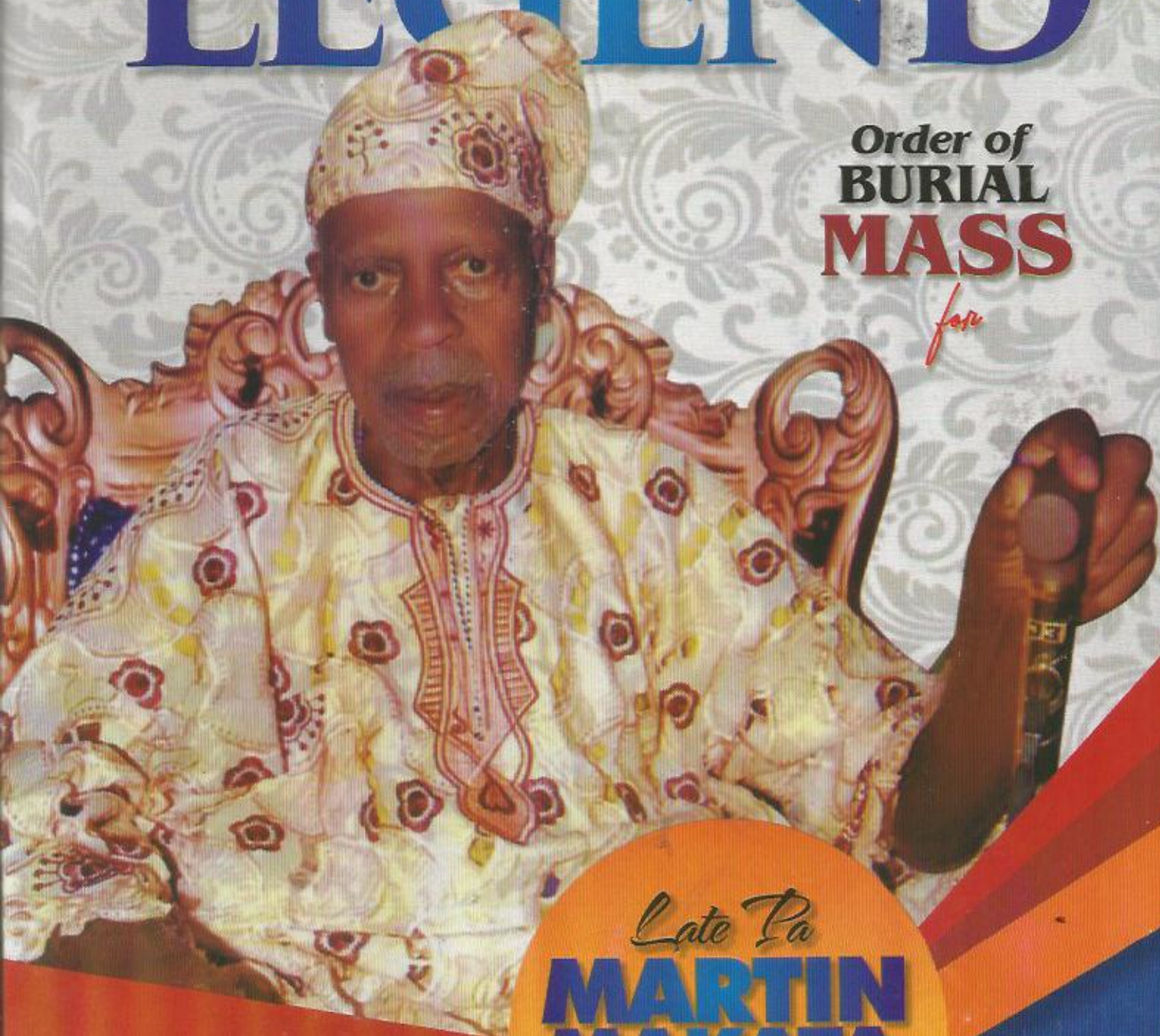


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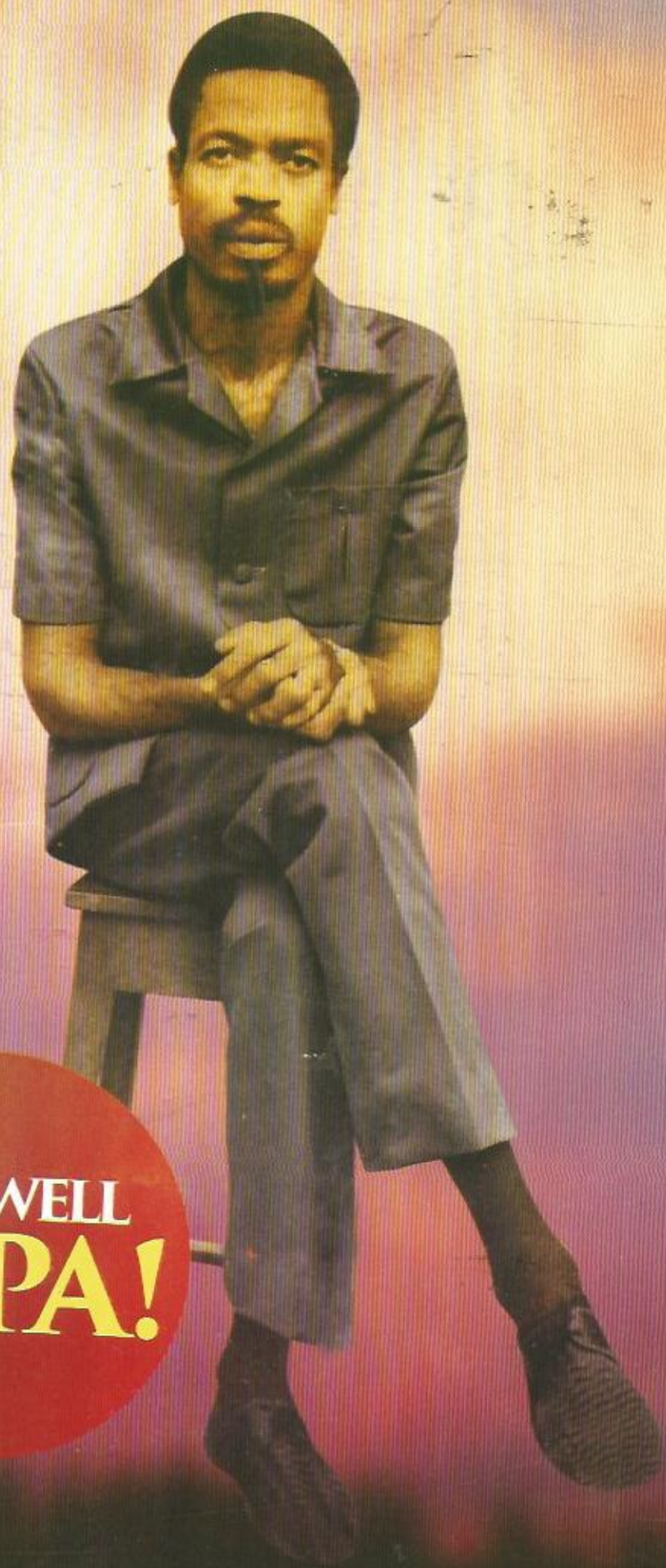
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*Late Pa*  
**MARTIN  
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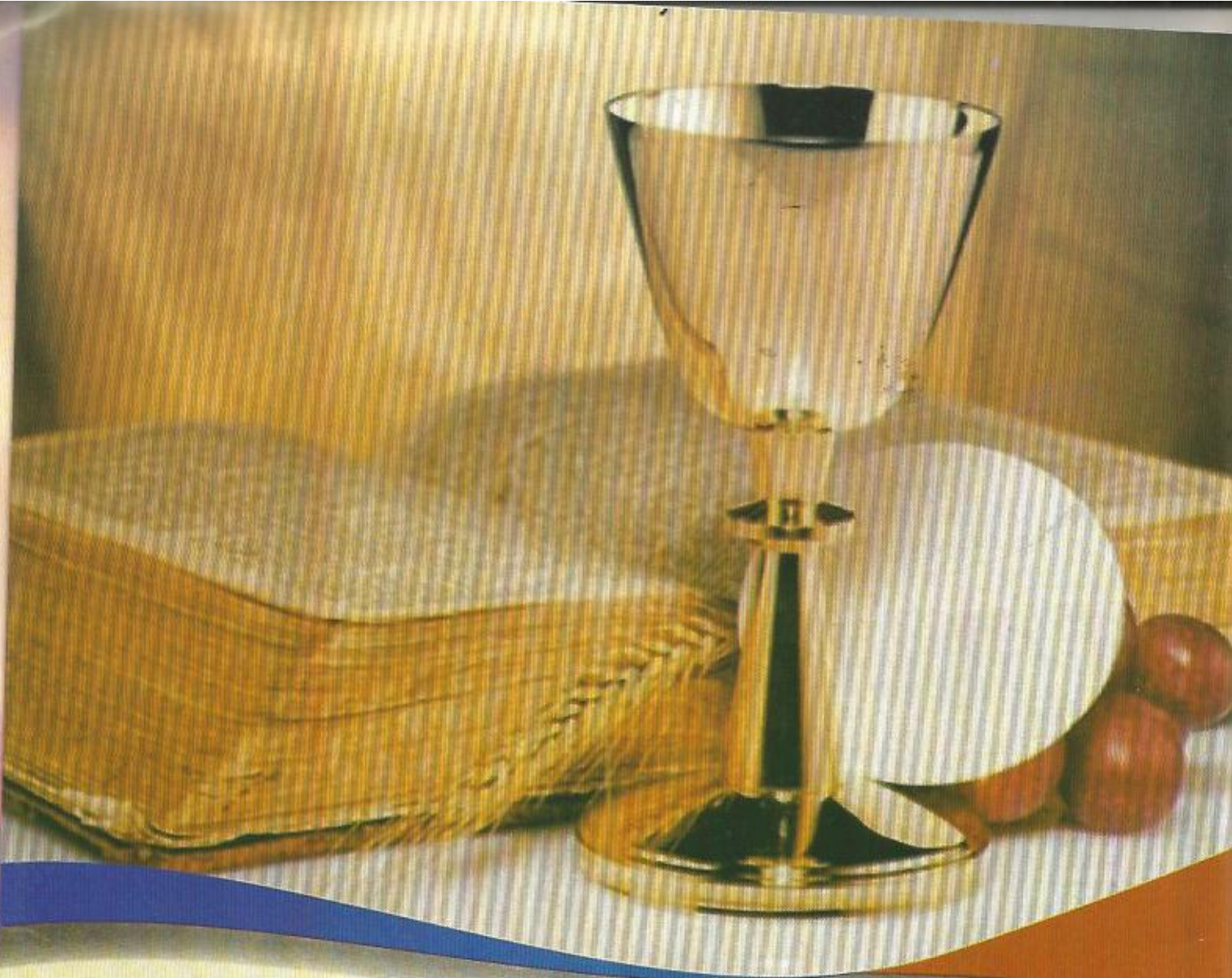
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# Burial Mass

*For*

**MARTIN MAKATA ONAH**



## Reception of the Body before the Mass

*The Priest sprinkles the body with Holy water and begins with the following*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All:** Amen

**Priest:** The Lord be with you  
**All:** And also with your Spirit

**PRIEST:**  
Praise be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of consolation. He comforts us in all our afflictions and this enables us to offer some consolation to those in tribulation.  
**All:** Amen.

