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"His Banner Over Us is Love."

A Tribute in Honour and Memory of Captain Idahosa Okunbo

I write this tribute to a beloved school son with a deep sense of loss and heaviness of heart.

Yes, he was my school son. He came into Federal Government College Warri and immediately stood out as a very smart, articulate, fun-loving yet fearless young boy. He immediately chose me as his mother and that filial mother-son relationship of over fifty years endured.

There are too many fond memories to recall and words fail me to think that all the years passed so quickly and God has called him home to rest so soon. I give thanks to God Almighty for Idahosa's life. He was a very gracious man. I do not recall ever seeing him frown. He had eyes ever-smiling and a heart that was ever-glad. Our last long conversation was over some troubling business issues. He had no bitterness against his traducers and I was amazed at the grace with which he handled all the issues.

He had an amazing devotion to family. He always spoke about his siblings and children with so much pride, sharing their achievements with great delight. God blessed him with many children and he would never cease to discuss his grand plans for every one of them.

Idahosa had a deep loyalty to my family. Our various moves kept us apart physically but for him out of sight was not out of mind. His compassion, generosity and kindness shone through at crucial times in our lives.

He has left behind a legacy of charity, love, hard work, humility, honesty and generosity that will serve as a source of inspiration for generations to come.

His ill health came as a shock and we prayed fervently for divine healing. We bow to God's sovereignty. We believe his mansion in heaven was ready and God has called him home to rest. We are thankful to God for his life of service to all those He placed in his path. Idahosa's going away has created a vacuum but God the Holy Spirit will fill the vacuum left behind. He ran a great race and finished strong. May God grant Him eternal rest.

Our deepest condolences to the Okunbo family. May God's consoling presence be with you all. May the fond memories you shared with your son, husband, father, grandfather and uncle be treasures you hold on to always.

With sympathy,
Mrs May Omiyi & Family