how Mr. Adewusi contributed to my personal journey in Ifa. Mr. Adewusi was my first and most influential teacher in the Ifa tradition. Most of what I teach and how I teach it was inspired by him. Therefore, I wanted my students to learn more about Mr. Adewusi's life and how he influenced my journey in the Yoruba

Religion. During the meeting, I displayed his photo, talked about his life, his perspective upon the Ifa tradition, about some of the experiences I had with him over the years, the impact he's made in my life, and how he contributed to my journey in Ifa. After that I centered the discussion around death and how it is a major teacher in life, using the life of Mr. Adewusi as encouragement to discover our greatness in life, to dare to become all that we truly can in this life, to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others as he did, to make the most of our time on earth. During this meeting, I could once again feel the presence of Mr. Adewusi. The moment I shared his photo and mentioned his name, the hair on the back of my neck began to stand up and I felt a descent of grace pour into my being from above and I became enveloped in a vast field of energy. I could feel how this energy uplifted me and then became transmitted to all the students who were present. Once again, I realized that although Mr. Adewusi has passed, he will always be there in and through those special moments of grace.

Learning about the impact that Mr. Adewusi was able to make on the lives of so many people, I would feel fortunate if I was able to influence the life of even one human being in such a way throughout my lifetime. I will be forever grateful for Mr. Adewusi and intend to carry on his legacy, to pass on what he has taught me both in knowledge and through his humanity.

Thank you Mr. Adewusi!

With love,

Kyle

Kyle Johnson - August 02, 2024 at 09:47 AM

BA

This is so incredibly beautiful, Kyle. You were one of his favorite people and considered you the son he never had but you most definitely are an honorary one. This is so inspiring and I'm so grateful you are a part of our lives. We love you dearly.

Bose Adewusi - August 04, 2024 at 01:21 AM

OO

“ *Olasope O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tope Oludare Adewusi.*

Olasope O. - July 20, 2024 at 06:00 PM

HA

“ *Helen Adamson lit a candle in memory of Tope Adewusi*



Helen Adamson - July 20, 2024 at 05:47 PM

HA

“ *One memory I have of Tope is him teaching me a Yoruba children's song when I was a teenager. What I connect with most strongly when I think of Tope is a general sense of him: his smile; his quiet, steady presence; his deep spirituality—qualities which meant and continue to mean a lot to me and, I imagine, to so many others whose lives he touched.*

My family and I our send love and heartfelt condolences to Bose and all of Tope's loved ones.

Helen Adamson

Helen Adamson - July 20, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TS

“*Tope has been such a big part of our life. He has been a grandfather to Yohannes and Maya thier entire lives. We have many wonderful memories that we will always cherish. He joined us for every Birthday celebration and always invited us to the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast celebration. Our family will remember the love and wisdom he shared with us. One of my favorite memories is when he created a beautiful garden in our backyard for the kids. We love him deeply and are very grateful he was such a big part of our lives.*”

Traci Sheppard - July 20, 2024 at 01:35 PM

OO

“ It was a great shock for me to learn of the passing of my good friend, Tope. We were childhood friends since the age of 5 years in primary school. While he went to Igbobi College, I went to King’s College, Lagos. We linked up again after many years of sojourn abroad, he in the US, and I in the UK and the US, we linked up again in Nigeria .He was the Chief Engineer at the University of Ife while I was was a Consultant Pediatrician in the University of Ibadan. Our paths seemed to run parallel as we found ourselves back in the US to continue our careers. We have kept in touch since, in the last 40 years or so. My regret is that I didn’t see him in the past few years, as we were only able to talk on the phone. He was very passionate about.. Nigerian politics ,and like most of us in our generation, was very disappointed with the state of our dear country. Tope was always the quiet, unassuming, consummate gentleman with a sharp wit. My children and I will miss “Uncle Tope” as we fondly called him. May your beautiful soul rest in peace. Amen
Sola, Buky, Wale , Toyin, Kemi and Adeola Oyemade



Olusola Oyemade - July 20, 2024 at 12:22 PM

IF

“ Idowu S Famuyiwa sent a virtual gift in memory of Tope Adewusi



Idowu S Famuyiwa - July 20, 2024 at 10:31 AM

IF

“ *Idowu S Famuyiwa lit a candle in memory of Tope Adewusi*



Idowu S Famuyiwa - July 20, 2024 at 10:28 AM

IF

“ *Broda Tope Orun re o. I will always cherish you, help with no strings attached, reasonable and important life advice, truthful human relationships, etcetera etcetera etcetera. May Your Soul In Cosmic Plane Rest In Perfect Peace. Idowu S Famuyiwa*