**PRIEST:**  
I bless the body of **MARTIN MAKATA** with Holy Water that recalls his baptism, of which St. Paul writes, "All of us who are baptized unto Christ Jesus were baptized unto His death. By baptism unto his death we were buried together with him so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him by likeness of His death, so shall we be united with him by likeness to His resurrection".

**LET US PRAY:**  
Lord we humbly ask your mercy, accept the soul of your servant **MARTIN MAKATA**. Forgive the sins he committed through human frailty, free him from the bonds of death and admit him into everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**R:** Amen

**Ukochukwu:** N'aha Nna, na Nwa, na Muo nso  
**Oha:** Amen

**Ukochukwu:** Onyenweanyi nonyere unu  
**Oha:** Nonyekwara Mmuo gi

**UKOCHUKWU:**  
Ekele diri Chineke, Nna Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi, bu Nna nke ebere niile, na Chineke nke na-enye nkasi obi niile, N'ihina o bu Chineke nke na akasi anyi obi, na mkpagbu anyi niile, na enye kwa anyi ike site na nkasi obi ahu k'anyi wee n'akasi ndi ozo obi n'ime mkpagbu obula diri ha, Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.  
**Oha:** Amen.

**UKOCHUKWU:**  
Eji m mmiri nso na agozi ahu **MARTIN MAKATA**. Mmiri nso na echetere anyi maka baptism nke Paul di aso dere banyere ya, si: "Anyi niile emere baptism n'ime Jesu Kristi si na ya bu Baptism wee ba n'onwu ya. Ya bu na elikoro anyi na Ya site na Baptism anyi mere, wee rue n'onwu Ya. Yabu dika Kristi si n'ike ebube nke Nna wee bilie n'onwu etu ahu kwa ka anyi na Kristi dikoro na ndu ohuru. O buru na anyi na Kristi dikoro na ndu ohuru, O buru na anyi na Kristi dikoro n'otu n'oyiyi nke onwu Ya, anyi na ya ga-adikokwa n'otu n'oyiye nke mbilite n'onwu Ya."

**KAANYIRIOARIRIO:**  
Onyenweanyi, anyi ji umeala ario ebere Gi. Were obi oma nara mkpuruobi nwa odibo Gi bu **MARTIN MAKATA**. Mekwara ya ebere, oburu na o mehiere site na adighi ike nke anu ahu biko gbaghara ya: topu ya agbu nile nke onwu ka o gafee na ndu ebighi ebi, site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.  
**R:** Amen



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**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

As Jesus died and rose again, so God will raise you with those who have died in Christ. As we all died in Adam we shall all live again in Christ, Alleluia.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, to whom it belongs to have mercy and to spare. We humbly entreat you for the soul of your servant **MARTIN ONAH**, whom you have called from this world. Do not deliver him into the hands of the enemy, nor forget him forever. But bid your Holy angels to receive him and bring him to our home in Paradise. Since he believed and hoped in You, may he not suffer the pains of hell, but possess eternal joy, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the book of Wisdom (3:1-9)*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish, they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

V. *This is the word of the Lord*  
R. *Thanks be to God*

**UKWE MBATA:**

Etu Jesu siri nwuo kulitekwa n'onwu etu ahu ka Nna ga-esi kulite ndi nile nwuru na Kristi. Etu mmadu nile siri keta onwu n'aka Adam, etu ahu ka mmadu nile ga-esi keta ndu n'aka Kristi Alleluia!

**EKPERE MBIDO**

O Chineke, ngi ka o diri igosi ebere na mgbaghara mmehie. Anyi ji obi umeala ario maka mkpuru obi nwaodibo gi bu **MARTIN ONAH**, onye isi n'uwa nke a kporo. Ahapukwala ya ebebe, ma tie iwu ka ndi muo ozi Gi nara ya, dubata ya n'ulo anyi nke di n'alaeze Eluigwe. Ebe o tukwasiri nchekwube ya na Gi, ekwekwala ka omata ufu nke oku mmuo, ma kpobata ya na anuri di ebebe n'eligwe, site na Jesu Kristi Dinwenu anyi, Amen.

**IHE OGUGUNKE MBU**

*The ogugu nke a si Amamihe (Wis. 3:1-9)*

Mkpuruobi ndi ezi omume di n'aka Chineke, onweghi afufu obuna g'emetuta ha. N'anya ndi nzuzu, ha di ka ha nwuru anwu. Onwu ha di ka ajo ihe egwu. Nrapu ha rapulu anyi dika ihe e kpochapulu ekpochapu, mana ha no n'udo. O burugodu na ha talu ahuhu dika anya nke mmadu si hu, ha nwelu nnukwu nchekwube na ndu anwu anwu bulu ibu. Chukwu ejigo onwunwa nwanee ha wee gosiputa an ha kwesili ibinyelu ya; O olelere ha dika ola-edo ejioku wee lelee, nara ha dika aja nsuruoku. Mgbe o ga-abiaghachi ozo ikpora ha, ha ga-achawaputa dika ihe, n'amukesi dika ire oku. Ha ga-ekpe obodo nile ikpe, n'achi mba di iche iche dika ndi Eze. Oseburuwa n'onwe ya ga abu Eze ha ebebe. Ndi nile tukwasiri Ya obi ga-aghota ezi okwu; ndi nile n'erubere Ya isi g'ebinyere Ya, maka grasia na ebere Ya n'eche ndi oji aka Ya horo.

V. *Okwu nke Oseburuwa*  
R. *Ekele diri Chukwu*



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps. 27:1, 4ff, 7, 13-14)

**R: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my stronghold, of Whom  
shall be afraid **(R)**

2. One thing I ask of the Lord. This I seek.  
To Dwell in the house of the Lord all the  
days of my life, and that I may gaze on  
the loveliness of the -Lord and  
contemplate his temple **(R)**

3. Hear O Lord: the sound of my call; have  
pity on me, and answer me. Your  
presence O Lord I seek, hide not your  
face from me **(R)**

4. I believe that I shall see the bouquet of  
the Lord in the Land of the living. Wait  
for the Lord with courage, hold firm and  
take heart, wait for the Lord. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

*A reading from the book of Apocalypse 14:13.*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven saying to me  
"write down: Lord! Happy indeed, the spirit  
says, now they can rest forever after their work,  
since their good deed go with them;"

*V. This is the Word of the Lord*

*R. Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!!!**

I am the resurrection and life, says the Lord.  
Anyone who believes in me, will never die.

**Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*(A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.  
John (John 14:1-6))*

Jesus said to his disciples: Do not let your hearts  
be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

### ABUOMANA AZIZA

(Ps. 27:1, Dff. 7, 13-14)

**Aziza: Diwenu m bu ihe m na nzopotam**

1. Diwenu bu ihe m na Nzopotam, onye ka  
m ga-atu egwu. Diwenu bu nchedu nke  
ndu m, onye ka m ga ahu maa jijiji  
**(Aziza).**

2. Otu ihe ka m n'ario Diwenu. Nke a bu ihe  
m Nacho. Ka m biri n'ulo nke Diwenu  
ubochi nile nke ndu M, ka m huta idi uto  
nke Diwenu, ka m keta oke n'ulo Nso ya  
**(Aziza)**

3. O Diwenu, nuru olu m; mgbe obula m  
bekuru gi, mere m ebere za m oku. Ihu gi  
o Diwenu ka m na - a cho.  
Ezolahakwalam ihu gi **(Aziza).**

4. Ekwere m na - a ga m ahu Obioma  
Diwenu, n'ala ndi Ndu. Chere Diwenu,  
jisie ike, ume sie gi ike, chekwube Na  
Diwenu **(Aziza)**

### IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO

*The ogugu nke a si n'akukwo mkpuihe 14-13*

Mu onwem bu Jon, nuru olu nke si n'eluigwe  
gwa m okwu si, dee ihe a n'akwukwo: Ngozi na  
adiri ndi nwuru onwu n'ime Dinwenu! N'ezie,  
Muo Nso na-ekwu na ha bu ndi a goziri agozie,  
n'ihina ha bu ndi a goziri, n'ihina ugbo a, ha ga-  
ezu ike site n'oru ha nile na ahuhu ha nile. Nihi na  
ezi oru ha ruru na-eso ha.

**Okwu nke Oseburuwa**

**Ekene Diri Chukwu**

### MBEKU

**Alleluia! Alleluia**

Abum mbilite n'onwu na ndu, O bu Oseburuwa  
n'ekwu: onye obuna kwere na m, agaghi anwu  
ma oli. Alleluia.

### OZIOMA:

*The Ogugu nke a si n'ozima di Nso nke Jon dere  
(John 14:1-6)*

Jesu gwara ndi umu azu ya si ha, 'obi etina .unu.



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There are many rooms in my Father's house: if there were not I should have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said; Lord we do not know the way. How can we know where you are going? Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

*The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

Let us pray with faith and confidence to the Almighty Father who raised Christ His Son from the dead for the salvation of the living and the dead.

