



Aderonke Grace Fariyike

September 21, 1952 - October 28, 2015

Grace Aderonke Fariyike was born on September 21, 1952 at Ile-Igbo- a little village near Ibadan, Oyo State of Nigeria. She was born in to the AMOSUN family of Aremo- an indigenous area of Ibadan. Her father was the late Chief Emmanuel Adejimi Amosun- a retired educationist: and her mother, late Madam Durodola Amosun-a devout Christian, housewife and daughter of an Anglican Priest-Late Reverend Ladapo.

Like her father, she was an educationist. After her High School Diploma in 1970. She obtained various teaching certificates starting from the basic Grade II Teachers' Certificate 1975, Nigerian Certificate of Education NCE 1983; Bachelors degree in Linguistics B.Ed. Linguistics 2002 and the Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling 2005. Her teaching experience-mainly nursery, kindergarten, and elementary at various schools spanned a period of 33 years i.e. from 1973 to 2006. She voluntarily retired in 2006 and came to the US to support her children in 2007.

Her marriage to Bamidele George Fariyike was consummated at the Anglican Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Aremo, Ibadan on December 24, 1977. The 38 yr old marriage is blessed with children and grandchildren. Grace took after her mother in her honesty, loyalty, and total commitment to whatever course she believed in. She was disciplined, diligent, hardworking, pious and open-hearted. She was accommodating, amiable and gentle. She had an

impeccable sense of humor typical of an Ibadan indigene. She couldn't hurt a fly. As a practical Christian, she taught her children to love God and be at peace with fellow men. She never held grudges with people. A lot of her children's friends bear testimony to her generosity because her kitchen was open to them.

Grace was to her husband, everything: friend, adviser, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, helper, builder, and confidant. Apart from raising her children, she helped to build FARIYIKE family by being a mother to all his siblings. She was to us, 'an inestimable jewel.' She touched so many hearts and was a source of inspiration to many friends and relations. She left a prominent and an indelible mark on the sand of our time.

Grace took her health seriously. Every year, she took precautionary tests against cancer, i.e. mammogram, pap smear, colonoscopy, endoscopy, etc. It would therefore appear that her time was ripe, when she died. She had, 'fought the good fight, she had finished her course; she had kept the faith.' We take solace in the fact that she lived to know Christ as her Lord and Savior and she is resting peacefully in His bosom.

'For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.' 1 Peter 3:12

'Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth them out of all their troubles.'-Psalm 34:19