Idowu S Famuyiwa - July 20, 2024 at 10:25 AM

AO

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the entire ADEWUSI family for the passing of Pa ADEWUSI. He will always be remembered as an incredible person. A special person, a true nationalist and will be so sorely missed. We cannot imagine the pain and heartache the family is going through. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family for peace and comfort.*

Odi arin na ko

Odi oju alaa o

Agba adua ki

Eledumare ba wa fi ori jin won,

Ko si bawa te won si afe re.

Amin Ashee.

Ijebu Omo Alare

Baba e sun re o.

Alhaji & Mrs Onigbanjo - July 20, 2024 at 12:29 AM

FF

“ From the Oluwole family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tope Oludare Adewusi.

From the Oluwole family - July 19, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tope Oludare Adewusi.



July 19, 2024 at 08:41 PM

MN

“ Mel, Bent, Ingrid and Nabil purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Tope Oludare Adewusi.



Mel, Bent, Ingrid and Nabil - July 19, 2024 at 12:47 PM

MN

“ Mel, Bent, Ingrid and Nabil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tope Oludare Adewusi.

Mel, Bent, Ingrid and Nabil - July 19, 2024 at 12:47 PM

YP

“ You're in my thoughts & prayers purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of *Tope Oludare Adewusi*.



You're in my thoughts & prayers - July 18, 2024 at 12:11 AM

MO

“ *Pa Adewusi will always be remembered for the incredible love and guidance he provided to us individually and to the community in general. He was such a remarkable person, and his kindness and warmth touched the lives of so many. He left a lasting impact on those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. He inspired us all to live life to the fullest and be the best we can be. In this time of sorrow, may you find comfort in the loving memories of your Dad. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies and know that we hold fond memories of him.*

Sun re o, Baba.

Mr. & Mrs. Olagunju

Mr. & Mrs. Olagunju - July 17, 2024 at 11:08 PM

BA

Beautiful. Thank you

Bose Adewusi - July 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

AE

“ *Angel, Sherman, and Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Tope Oludare Adewusi*.*

Angel, Sherman, and Eric - July 17, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tope Oludare Adewusi.*



July 17, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *To the entire family members of Papa Adewusi home and abroad, we are using this medium to send our heartfelt condolences over the passing of Papa Adewusi. It has been a great honor and privilege to spend time with Papa while he was here several times especially at his birthday celebrations in the last three years, June 14th was a big day for him. At his birthday he shared lots of memories with us and we had some much fun together. The very last celebration June 14, 2024 was special and graceful. We will certainly miss you but your words of wisdom will remain with us. We also ask for comfort for the family members as you remember the wonderful memories you had together.*

Pastor Taiwo and Pastor (Mrs.) Dele Akindele

All Nations Christ's Church, Fresno and Visalia Campuses.

Dele Akindele - July 16, 2024 at 11:40 PM



Thank you

Bose Adewusi - July 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *Pa Adewusi is very thoughtful, insightful and inspiring elder who touched me with his simplicity and wisdom. On behalf of myself, wife, children and covenant family, I say he shall be greatly missed but we know he is resting peacefully!*

Sunkanmi Fagbule - July 15, 2024 at 01:13 AM

BA

Thank you

Bose Adewusi - July 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

IA

“*Pa Adewusi, our shining light, guided us through the complexities of life with his teachings on what it means to be a Yoruba. We are blessed to have been embraced by your humility, heard your wisdom, and felt your compassion. You have been more than a mentor, confidant, and friend. Your influence has been profound in my household. You were always there for me, whether helping me edit my dissertation, providing support when I needed it the most, or being a pillar for my family to lean on no matter what we faced. You embody “mind, body, spirit.” Your passion for Yoruba philosophy taught us the importance of knowing precisely what and who we are. You encouraged us to be not just better people but better Yoruba. May your ancestors guide you on your journey towards everlasting peace. Farewell until we meet to part no more.*

by Idia Elegbede-Abode

Idia Elegbede Abode - July 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM

BA

Beautiful ❤️

Bose Adewusi - July 13, 2024 at 05:39 PM

BA

Beautiful

Bose Adewusi - July 14, 2024 at 09:08 PM