**R/:** Open the door; the door of heaven; open the door for **Martin** to enter. .

1. Let us pray for **Martin** that he may share the light of Christ's resurrection, come into new life of happiness and peace. (R).
2. For those who this world is the be-all and end-all, that they may come to believe the Goodnews of salvation, renew their lives and have faith in Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. ®
3. For those suffering on account of bereavement, that the generosity of their fellow Christians may give them encouragement and help to relieve their anxiety. (R),
4. For all who are gathered here to pray for **Martin** that we may live, act and speak in full realization that one day we shall be called upon to answer for our thoughts, words and actions. (R).
5. For the sick and the suffering, that Jesus Christ who showed mercy, will bestow upon them every heavenly blessing and restore to

Chekwubenu na Chineke, Chekwubekwanu na m, n'ulo Nnam, enwelu otutu ebe obibi. A si na odighi etua akama agwago unu. Ugbu a, a na m eje ikwadebere unu onodu. A ga m echighata ikpolu unu k'unu solu m nodu ebe mu onwem no. "Unu amalugo uzo ebe m na-eje?" Thomas a za ya si, "Dinwenu anyi amaghi ebe I na eje. Keduzi ka anyi gesi malu uzo? "Jesu agwa ya, "Munwa bu uzo, eziokwu na ndu. O nweghi, onye ga abiakwute Nna ma obughi site na m".

*Ozioma nke Oseburuwa!  
Otitio diri Gi Kristi*

**EKPERE NKE NDI KWERENU:**

Ka anyi werenu okwukwe na ntukwasi obi kpokuo Chineke Nna puru ime ihe niile. Onye kulitere nwa ya bu Kristi n'onwu maka nzoputa nke ndi di ndu na ndi nwuru anwu.

**Aziza:** Meghe onuzo, onuzo nke eluigwe; meghe onuzo ka **Martin** bata.

- 1 Maka nwanne anyi bu **Martin** ka O keta'oke n'ihe nke mbiliten'onwu Kristi. Bia bata nan du ohuu nke udo na anuri (Az)
2. Maka ndu nchekwube ha niile kwusiri n'uwa nkea, ka ha bia kwere na Ozioma nke nzoputa ebighiebi, gbanwe ndu ha.; bia nwee okwukwe na Kristi onye bu Uzo, Eziokwu, na Ndu (Az)
3. Maka ndi na-ata ahuhu na mmadu nwunariri ha, ka afoma nke ndi otu Kristi ibe ha gbaa he ume, bia benataraha nchekasi (Az)
4. Maka ndi nile gbakobara n'ebia ikpere **Martin** ekpere, ka anyi na-echeta oge nile nke ndu anyi n'otu ubochi na anyi ga-aza aziza maka echiche anyi ga, okwu onu anyi ga, na omume anyi ga. (Az)
5. Maka ndi niile no n'akwa oria na ndi ozo no na-nsogbu di iche iche, ka. Jesu Kristi onye juputara n'afoma n'ebe ndi oria no, gosi ha ebere





them lasting health of mind and body. ®

### LET US PRAY

O Lord. May these humble petitions find favour in your presence for the .salvation of **Martin** your servant and of all who have died in Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. R/Amen.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Lord be pleased with this sacrifice we offer for **MARTIN MAKATA**, your servant. May he find in your presence the forgiveness he always longed for and come to praise your glory forever in the joyful fellowship of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the resurrection and life, says the Lord, if anyone believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall live. Anyone who lives and believes in me shall not die. Alleuia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Lord, now that you have given us the sacrament of your redemption, we entreat your mercy for your servant **MARTIN MAKATA**, admit him now to see you face to face in heaven, through Christ our Lord.

## PROCESSION TO THE GRAVE YARD BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

### Final Comendation:

With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently submit the body of our father and brother **MARTIN MAKATA**, to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints in heaven. May God give him a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead him

ya, nye ha ngozi nile nke si n'eluigwe, biazi nyechighaa ha ike nke aru na nke mkpuru obi. (Az),

### KA ANYIRIO ARIRIO

Dinwenu, anyi na-arioro ka I were ebere lekwasị anya n' ekpere anyi na ebunye Gi maka ezumike na nzoputa nke nwaodibo Gi **Martin** na nke ndi nile nwuru na Kristi, Onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi ebighiebi, R/Amen.

### EKPERE NHUNYE:

Anyi na-arioro gi, O Dinwenu, ka I mere mkpuru obi nwaodibo gi bu **MARTIN MAKATA**, ebere, onye anyi ji maka ya achupuru gi aja otito nkea. Anyi ji obi umeala arioro ebube eze Gi, ka I nye ya ezumike ebebe n'etiti ndi nso gi. Ka aja nke a anyi ji akwu ugwo medaa gi obi maka njo site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi, Amen.

### UKWE ORIRINSO

Mu Onwem bu mbilite n'onwu na ndu, Dinwenu kwuru nkea, onye obuna kwere na m, oburugodi n'onwuru anwu, o ga adi ndu. Onye nke di ndu kwere na m, ogaghi anwu onwu mali. Alleluia.

### EKPERE ANATACHAA ORIRINSO:

O Dinwenu, kitaa inyegolu anyi sakramenti nke nzoputa gi, anyi na ayo ebere gi maka nwaodibo gi bu **MARTIN MAKATA**, biko nabata ya ka onwee ike ihu gi ihu n'ihu n'Enuigwe, site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

### Ekpere Ntohapu Ikpeazu:

Anyi ka odili ezigbo ndi otu Kristi ili ahu mmadu n'uzo kwesi. Ya mere ka anyi jirinu umeala rio Chineke, onye na-enye ihe niile ndu, ka okunite ahu nna anyi na nwanne anyi bu **MARTIN MAKATA**, onye anyi na-eli ugbua n'adighi ike n'onodu ndi nso na n'ike nke Mmuo Nso, ka o mee ka osonye n'otu ndi nso na nke ndi nile kwerenu gara aga. Ka ogosi ya ebere n'ikpe nke oga ekpe ya. Nwanne anyi bukwa onye eji



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safely home to be at peace with all the saints in the presence of the Eternal King.

*The Coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and incensed*

**CELEBRANT:**

- V. Saints of God  
R. Come to his aid  
V. Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!  
R. Receive him soul and present him to God the Most High.  
V. May Christ, who called you take you to Abraham's side.  
R. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.  
  
V. Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever.  
R. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

**CELEBRANT:**

Father into your hands we commend our brother **MARTIN MAKATA**. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, he will be raised to life on the last day and live forever with Christ. We thank you for all the blessings you gave him in this life, to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the Saints in Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers, welcome your servant **MARTIN MAKATA**, to Paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith in Christ, to be with you and with our brother forever, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

onwu gbaputa, onye akwugooro ugwo oji; onye emere ka ya n'Nna dikwa na mma, na onye ebukwara n'ubu aka nke ezigbo Onye ozuzu aturu. Ka Chineke mee ka O jee sonye na nnukwu Ogbako nke Eze ahu di ebighi ebi, na anuri nke n'enweghi ngwucha na mmeko nke ndi nso nile, Amen.

*A ga efe akpati ozu mmiri nso na mgba isi oma.*

**ONYE ISIEMUME:**

- V. Ndi nso nke Chukwu  
R. Nyerenu ya aka  
V. Ndi Mmuo-Ozi nke Chineke zutenu ya.  
R. Naranu mkpuru obi ya; duru ya dugaa n'ihu nke onye kasi elu.  
V. Ka Kristi Onye kporo gi nara gi, ka ndi mmuo ozi duruo gi n'ezi obi Abraham.  
R. Naranu mkpuru obi ya duru ya dugaa n'ihu nke onye kasi elu.  
  
V. Nye ya ezumike ebighi ebi, Onyenweanyi, meekwa ka ihe di ebighiebi chakwasi ya.  
R. Naranu mkpuru obi ya duru ya dugaa n'ihu nke onye kasi elu.

**ONYE ISIEMUME:**

Nna kasi obi oma, n'aka gi ka anyi na etinye mkpuru obi nwanne anyi a bu **MARTIN MAKATA**. Anyi ji n'aka site na nchekwube anyi na o ga-eso Kristi bilite ozo n'ubochi ikpeazu dika ndi na-anwu n'ime Kristi. Anyi na ekele gi n'ih ihe oma nke I ji gozie nwa-odibo gi na ndu nke a puru inwu anwu. Ihe oma ndi ahu bukwa ihe iriba ama nke anyi ji amata obioma gi, na mmeko nke ndi nso n'ime Kristi. Ya mere, were ebere gee nti n'aririo nke anyi na ario gi, Onyenweanyi, kpogheere nwaodibo gi **MARTIN MAKATA**, onuzo nke Paradais. Nyekwara anyi aka bu ndi ka no n'uwaa, ka-anyi jiri nkuzi nke okwukwe na akasirita onwe anyi obi rue mgbe anyi niile ga-eje izute Kristi. Etu ahu ka anyi na nwanne anyi **MARTIN MAKATA**, ga-esi nonyere gi oge nile. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi. Amen



*While the Body is being taken away "In Paradisum" is sung.*

### **(In Paradisum)**

Ka ndi Mmuo-ozu duba gi na Paradais, ka ndi egburu maka Chineke zute gi mgbe ina-abia, wee durue gi n'obodo nso ahu bu Jerusalem.

#### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVE**

##### **CHIEF CELEBRANT:**

Lord Jesus Christ, by the three days you lay in the tomb, you made holy the graves of all who believe in you, and even though their bodies lie in the earth, they trust that they like you will rise again. Give our brother, **MARTIN MAKATA**, peaceful rest in this grave, until that day when you, the resurrection and life, will raise him up in glory. Then may he see the light of your presence, Lord Jesus, in the kingdom where you live forever and ever, Amen.

*(He sprinkles the grave with Holy Water, incense it and say:)*

It has pleased Almighty God to call our brother **MARTIN MAKATA**, from this life to himself. Accordingly, we commit his body to the earth where it came. Since Christ, the first fruit of the dead has risen again and will refashion our frail body in the pattern of His glorious risen body, we commend our brother to the Lord. May he embrace him in His peace and bring his body to life again on the last day.

*(The body is now lowered into the grave)*

V. Lord have mercy  
R. Lord have mercy  
V. Christ have mercy  
R. Christ have mercy  
V. Lord have mercy  
R. Lord have mercy  
V. Our Father...

##### **CELEBRANT:**

Let us pray for **MARTIN MAKATA**, to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and life. The man who believed in Me will live even if he dies, and every living

#### **IGOZI ILI**

##### **ONYE ISIEMUME:**

Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi, I noro n'ime ili mkpuru ubochi ato, we si etu ahu gozie ili nke ndi niile kwere na gi. Ya mere ndi niile ahu ha di n'ime ili, ji nwee nchekwube karia, na ha ga-esi n'onwu bilite ozo. Biko, mee ka nwaodibo gi **MARTIN MAKATA**, nwee ike ino n'ili nke a zue ike na ndokwa. Ka onoro na ya rue mgbe I ga-ekuli ya, nye ya ihe. Gi onwe gi bukwa mbilite n'onwu na ndu. Mee ka onwee ike iso ndi nso gi n'eluigwe, ebebe ebebe.

