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The family members  
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**Beyond the swollen ground**

In loving memory of our intelligent orator, articulate administrator, bold and eloquent statesman, **Senator Michael Atijosan Emmanuel Onunkun, OON** whose demise came unexpectedly on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 when no-one wished him bow to the forces of death.

Can the family, for a moment, response to these?

Shall his death put a stop to his interesting analytical, logical and powerful action-packed quotations in English and Latin languages from great authors like Shakespeare?


Shall his powerful literal write-ups that raised, elevated and unbound otherwise frustrated, wrecked and enmeshed individuals in chieftaincy, litigation and criminal tussles be lost without replacement?

Shall he, the encyclopaedia of our time, the Professor that never be, pass away to an oblivion with the wisdom, reservoir of history, sagacity and philosophical quotations enviably exhibited in all ramifications of his life go away without brick wall?

Since our questions are rhetoric, since our ability to put life into his body is beyond our capability, since our encomiums cannot stop his focus to

meet his Maker, since our collective plead for him to stay a-while to enable us record or further share out of his knowledge is in vain, **we the beneficiaries** of his wisdom, write-ups, historical knowledge, culture which assisted in solving intimidating problems, at one time or another, say **Rest in peace with his ancestors till will meet to part no more.**

Your Royal Majesty,

  
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