

TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED BROTHER CAPT. (DR) IDAHOSA WELLS OKUNBO

I'm writing this tribute in Honor of my elder brother who has shown me, love, in all forms possible, when everything else failed you were there and always came through for me and my family no matter what the situation was. My friends will always introduce me as Bright "Capt. Hosa's Younger Brother" an introduction I accepted with pride. Your integrity, graciousness, goodwill, and much more have built this name over the years, so I am blessed to be able to say you were my elder brother.

I can recall my first ever flight taken when I was about 7 years old with Iye from Lagos to Benin using Okada Air, when we boarded you introduced us to the crew and told the hostess to bring me to the cockpit to fly with you, I sat behind you and watched how you and your co-pilot flew and landed us safely in Benin. I was given a basket of cakes and other goodies available by the hostess and was treated like a VIP, at that age I didn't understand how much that meant but now I know that I have flown a class even higher than "First Class" at the age of 7 just because I was your kid brother. All my life having a brother like you has always given me an edge in everything that I do. Your support in my Education making sure I got the best to become the best. Your sacrifices for mankind cannot be measured, you're the man with the BIGGEST HEART I know. You are one of a kind a "Rare and Irreplaceable Gem" the Shining Star of the Okunbo Family. Those that thought the Star is gone now are not aware that the earth was now too small for you to shine, you are in heaven shining down on us even brighter than you did while with us here on Earth.

As my Boss, I have never worked with anyone with such discipline, drive, tenacity, and strive for excellence in all that he does. You break grounds in places that have not been ventured into. A sector where nobody wants to venture is where you want to get into. You always used to tell me "Make yourself valuable and people will sort after you" When you asked me to return to Nigeria to work with you in Agriculture to redefine how agriculture should be done in Nigeria, I didn't hesitate to join you in that vision and dream. Even when this dream looked to have been shattered due to wrong partnership, you never gave up your tenacity to keep us going looking at other solutions and this made us the First Farm in the History of Nigeria to successfully export Fresh Peppers into the U.K and other E.U countries. We had much more to still achieve together, I never thought you will not be here to see how much impact we're going to make. You always use to say you will retire to the farm where you will now finally rest and eat roasted yam and Palm Oil in the evening with friends.

I can't question God why our shining Star has been Transitioned from Earth to the Heavens but there is one thing I know and it's that you are in Heaven with God and now will be able to do even do much more than you did for us all while you were here with us on Earth.

Continue to Shine On my Beloved Brother. We love you and will forever miss you till we meet to part no more.

Bright Okunbo and Family