*(Ukochukwu ga efe ili mmiri nso na mgba isi oma si:)*

Ugbua anyi na adonye ahu nwanne anyi **MARTIN MAKATA**, n'ala, ka Olaghachi n'ebe nke o si puta. Anyi na-eme nke a n'ihi na omasiri Chineke ji ike niile isi na ndu nkea kporokwa nwanne anyi. Kristi bu onye mbu nke si n'onwu bilie, obukwa onye nke ga-eme ka ahu anyi dara ada gbanwoo, wee yie ahu nke Ya bu so ihe. N'ihi nke a, anyi na-etinye ahu nwanne anyi n'aka Chineke ka o nara ya n'udo nke ya. Anyi n'ario ka-omee ka ahu ya bilie ozo n'ubochi ikpeazu.

*(Adonyezie ahu n'ime ili)*

V. Onyenweanyi mee ebere  
R. Onyenweanyi mee ebere  
V. Kristi mee ebere  
R. Kristi mee ebere  
V. Onyenweanyi mee ebere  
R. Onyenweanyi mee ebere  
V. Nna anyi no n'Eluigwe...

##### **ONYE ISIEMUME:**

Ka anyi kpee ekpere maka nwanne anyi bu **MARTIN MAKATA**, ka-anyi, rionu Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi, Onye kwuru si: "Mu onwem bu mbilite n'Onwu na ndu. Onye obula kwere nam,



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**MAKATA ONAH**



**FULFILLMENT  
THROUGH  
PERSEVERANCE:**

*The Life and  
Times of*

**PA MARTIN  
MAKATA  
ONAH**

*"This is the price you pay for having a great father: You get the wonder, the joy, the tender moments – and you get the tears at the end, too." – Harlan Coben*

The above quote has become our lot since our great father of over 98 years breathed his last at about 6:53pm on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at ESUTH Teaching Hospital, Parklane Enugu. We reminisce his lovely affection amidst the tears of having it no more.

The legendary icon we know today as Pa Martin Makata Onah was a

demonstrable definition of life of determination, diligence and tenacity. Now, lying motionlessly before us was a successful business man whose parents (our grand parents) Mr. Onah Nwugwuokwo and Mrs. Oyima Onah (nee Eze) were averagely modest farmer and petty traders respectively.

He grew up as the first son in a family of six children. And born in the dawning days of the 19th century, he was not exposed to formal education, courtesy of the trends of the time and setting. But he engaged in the informal knowledge acquisition processes, in conventional domestic upbringing, that earned him the reputation of a prudent gentleman throughout the town.

In his youthful age, he dealt in commodity trading, exhibiting business skills that astound minds. As the trajectory of his retail merchandise soars positively, the unfortunate Nigeria civil war broke up in 1967. The conflict impoverished countless Igbos, and Papa in his nature detest the sight of a suffering neighbours. His broad-heartedness made him turn his shop into succour centre for those beggared and pauperized by the war. His generosity spread his fame beyond the borders of Nsukka.

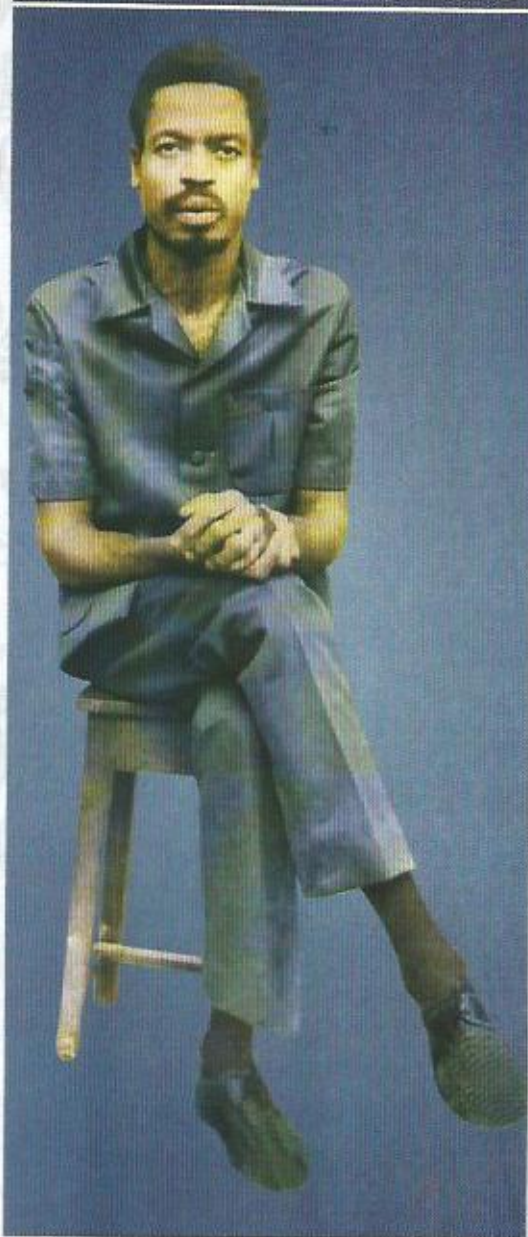
As the ceasefire day came in January 1970, and Nigeria government began the project of rehabilitation, reconstruction and reconciliation, of the nation's torn fabrics, Papa was already a source of hope to many through the proceeds from his private endeavour. His life's motto is founded on selflessness as summed by the words of St. Paul in 1Tim. 6:7 "After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it."

He was a consummate Merchant who subscribed to the advisory of John Maxwell that "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." As most of the people tasted Papa's quixotic kindness, they built the aura of high esteem around him, and pitched fabulous tent of nobility on his image.

His life's philosophy was anchored on the premise of an anonymous quote that "man should not brag about his morals until he have money to fund his temptations; because so much are hidden in poverty that wealth will



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expose. He also believed that man should not brag about his strengths while in wealth until he experience poverty; because a lot are hidden in wealth that poverty will expose. However, our father always infer that in which ever divide one finds oneself, one should be encouraged by "time," knowing that "time" makes it impossible for situations to be

permanent. He was a man of proven integrity.

And as Federal government embarked on the indigenization policy of all multinational corporations in mid '70s, his business prowess acquiesced him to the grades of distinguished companies like John Holt Nigeria PLC. He had franchise with John Holt for long till his retirement from active mercantile activities in 1990.

As a saying goes that an old man does not get old in the music he knows how to dance, papa retired into the occupation of his late father as a farmer, though then as a hobby. He performed exceedingly well.

Papa married to our beloved mother, Mrs. Susan Onah (nee Ogbu) which choice was blessed with peace of mind, and fruitfulness of nine children spread across seven gallant sons and two lovely daughters. His lack of western education notwithstanding, he was determined to give all his children the choicest of education. And at the last count, all his kids are graduates, each in the peak of his/her respective professional creed. Even the ones who choose career path in business ventures became prosperous owners of conglomerates.

Papa's love for western education was parallel to none. This was epitomized in the outstanding role he played during the building and establishment of the first community funded secondary school in Imilike-Agu (the then Boys Secondary School Imilike-Agu) in late 70's. His astuteness during this project earned him the title, Oka Ome. He played pivotal roles in numerous developmental strides in Imilike. He chaired the rural electrification project committee in Imilike-Agu (1988-1990).

He was a disciplinarian who gives no room to chance in training his kids. Having nine children, one would think that the cares for the provision of family needs would overwhelm him from impacting knowledge on his kids, building their characters and drilling them through the societal demands of integrity. Papa was never found wanting in this regard. It was not easily growing up under the iron fist of his Spartan discipline. But little did we realize he was preparing us for greater life ahead.

It was in this era of proliferation of evil, and ubiquity of vice among sons of men, that we began to have full knowledge, and palpable appreciation of Papa's unique approach to dispensing home training on us back in the



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day. As his children we owe him the debt of gratitude and ensuring that his legacies are not buried with him.

In the social order, Papa was a great advocate for social justice and equity. He was civil rights crusader of a sort. In our kindred, he stood out for the truth no matter how unpopular his position may seem. This astuteness for justice caused him a crack in the fraternity with his late brother. We grew up being proud of him!

Though, African Traditional Religion (ATR) was the in thing in his days as a youth, Papa choose to identify with Christianity when he got baptized on April 12, 1957. He worshipped God, the Father of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Catholic faith. Christianity, to papa is a lifestyle not just mere religion. Papa's life exemplified this to the letter. He was exclusively for Jesus. And at any point that his faith comes into collision with his ideologies or lust of the flesh, he easily choose the welfare of his faith and the safety of his soul with his Maker. He held several strategic positions in the church, preached the salvation brought by Christ with his life and shone the light of the gospel in all his dealings. At old age, he would still be seen clutching his Rosary and other devotionals as he communes with God on the regular.

We mourn inconsolably, not because he didn't live to the fulfillment of his destiny but because like Jennifer Williamson would say: "No matter how old we are, we still need our dads, and wonder how we'll get by without them." Papa was one of a dad!

If there is anything he wished for while alive, it is that when he is gone, the society's moral bankruptcy should be fought to finish and the church of Christ remain the conscience of the world order and retain her immaculate garment unstained as of old.

But here, our farewell message to Papa is in the words of David Mazzucchelli "Life is stressful dear. That's why they say "Rest In Peace." We won't let him down. His legacy will live on in us and all he touched.

May the mercy Gates of heaven open for his entrance as we bid him farewell to the father's mansion (Jn. 14:2). He was not a saint. But he was a good Christian, a sinner saved by grace (Eph. 2:8). Though his sins may not be so minute to escape divine justice, they are not so great to outweigh God's mercy too. And on this we anchor our faith that Papa is heaven.

**Onyemaechi Linus Onah**

For and on behalf of the family.



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## TRIBUTE TO MY ADORABLE HUSBAND



Ezigo dim, so this is the end of our sixty one years journey?

Death is truly a reality but I didn't think that a relationship I have been into for over sixty years will be cut off by death at this time. I lack words to describe this devastating moment. We grew older and glued stronger. You were a wonderful companion, friend, husband and father to me.

Your love for your family which I was the first beneficiary was second to none. This was epitomized in the way you toiled and ventured into a lot of life endeavours in order to provide for the family. Whether in the rain or sun you kept pushing hard. You impacted in me spirit of hardworking and dedication.

