



Obituary - James Kayode Odude

James was born in Lagos Nigeria to very loving and caring parents Jacob Adeoye Odude and Beatrice Omolabake Odude. He was the youngest among 7 siblings, 4 boys, 3 girls.

His parents were established entrepreneurs in the banking and pharmaceutical industries which enabled them to provide the best education for their children. James attended a private boarding grammar school where he got the nick name “Doctor Feel Good” due to how he was always trying to help the people around him whilst making them feel better about themselves. This nick name stuck with him even up to his last career in the UK.



James was always passionate about engineering and the many areas of its applications, he wanted to improve his parents companies and the infrastructure of Lagos. At the time, UK was one of the best places for engineering, he arrived in London in 1962 to study Electrical Engineering and took the opportunity to study an additional course in “Instrumentation and Control Systems Engineering” where he was awarded his masters and certification of FFIEE, FIEEE and FCEI.

In 1972, he worked in the engineering departments of various organisations such as banks, the postoffice, food industry and computer industry. After a few years of working in the UK he returned home to Lagos to be closer to his family and contribute to his country. In 1977 he became a lecturer in the Yaba University College of Tech in Lagos - in electrical engineering, electronics and control systems engineering. He joined

the Ministry of Education and was elected as an adviser to the Scholarship Board and Commissioner for the Boy Scouts as he had been a Scout Leader when he attended Grammar School.

In 1978, Sophia Odude (to be) was studying at the same University College in the electrical engineering campus. They happened to be both attending a talk from a speaker who was from England. That is where they first met each other, all the stars aligned and the rest was history. They got married in the following year. They had a religious blessing ceremony with their parents and family. and they took a memorable trip as newly weds to London and Los Angeles.

In 1979 He became Chief Engineer of Nigerian Airways, setting up their companies computing systems and creating the first Uninterrupted Power Supply System for their irregular power supply. In 1988, Lagos was becoming unstable and he was seeking a land with stability and an environment with opportunity. From his studies in his early 20s he had grown fond of the UK. He thus decided to bring my mother and the four children at that time and settled down in Knutsford in 1992.

After moving to Knutsford James joined the Catenians in (year?) and while not holding any office he was an active member until in later years he was unable to attend meetings because of illness.

He had dedicated his life to his studies and his career. But, no matter where life had taken him, he always prioritised his family, religion and his relationship with God.

After his retirement and in his later life, he was devoted to God and had already established a strong standing in the community of St Vincent de Paul church. He and his family were actively involved within the Knutsford parish community. The Parish Choir, the SVP Society, the Catenians and the Ladies Prayer Group were always at hand to support the Family in various ways.

Mr James Odude, proud husband of Sophia Odude, father of six children - Fitzgerald, Jo Anita, Henrietta, Abraham, Edward, and Joshua and grandfather of Leonardo and

Ocean.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE