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## TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ONUKUN OON

**SENATOR M.E.A ONUKUN OON**, was a Brilliant, Courageous and Selfless, Technocrat, Businessman, Politician and Elder-Statesman who did not forget the place of God in his life as devout Christian and successful family man.

Baba Onukun was a purveyor of genuine hope, courage and resilience that no matter the level of suffering, difficulties, tribulations or deprivation, one will always triumph with hard work, courage and abiding faith in the most high God. Baba was always demonstrating this through is deep knowledge of Local, National and International History of Governments and Politics of Nations, for example the life of Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881) a former British Prime Minister, Novelist and Elder-Statesman, Son of Jews Middle-Class Parent. When we lost election to Alliance for Democracy in Ondo State in 1999 then as PDP Members, Baba charged us on that Benjamin Disraeli was always been ignored or side-lined in the parliament due to his Jewish Origin and the only occasion that he was asked to speak Benjamin Disraeli told the Speaker of British Parliament that he had suffered in this parliament, that one day they will beg him to speak and it came to pass, Benjamin Disraeli was begged and he became British Prime Minister twice. (1868, 1874-1880)

Senator Onukun, at a time was the only former Senator in the entire Federal Republic of Nigeria who came down from the Olympian height in other to achieve a particular purpose, when he agreed to serve as Local Government Party Chairman (UNCP and PDP) because of the level of his selflessness, humility and pursuit of the welfare of the greatest majority of our people. Baba was not bothered about whether or not those who took the benefits or the gains of the struggle did little or nothing about the struggle. Baba you're a man of great contentment.

Baba we appreciate you for being a rally point and a peacemaker.

Thank you for not following the multitude to perpetrate evil in the name of politics and business.

Thank you for being resentful to blackmail, falsehood or barefaced lies by warning people in In Ikale dialect "Umale a be ghan rin aghan ye puro jeun kakari, ma da won loun, kan lo wa se se" and people we shout "Baba wo gbo oo" meaning may the masquerade unleash machete on those who are depending on telling lies all over the places to earn a living or to eat. Don't mind them or don't listen to them, they should go and look for work to do. And people will say Baba you're Great.

May the kind and gentle soul of **SENATOR M.E.A ONUKUN OON**, continue to rest in the bosom of the lord until the resurrection day in Jesus name. Amen.

Senator Boluwaji Kunlere

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