I will really miss you. But be assured that I will continue paddling the boat of unity, love and oneness among our children. Nnam, may your gentle and peaceful soul rest in the bosom of the Lord God.

Surely, I will miss you.

**SUSSAN ONAH**

Wife.

## TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED FATHER



The mystery of life is that no matter how much one is appreciated or loved, at the God's own time, there must be transition from mortality to immortality. This is the scenario before me since March 10, 2021 when the string of life holding a man that meant everything to me was cut.

Papa, I continue to thank God for the opportunity to have a concelebrated icon of wisdom as my father. The way you lived your life will ever remain a big challenge to us your children. Papa, I wished that you lived on. Your being alive was a bunch of inspiration to me. Even at old age you always applied an uncommon wisdom in your judgements. You managed your health like a retired health officer. You were many things to me. Literally, you ought to be cloned. But, I assure you that you will surely live on in us as we wouldn't allow the legacies you left for us to grow fallow.

Papa, you actually lived a long life, but yours was case of, "the older the more useful". And this is the more reason every efforts were made to ensure that you had all the opportunity to live on and in health. Of the truth is that a vacuum is created in the family by your demise but we are consoled by the fact you lived a worthy life which will be rewarded in the paradise.

Rest in peace my role model

Papa, ladogde

**Eze Ona Livinus**

(Son)



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## TRIBUTE TO MY DEPARTED FATHER



Papa, you were so dear to my heart.

The reality of the certainty that you shall one day leave us was a heartfelt reality that haunted me within when the signs of your coming departure began to unfold.

Your life was a tremendous legacy of integrity, and equity. By the grace of God, you disciplined and guided us, your children into the way of godliness. You toiled relentlessly to ensure that we were adequately prepared for profitable future. You taught us diligence.

If it were possible for you to remain with us endlessly, we would have done all that were humanly possible to actualize it. But you must go the way of all flesh "... as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrew 9:27)".

By your departure, today you are preaching a timely and powerful message that death is an inevitable divine appointment for all humans.

You are preaching to all men to prepare for where to spend eternity. Your time has come and gone.

What is left with us is a question for all the living:

"Where will you spend eternity?"

We shall continue to miss you.

Good night Daddy.

**ONAH SYLVANUS CHUKWUEMEKA**

Son

## TRIBUTE TO MY DADDY



Papa, I was saddened, depressed, disgusted and devastated as you passed on; not because you are too young to die or too old to live but because an unimaginable vacuum has been created. This vacuum is only visible to those who have a third dimension to their reasoning.

Throughout my childhood, you disciplined me as well as all your children to the extent that I thought you were a 'bad daddy' who will never allow his children to do their wish. I appreciated and applauded your rare personality when I became a real man and started seeing the realities of life. I then thanked God for blessing us with such a good man who knew what we needed for the future. You baked us like clay works to withstand the future; now we are equipped morally and otherwise courtesy of you to the glory of God. This is in line with the words of Hillary Clinton, "Home is a child's first and most important classroom".

Papa, I know the pain of loosing you will perhaps never leave me. I believe it will ease with time as I process and get through it, though difficult. How can I get over a person who has been there for me since before I was even aware of myself.

Your life, your influence, your energy is inextricably linked to mine and I now take comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pains. My dad, Martin Makata Onah will forever be in my heart until the day it stops breathing.

What is the measure of a man? Is it the amount of money he has? The possession he owns and the power he holds? Is it the extent he has achieved over the years? I don't believe it is any of these





things.

Time stays long enough for anyone who wish to use it (Leonardo da vinci). Daddy, you utilized your time well. The true measure of a man is how much love he gives; how selflessly he shares whatever he can to help others; how consistently he lifts up those around him with good words and hope through charitable acts. You created positive impact on the life of countless number of people. By this measure, my dad was immeasurable.

Daddy, you were brave and outspoken to a fault. You feared nothing while telling people to come out from their bad behaviors. I can recall in 1978 when you were a member of the committee that built the first secondary school in Imilike (Boy's Secondary School, Imilike-Agu, now Community Secondary School, Imilike-Agu) how you worked and acted as if the school was Martins Onah Secondary School, Imilike-Agu. Any history of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Imilike-Agu without mention of your name is incomplete. The totality of your relentless good works gave you the name "OKAA-OME". I am consoled by the fact that your extreme level of outspokenness never took him to early grave; instead it elevated you to being the oldest man (Onyishi) within the near vicinity of Imilike-Agu Community, indeed, 'eziokwu bu ndu'.

A special dad is hard to find. You, dad I'm keeping in mind. I wished you could have stayed forever, but if it is possible, then there is no heaven for us to enjoy. A special smile, a special face, a special someone I can't replace. I Love you and I always will. Remain in heaven with your creator instead of here for one day in God's house is greater than a thousand years elsewhere (Ps 84:10).

ADIEU PAPA, ADIEU OKAA-OME, REST IN PEACE.

**Onah Aaron Onah**

Son

## TRIBUTE TO MY DADDY

How I wish this is a mere dream. I was by your bedside when you finally closed your eyes. And even when I was calling you Papa papa papa, thinking that you would answer me you went on and breathed no more. This was the most devastating moment of my life. The first time you refused to answer me since I grew up to know you as my father.

Papa, even at your old age, you were never found wanting in discharging your duty as character molder. A stern disciplinarian you were. To you, there is no reason for not being in the church any day there was program. You brought us in the way of kingdom of God.

Papa I am not only missing your being alive but your integrity, diligence, purposefulness, truthfulness, fearlessness, charisma, dedication and above all, love for the things of God.

But amidst my tears, am consoled by the fact that you lived a meritorious life.

Rest in peace "NWA EGBUAGU".

Adieu papa.

**ANENE ROPHINA UGWUOKE (Nee Onah)**

Daughter.



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## TRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL & INSPIRATIONAL DADDY

Papa, to say that your death is heart breaking is just to portray how I feel within me. But it is actually a monumental blow to me. It will actually be difficult to get used to coming home without seeing you around and sharing in your words of wisdom especially those historic stories. Papa, you have no substitute.

You lived a life that will continue to challenge every one of us. The standard of your Christian life may not be easily out-matched by any of your children. You were highly industrious. The ingenuity you displayed in your business back then when you were partnering with John Holt Company PLC on tobacco remains a fulcrum on which my business exploration hinges. Like they say begets like, your honest and discipline life has always been my secret of life success.

Papa, you were really a book of many chapters and as nature made it; this whole lot is to be earthed today. But looking at the exemplary and inspiring Christian life you lived, I am consoled by the promise of God that paradise awaits good life.

I and the entire of my family- my beloved wife (your daughter in-law) and my lovely children (your grand children) will all miss you.

Adieu papa!

Adieu Nwa Egbuagu!

Rest in the bosom of the Lord God.

**Emmanuel Onah**

Son

## TRIBUTE TO MY DADDY

A special Dad is hard to find. You are a daddy I am keeping in my mind.

Daddy, I never believed that you will leave us on that fateful day. It happened like a movie and now you are nowhere to be found. I wish you could have stayed forever. Daddy you would have stayed to reap more from the fruit of your labour. But I will never forget you, not ever.

Distance barrier has been created between us and you but, Dad you will always remain in my heart. Am not yet convinced that you are dead. But what I know is that you have gone to rest.

You are so special that none can replace you. I looked around and found that all the advice you gave us bears good fruits. Right from my childhood, I have never regretted having you as my Dad. The legacies you left behind and the unity you always bring amongst your family will never be forgotten. We promise to start from where you stopped. Having you as a father was the best experience I have had. Since is your turn to rest, I pray you rest in paradise.

**Tobechukwu Onah**

Son



## GOODBYE NOT KNOWING HE MEANT GOODBYE FOREVER

Dad, I still doubt your death and never knew you would leave us so sudden, on Sunday being 6th March 2021 remains the last day, I and you discussed with much hope from your words. I will not forget the way you sounded saying journey mercy to me when I was about going back to my station that same day.

Who would have told me that I won't see you again not to have our usual play. "Nwaegbuagu", you were rushed to hospital that same day after I have gone. When I that you were in the hospital, I thought it will be like the usual routine medical check-up. On the evening of 10th March, you then joined our forefathers. Chai!

The mighty iroko have fallen!

Indeed, you were a caring and loving father. Your roles in your family yield a lot. We will continue to miss you. Onah! Je nke oma! Nwaegbuagu the great! Rest on!

**Chukwuebuka Onah (BUKATA)**

Son

## TRIBUTE TO MY DEPARTED FATHER IN-LAW

Baba, you were a father indeed. By divine providence, I became a daughter to you through marriage. Despite my coming from a different tribe, you received me as a daughter in-law with open arms and loving heart.

You made it obvious that I was welcomed to your family and I felt at home. You had large room for the peculiarities I came into the family with as a result of my origin and took me as a special daughter.

With time, it became evidently clear to me that you were a father with very large and caring heart. Each time we came home was a special season to dwell in the atmosphere of love and joy entrenched in your one big family.

You were highly valued to my heart and I longed that God should keep you longer for us. However, the time for your departure finally came and no man could stop it.

Adieu Baba.

"Èyìn rẹ̀ yóò tóbi jù fún wa".

"Your back shall be far greater for us".

We shall continue to miss you.

**ONAH JEMILAT (MRS.)**

DAUGHTER IN-LAW



## GOODBYE MY FATHER IN-LAW

I was shocked as I watched you drop your last breath in the hospital. I felt it was yet another scene in the nollywood which was meant to entertain an audience. Unfortunately, you are gone and gone to your creator.

First of all, I give thanks to God Almighty who created you and blessed you with loving children who took care of you especially at old age. They did their best to keep you alive but God whom you trusted and believed in finally called you at a ripe age of 98 years, to him be the glory.

Papa, you were a loving father who cares and advised everyone around you. You specially loved and cared for your grand children but now you are no more. Who will do all these things for us?

May the almighty God who laid up a crown of righteousness crown you as you go back to him in Jesus' Name, Amen

GOOD BYE MY FATHER IN-LAW, May Your Soul Rest In Peace.

**Onah Jacinta**

Daughter In-Law

## A TRIBUTE TO AN HONEST FAMILY MAN

It is quite tasking writing a tribute on one whose life and time were purely a family affair. A post-humus biography if you like but one in which encomiums are not appreciated and the common saying of the ill of speaking rude to the dead does not apply.

