

Adieu Prof A U Oronsaye!

The news of the passing of Prof A U Oronsaye brought us tears, sorrow and pain. In his case we wish man could live forever so that they could continue with their good work of showing kindness and love to all.

Prof Oronsaye will be remembered for the care he gave not only to his patients but to all in his sphere of influence. Prof Oronsaye showed commitment to his patients, his students and trainees, his dedication to duty was excellent.

He facilitated the progress of his juniors and contributed in no small measure in reducing maternal and peri-natal morbidity and mortality by removing the obstacles to training in UBTH in allowing rotation from the Central Hospital Obstetrics & Gynaecology unit Benin City; a process that was stalled by one of his peers until he Prof Oronsaye ascended the post of HOD in Obstetrics & Gynaecology UBTH in 1986 and opened the door for the trainees.

He progressed to become the Chief Medical Director of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital for many initiating new programmes and strengthening old ones.

In spite of his physical endowment and beauty as a human being, his gynaecological and teaching skills, he was still very humble and respectful no wonder the spouses of the high and mighty in Bendel State flocked to him for consultation as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician.

Prof A U Oronsaye a gentleman par excellence was the Best. He will always be remembered as the best in his time for his excellent attitude, generous comments on issue, transparent policies, his smiles and infectious laughter when occasions called for humour.

He will be remembered as an alumnus of Unilag, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologist, a Fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons, a Fellow of International College of Surgeons, CMD of UBTH, a good father, and above all he was an excellent teacher, my mentor, my colleague and my friend. Edo State has lost a great internationally acknowledged son.

May the Lord accept Prof Oronsaye into His bosom.

May his children, friends, family and colleagues have the strength to bear this great loss.

Adieu Prof Augustine U Oronsaye.

S E O Ogbonmwan & Family.