We received the news of your transition with shock and mixed feelings. One, we didn't know that your condition flared up to the level that will result in death and two, having been out of circulation for quite some time, a break at point is not a bad idea. You have in the past demonstrated over and over that you are a survivor. However, according to an old saying, at the fullness of time, every iron will attend to a metal worker's gavel. This time around, it was shown that the time is ripe and no human effort can undo the bidding of the Gods.

In-law, my understanding is that you lived a fulfilled life. As the common saying goes, you came you saw and you conquered. You were generally a man of peace and self contentment amply demonstrated in your nuclear and extended families ties. Your children to the Glory of God have photocopied these attributes.

You were graciously blessed with children whom you have raised up in obedience to the rule of men and fear of God. These have become independent men and women in their own rights. What other evidence of a successful life? As the Almighty blessed you with long life, you received the best of cares from your children who were pleased to demonstrate to you their love and appreciation of their upbringing. As the saying goes, nothing lasts forever, your name definitely did not just pop up among the angels. There is time for everything under the sun according to the Jewish preacher.

May the peace which you preached on Earth among men follow you to your new abode and the impact of your discipline on your children never depart from them.

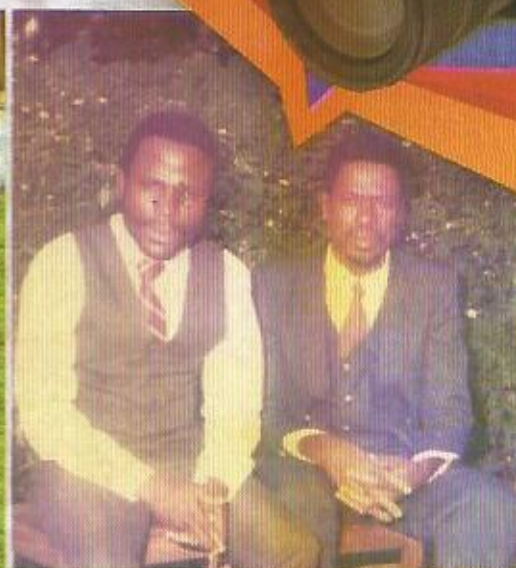
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We wish you well over there hoping that Almighty God will give your soul an eternal rest.  
ADIEU OUR IN-LAW, ADIEU MARTIN. LADO GDE, IJE NBOM DNG OYI.

**PROF. NNADIAJANWACHUKWU.**  
FOR UMU-UGWUOWO FAMILY, UMU-OCHUIYTAMA-OGODO.

### A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER IN-LAW



Death a necessary end will come when it will come, yes! but this one is painful because we never bargain for it. We thought you will recover and come back to your healthy self again. You lived a fulfilled and rich life, seeing all your children grow into successful people in life. We only hoped you would have lived longer to reap more of the fruits of your great labour. However, all of us will emulate the worthy examples you left behind. We will try our best to carry on with your legacies. We commiserate with the whole family at this trying time. Goodbye Papa, till we meet to part no more.

**Mr Fabian Ugwuoke Asogwa.**  
Son in-law

### A TRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL FATHER IN-LAW



The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God. No torment shall ever touch them - Wisdom 3:1. With the words above, am confident to say congratulations to you. You have fought a fight of this life and emerged victorious.

By virtue of marriage, it is destined that I would be your daughter. Ever since I came into your family, I have always wished all my friends to be blessed with a kind of father in-law that I have. You cherish peace so much. You lavished me with uncommon fatherly love. The care you showed me during each time I put to birth always makes me feel very important in your family.

Yours demise is a heavy blow to me. You have remained a mountain of inspiration to all of us. It is really a monumental vacuum that only the legacy you left for us can help fill. I really wished that you lived longer.

March 10, 2021 will ever remain a mirage to me. You bowed to the strong force of death. Papa, we mourn your demise but not like the unwise. Your watchword was always absolute fear of God and saying the truth even if it might not favour you.

Papa, it is hard to say good bye, but remembering that there is always reward for good life, am consoled and confident to say, Adieu papa. May Angeles of God lead you to your place in paradise.

**Ebere Mercy Onah**  
Daughter in-law.



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## A TRIBUTE TO A WORTHY IN-LAW

An Iroko tree has fallen  
An Icon is no more  
An Honest man has departed from us.  
Papa, your demise came when we never expected it.  
For these past years that I have known you, you have been kind, humble and honest. Though you are gone, your legacies remain because taught us to have faith and always believe in God.  
Ezi ogo, I will miss your kindness, care love and stories. Farewell Nwa Egbu Agu, fare well nwoke ocha.  
Rest in peace till we meet to part no more.

**Agatha Ngozi Abonyi**  
(Nee Ugwunnadi)

## SAFE JOURNEY TO HEAVEN, PAPA

Papa, the news of your death was so devastating to me. I was away from home when it happened and was welcomed home with such ear deafening news by my siblings.  
Papa, how I wished the strong hand of death allowed you to wait till I come back from school to behold your beaming face again. Grand pa, I thought that once I come for Easter I will show you my first term result.  
Your last word for me when I was leaving for school in January was, "JISHIE IKE N'EKWUKWO". Grand pa, you are the best of all grand fathers.  
I, Victor, Franklin, Philbert and Brianna will miss you a lot. I assure you that we will make you proud. May God reward your good life with eternal rest in heaven, Amen.  
Bye, papa.

**Makuochukwu Divine Onah**  
Grandson

## TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDFATHER

Dear loving grandfather the weight of your loss was grip on me that it put me down. In sadness and in Joy, you still show care, it is your goodness and characters that gives me strength. I am still crying, how I wish you are alive.  
Everyone came in contacted was in one way or the other enriched by your love, how would they cope without you. We will never forget you Papa. Your life has remained a strong inspiration to me.  
Papa, who will tell me folktales when I come home? Papa I don't know that I will not see you alive again.  
Grandpa, rest in the bossom of Lord God  
**Master Chukwuemeka Henry Asogwa**  
Grandson



## A TRIBUTE TO MY DEPARTED GRANDPA

Grandpa, you were one of a kind. I spent most of my childhood days with my parents and my dad told me great things about you; about the way you brought them up to be good parents they are today.

The little moments I spent with you at the Village were one of the best in my life. I cannot forget how despite your age, you pampered me with fatherly care. I remember the times at the Village that you gave me money to go and buy whatever I chose to eat when I couldn't eat the meals at home because I was not used to them.

I remember how despite how weak you were; you would leave your room and come out to the company of your family.

Papa, you are no longer in our lives to share with us but you shall ever be in our hearts.

I miss you Papa. Till we meet again.

**Ijeoma Chinwekele Favour Chukwuemeka.**  
Granddaughter.

## A TRIBUTE TO MY CARING GRANDPA

Not how did he die, but how did he live? Not what did he gain, but what did he give? These are the units to measure the worth of a man regardless of birth.

Not what was his church, nor what was his creed? But had he befriended those really in need, to bring back a smile to banish a tear.

Not what did sketch in the newspaper say but how many were sorry when he passed away. I am proud to be your grandson and I hope you are proud of me too.

Even though I miss you and cry so very often, your messages still get to me though with actions left unspoken. I wish RIP means Return If Possible

**ODO KINGSLEY CHINWEUBA**  
(Ubasinachi)- Grandson.

## A TRIBUTE TO MY GRAND FATHER

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was the day I lost someone very close to me, my grand father. On the hospital bed when the Physicians has confirmed you dead, I still doubted their report. I was still checking on you to know if you just stopped breathing for a while with the hope that you will still breathe again but it never happened. My grandfather was by far one of the most amazing people I had the honor and pleasure of knowing even more so I am proud to say that I am your progeny.

My grandfather lived a life that was full of joy, fulfillment and happiness. Whenever I think about him, I remember how humorous, witty, peaceful and clever he was. His sincerity, care and truthfulness at all time still marvel me.



You took care of me and my brother right from our parent's demise till date. But what grieved me the most is that you are no longer alive for me to take care of you just as you did to us. You taught me how to care and love those around me unconditionally. I will never erase you in my mind. Even in your death I will miss your stories and wisdom of the many years of experience and the pure love and understanding heart.

Adieu Papam  
Adieu Egbu Agu  
Adieu Peace Maker  
Adieu A Rare Gem

Your Grand Daughter  
**Gloria Ogugua**

## A TRIBUTE TO MY DEPARTED GRANDPA

I don't have the words to express how I miss you. I never knew you will leave us so sudden. You were a good and kind man. You advised us when we come back for Christmas or holidays. You told us stories, now who will do that for us?

Death why? Why did you take him away from me? It is sad that you left us, but God said in all situation give thanks to him. Daddy, you were very ready to help people. Papa, God will reward you in heaven.

May Your Soul Rest In Peace, Amen.

**Onah Deberechukwu**  
Grandson

## SUNSET AT DAWN

Papa, where are you? Where have you been all these while? When I heard the news of your death, I was shocked because I thought you will be alive until I become a medical doctor and join hands in giving adequate health care.

Papa, I know you are resting with your creator. I wish God will give you a second chance but it is your time. I don't blame God but I bless the day you died. I can remember how you gave me advice and whenever I and my siblings cried, you gave us apples, biscuits and any other edible things.

Adieu Papa  
Good Night  
Lado, Ijeoma  
Rest In Peace Till We Meet To Part No More.

**Onah Mmesoma Blessing.**  
Grand Daughter



## WHEN GOODBYE IS NOT ENOUGH

It has been said that the best dads get promoted to grandpas. Although he is gone, his legacy will live on in the things he taught me and the love showed me. I miss you so much grandpa more than words can tell. I will look after grandma; I promise you I will keep her safe and well. My children will remember you and always will be told of their special grandpa who suddenly grew old. So now to my hero who made me what I am today, I miss you so much grandad, God bless your new home in paradise. Good night and sweet dreams.

**ODO HOPE EKENE**  
(Igwe Ekenedirichukwu 1)  
Grandson

## TRIBUTE TO A RESILIENT UNCLE

Death, they say is part of life and memories are part of living. Death does not discriminate between the old and the young, as it stairs us face to face at all times. No one can escape the clutches of death or the harsh realities of dealing with the loss of a loved one. You were a father, uncle and adviser to my mother (your niece), her children and indeed everyone that came across you in life. Your wisdom had no bound and we are glad to have had you in our lives. I feel sad for your demise, partly because I will not be physically in touch with you to listen to your great stories and indispensable advice, from your store of wisdom, and because you couldn't enjoy the fruit of your labour in full. But, at the same time, I'm happy because I am convinced that you are in the bosom of our Lord, interceding for us, based on the life you lived. "OKA OME", your fearless and straight forward live earned you respect in the society and we that you left behind promise to uphold that legacy to the end. The sun has only set on you "Okaome", and you have passed over to the glory land. Rest well adorable uncle and father. Rest in peace "Okaome" the RESILIENT MAN, until we meet to path no more.

**Onah, Basil** (Nwa Florence)

## TRIBUTE TO A GREATMAN

Everyone who knew you would agree that you were a man of great character. Many found themselves wanting to emulate you for you were a man of great integrity. Shouldering the responsibility of leading your large family and guiding your children was at the core of your being. You were a devoted Christian. Seeing you in every Service back then at St Michael's secretly taught me that I must not toy with my christian faith. In facial expressions, you have no superior - tall, fair in complexion, slim - slender in an attractive way. Indeed, you were handsome. You have left a legacy that will endure for years to come. You were a model for a life well - lived.

**Ifeoma Mbah**(Umude)



## TRIBUTE TO PAPA

Death as we all know is inevitable, and surely a necessary end. Dad, played his own life game well, and got the fruitful divine blessings from God.

We cry and mourn his demise, not because it was premature, but for the fact that an irreplaceable vacuum has been created, and of course we are dislodged from a bond we were born to inherit, and separated from a source of knowledge and wisdom till eternity.

Since you have gone beyond our reach, we are consoled by your legendary footprints, by our memories of your unalloyed love, by the generation you left behind, and of course by our belief that you could only be in a better place than this turbulent earth.

The litany is endless Dad, but we celebrate your exit with joy since it has pleased God, and with hope that as Christians, you will rest peacefully till we meet again, to part no more.

Adieu Papa...

**Dr Asogwa Everestus**

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO LATE MARTIN ONAH'S FAMILY

This is to share in your grief at this time. I learnt of the death of your dad some few days ago. I ask the almighty God to console you all and give you, whom he left behind the fortitude to bear the loss. Accept my condolences again.

**Blessing Adakole.**

## A TRIBUTE TO PAPA MARTIN MAKATA

One of my professors in my days of philosophical studies was used to telling us that whenever we are given an empty answer script at the beginning of an examination that we had 100% all to ourselves. But when we begin answering the questions asked us by the lecturer, we begin the journey of deducting and reducing our marks. The same can be said about our lives. When a person is given birth to and starts the journey of life, he or she starts also the journey towards death. At death yet, we begin another journey of meeting with God, the creator and maker of all just like our Dad Martin has begun his own journey.

He did very well by sowing the seeds of peace, harmony and love in his family that he can confidently believe that these seeds are already bearing good fruits among his family members. Death is a dramatic event that leaves many reacting to it in diverse ways. We are reacting in a joyful way towards the death of our father here because we are confident that he lived a good life and now await to be crowned with the glorious crown in paradise like St. Paul.

You were also a father to so many in the way you lived your life and the multitude of people that are gathered here is evidence to this. May the angels and the saints of God lead you into the paradise as we part to meet some day in the future in the Kingdom of God.



Order of Burial mass for  
Late Pa **MARTIN**  
**MAKATA ONAH**

Adieu Pa Martins!  
Adieu Makata bee anyi!!  
Adeiu Ezigbo nna! !!  
Rev Fr. Ugwu Johnbosco (USA)

Chief Innocent Ugwuodo Residence  
Obollo-Afor  
24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

Dear Sct Linus

### CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

We are deeply saddened to hear of the demise of your father, Pa Martin Makata Onah on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane. May our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you and the entire members of Onah's family during this time of grief. Papa's death is a blow to all of us especially my family on reminiscing the interaction we had with him on December 30<sup>th</sup> last year in your country home. He was really full of life and humorous. After the encounter with him, our children became fond of him. It's really a great loss to all of us.

We urge you to take solace and hope in God's word and promise that, "the souls of the virtuous are in the hand of God, no torment shall ever touch it" (wisdom 3:1). Though we have lost a father, we are confident to say, "we have gained a saint" considering the way he lived his life. Please, accept our deepest condolences and be assured of our continued prayers for you and the entire family.

Sincerely yours  
Chief & Lolo Innocent Ugwuodo  
(Imilike-Enu)

### TRIBUTE TO PA MARTIN MAKATA ONAH

Your death though of ripe age bring to an end the ~~surgeon on this earth~~ a rare gem who can be describe as fair, firm, resolute, focused and determined to succeed. He loved peace, was visionary, endowed with a good discerning spirit and ready to go to the gallows to defend the course of his conviction.

I came into close contact with Pa Martin during my first year in B.S.S. Imilike-Agu (1979) when I was attracted to his house by his son Sylvanus, a pioneer, senior student. Having a good grip of his family/children, many of our age mates did not understand him, but I found him to be kind, a man of principle and good wishes for humanity. He encouraged us to be studious and as he abhorred children roaming aimlessly. He does not believe in double standard as he was one of the men who stood firm in his Christian life when most of his age mates were enjoying the funs associated with idol worshipping.

As I commiserate with his children, I urge them to imbibe these good qualities of their father. I know it is not easy to bear the loss of such a father but as we know, death is a necessary end that must come.



Order of Burial mass for  
Late Pa **MARTIN**  
**MAKATA ONAH**

Pa Martin, as you have joined your creator, I pray that God would forgive you your shortcomings as you are but human and grant your soul eternal rest.  
Rest in Peace

DR. James Ike Ugwu

## Condolence Message

It's terrible to hear about your loss and I express my sincere sympathy to you and your family. I know you'll always cherish memories of his profound personality and disciplined life which would also go a long way to benefit future generations. Be rest assured you're always in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you and your family the fortitude to bear this sorrowful loss. May his soul rest in peace, Amen.

CN Onah



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#### TRIBUTE TO AN ICON

Death you have taken our beloved one, despite all efforts to keep him alive. Though a necessary end, but it is always sad. Pa Martin, we will ever miss you, however, we take solace in the Almighty God's injunction that "From Him, we have come and to him we must return". You lived a life worthy of emulation as a symbol of truth and peace.

Pa Martin, May the good Lord whom you have served faithfully, reward you with eternal life. May he grant your relatives and loved ones the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Farewell till we meet to part no more.

HRH. Igwe Onah Everestus Uchenna  
Traditional Ruler,  
Ohom Orba Autonomous Community.





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Late Pa **MARTIN**  
**MAKATA ONAH**



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Onah Aaron Onah & family,

**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

It is with the deepest sadness and utmost sorrow that I express my heartfelt condolences on the demise of your father, Late Pa Martin Makata Onah on 10th March, 2021. I thank God for giving him a fulfilled life and a rare gift of long life to a ripe age of 98years.

May the Almighty God in his infinite mercy grant him eternal rest in his kingdom and to give you and you family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Fidelia Ijeoma Okpe (Mrs)  
Principal



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Late **MARTIN**  
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Scientist **Linus Onyemaechi Onah**  
St Michael's Catholic Church,  
Imilike Agu.

**THE DEMISE OF A LEGEND**

The Sudden transition of your iconic and legendary father in such a surprising representation had a semblance of a shattering shock of thunder and lightning. The majority of us were aware of your expert assembling and mobilization of the most sophisticated medical weapons in the arsenal of the field of your specialization in which you have always been a worthy and trusted collaborator. You spared nothing as time and money, flowing like a running stream, never in the least respected the hard and most critical austerity the nation has over time been subjected to. Only very few of your relations and friends knew the judgment passed by the medical experts whose cornucopia of knowledge in diagnosis and critical analysis of the nature of your dad's ailment had their fingers pointing at the inevitable terminal sickness. We saw your worry and determination to upturn the judgment of the impending death whose darkness and tears were critically overwhelming. The threats of the enemy steadily increased as days rolled by. We saw the reasons for the lamentations of the Shakespearean Brutus that: "under your pardon, you must note beside, that we have tried the utmost of our friends; our legions are brim-full, our cause is ripe; the enemy increaseth every day; we, at the height, are ready to decline. There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the floods leads on to fortune, omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat; and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures". The inevitable had come and "nothing" in the Words of Julius Caesar, "can be avoided whose end is purposed by the mighty Gods".

We are encouraged by the fact that your beloved father **Chief Martin Makata Onah** was a good man, a Committed Christian, a man of forthrightness, a community leader respected and loved, a disciplinarian, a teacher par excellence and loved his family passionately and took them to the visible heights that are admired by all men and women of good will. Be Consoled dear brother by our collective prayers and your father's faith in the resurrection of life in Christ. We are convinced that he would be canonized a saint in due course, and even if he is not canonized here on earth, the records of heaven will never forget all his sacrifices made at the cost of his blood. Note therefore that blessed are those who die in the Lord, they can now rest from their labours; for their good works follow them. Rev 14:13. May his soul rest in peace.

Yours Sincerely

Very Rev. Fr. Martin Emeka Ozioko

Parish Priest



Mr. Damian Eze,

Secretary Parish Pastoral Council



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24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

**MARTIN NEVER DIES BUT JOINS SAINTS TRIUMPHANT**

It is perhaps difficult to chronicle all one has to say about the lives and times of Martin Makata Onah in a short space. As a man of many parts, he could be likened to the proverbial elephant touched and described variously by different blind men. Although he did not have the opportunity to acquire western education, he remained a veritable gold fish with a prodigious memory, insatiable capacity for folklore, tradition and history. These positive qualities played out during the mobilization efforts for the building of Community Secondary School, Imilike Agu in the late 1970s. This was because of his belief that "life itself is a mission to render obligations to fellow men".

As a young man, he combined farming with trading on salt-the contraband essential good of the NigeriaBiafra war era and later on tobacco; an adventure that was then passport to wealth, comfort and fame within the ambit of rural economy. Interestingly, he remained steadfast in the faith he professed in an area and era where Christianity was faced with chequered history. As a devout catholic, he brought up his children in the most admirable catholic way and tradition. Indeed, there are copious testimonies about his impeccable Christian life which has continued to re-direct those still in darkness aright. Today, April 24, 2021, these positive qualities are interred with his bones and are to be missed by all and especially his Umuorigba family.

We are, however, consoled by the imperishable words of Rev. Fr. John Odey that "death is neither the prerogative of the rich, strong and the influential nor the opium of the poor, the weak and the oppressed people but a common factor." Again, we echo philosopher Montaigne who once said that "the advantage of living is not measured by length but by use... (as) it lies in your will, not in the number of years for you to have lived enough." We believe that Martin lived a fulfilled life but has gone to prepare a place for us but he should not expect us there soon.

Ka chi fo! Good Night!! Bonne Nuite!!!

Ichie Okonkwo Eze(PhD)



Order of Burial mass for  
Late Pa **MARTIN**  
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Date: 14 - 04 - 2021

Dear Chief Linus O. Onah,

**TRIBUTE TO A GREAT HERO**

With heart full of sorrow, we acknowledge the passing away of your beloved father, Chief Martins Makata Onah, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 after a brief illness.

Death has indeed caused an irreparable loss to your family and to humanity! But what can we do? Nothing! Except to resign to the perfect will of God, which surpasses human understanding. Nevertheless, our consolation is that his gentle soul is resting in the bosom of the Lord.

Death is a transition to a true life. We believe that where he has gone, someday we too shall follow suit; after all "we only came into this world to survey it, we shall eventually return to our final abode".

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine on him. AMEN.

May the Lord give you the fortitude to bear your loss.

Sign  
  
Okoro Beatrice Ngozi (Mrs)  
Principal  
For and on behalf of the staff and Students.



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Late Pa **MARTIN**  
**MAKATA ONAH**



## ENUGU STATE HOME-GROWN SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

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1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

Mr. Aaron Onah & family,

Dear Sir,

### CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It may sound absurd, unculture and insensitive to say congratulations on the peaceful transition of your father Pa Martin Makata Onah. This is because it is always bitter to lose a loved one, young or old, but this time Pa Makata Onah clocked a legendry 98 years old. God is, indeed, worthy to be praised for his life well lived.

I share in sorrow as we shall all miss a man that was more of an encyclopedia than a mere human, a cultural dictionary in human form and a Great Grandfather per excellence. His physical presence was, in all considerations, a historical review of yesterday and today, hence we gathered around him to pluck the fruits of wisdom to spice up our experiences and adventures.

In a nut shell, I advise you to endure his told absence and leverage on his enviable legacies and remain focused in leaving your own footsteps on the sands of time, as he did. we all aspire to live as long as he lived or even more. May he be considered an elder in Heaven.

Take heart.

Ifeanyi Onah (JP)  
State Programme Manager

All correspondences addressed to the Secretary/Programme Manager  
4th Floor, Former CCB Building, Okpara Avenue Enugu



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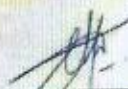
22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021


#### CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientist of Nigeria, Enugu Branch, I write to convey our sincere condolence to Sct. Linus Onah over the death of his father Pa Martins Makata Onah of Imilike-Agu Udenu LGA, Enugu State.

We mourn with you dear Sct Linus Onah at this critical moment of grief and we pray that Papa's soul will perfectly rest in the Lord.

Be assured of the Association highest regards.

  
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25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Chief Linus Onah (Onwa 1 of Igbolindu),

The MD/CEO,  
Lona Biomedical Center,  
ObolloAfor, Nsukka.

My Dearest Friend,

**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

I received with a great sense of loss the news of the passing onto glory of your dad - Pa Martin Makata Onah and write, on behalf of my family, staff and management of Omniscent Medical Diagnostic Center, to express our deepest condolences to you and to your family. This is truly a grievous loss, not only to you, Imliki Agu community but also to us, friends and associates of the Onah family.

It is particularly a personal loss to me after every effort to give him the best of medical care failed. Although there was no bed space in one of the best teaching hospitals east of the Niger, a space was created and a team of medical personnel rallied round to ensure that his life was spared from the cold hand of death. When God says Yes, no man can say No. His demise was a victory over sickness and sorrows of this world, as I have no doubt that he is resting in the bosom of the Lord.

Pa Martin lived a long and fulfilled life of huge impact to humanity. He was a father of remarkable qualities and a paragon for emulation. He worthily and conscientiously exercised the authority of his position in bringing up his children who have all become renowned authorities in their different life callings and leaders in their own rights. To say he was a great and honest man is to state the obvious. He was a compass of rectitude, influential moral leader and a role a model.

We feel your pain and stand by you in your ordeal. Please be sure that our prayers are with you, especially at this difficult time. We entrust you and the entire family into the consoling hands of the Almighty, praying that He will comfort and strengthen you now and always. May the Almighty God grant him eternal rest and give you the fortitude to bear the loss.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Nwobodo Humphrey A.  
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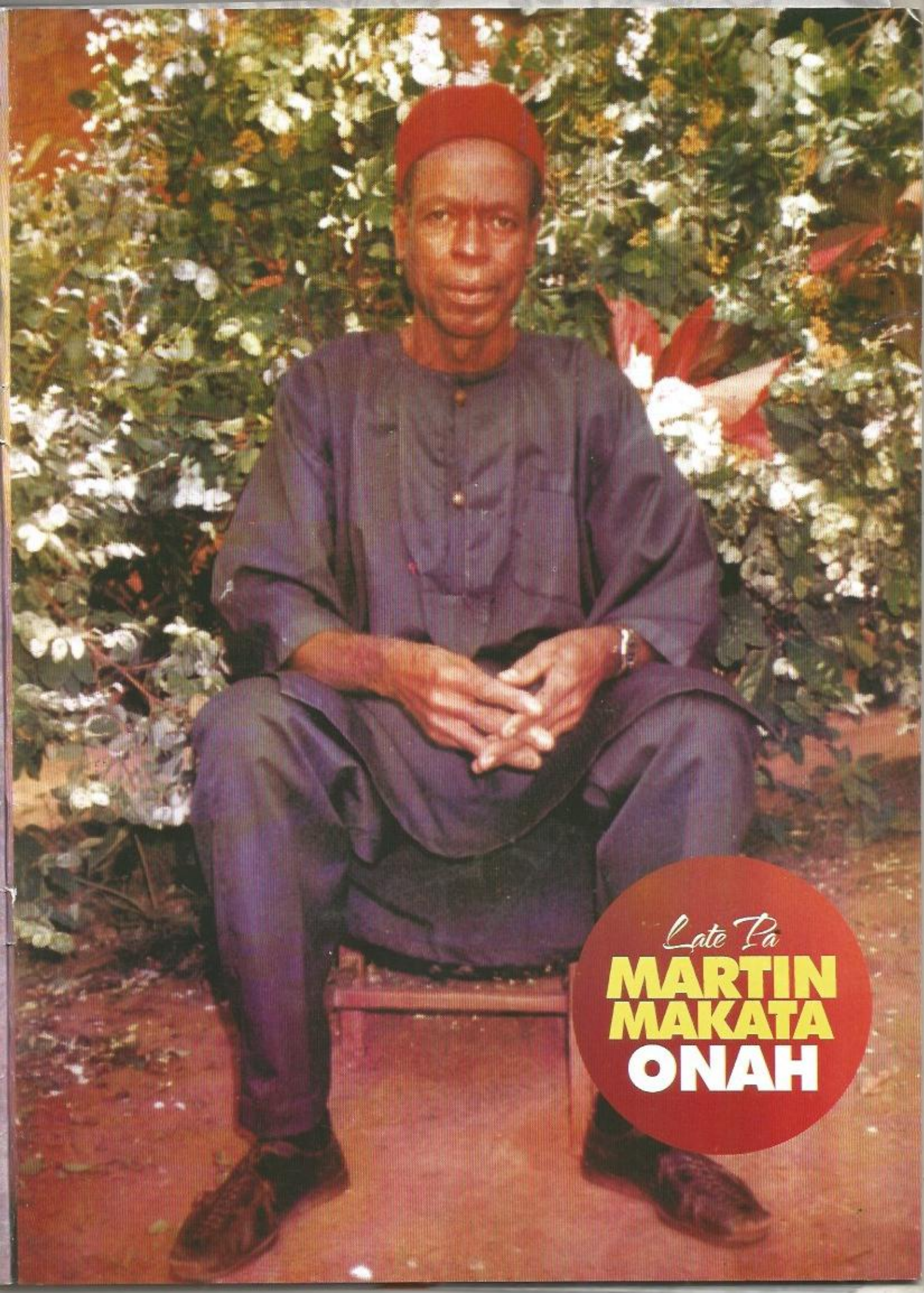
**TRIBUTE TO LATE PA MARTIN MAKATA ONAH**

Somber and hopeful: The two faces of death every bereaved person will see multiple times. In our culture, it is usually the somber that takes center stage. For those familiar with Pa Martin Makata Onah, it is a combination of the two emotions. However, we take solace in the fact that Papa is already resting in the bosom of the Lord. Pa Martin Makata Onah left an enviable legacy; he lived a life worthy of emulation - a selfless and impactful life. His humanity did not only extend to his family members but to friends and anyone else who knew him. He was easy to know, an open book. We all thought we knew him, but now we know that we would have liked to have known him even better and had him stay around longer. Papa was not only a father to one of the backbone of the medical laboratory profession in Enugu state but a father to the Guild of Medical Laboratory Directors in the State. Saying goodbye to Papa is truly hard. Seeing Papa in a coffin makes our hearts bleed. But what can we do when it has pleased God to ask him home. Papa will be deeply missed. We pray God to take care of him. We will always remember him and be grateful for all the sacrifices he made.

*Kufor*

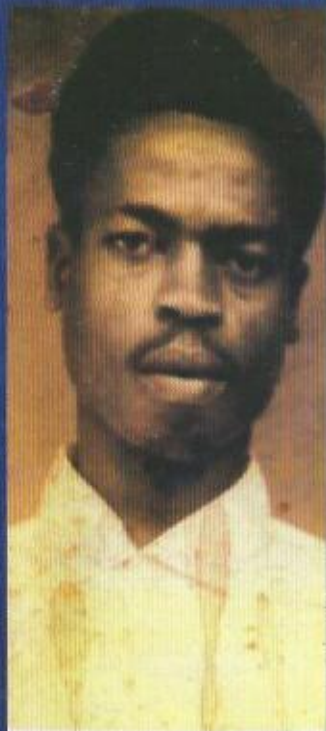
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*Late Pa*  
**MARTIN  
MAKATA  
ONAH**





## *Appreciation*

We are glad knowing that you shared the grief  
of our father's demise

We are expressing our sincere gratitude for your love, your support,  
your wonderful gifts, and above all your prayers in our lives,  
we are saying thank you and journey mercies as you go back to  
your various destinations in Jesus name Amen.

Signed:  
**Eze Ona Livinus**  
For the Family



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