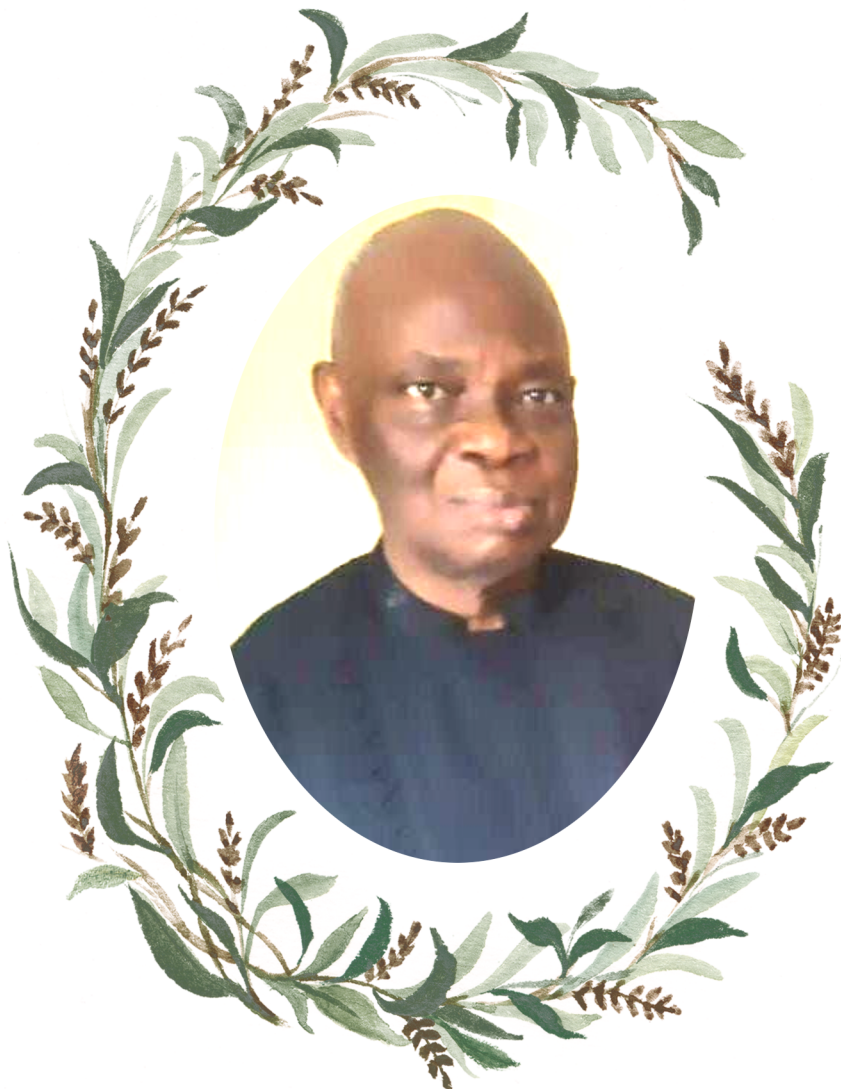


THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TO
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF



PROFESSOR RAPHAEL KENE

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TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED DAD

Daddy, our hearts were forever broken midday on the 10th of October 2023, and we still ache with shock and disbelief on your passing to glory. However, the memories of you as our teacher, provider, protector, mentor, and buddy have strengthened us somewhat during this tough time.

You provided not for your wife and seven children, but also our extended families, friends and those who sought your assistance; the testimonies have been endless. As a teacher, you guided us through our formal and informal education. As a protector, you ensured that we grew up and developed in safe places and spaces. You ingrained in us the principles of safety and were always by our side, especially during challenging times. You were always present as a father, and never gave up on us even when the odds were stacked against you; instead, you found the grit to care, provide, and love us with a remarkable sense of responsibility.

You were an epitome of a present dad and indeed our ROCK.

You enjoyed a simple life of hard work, discipline, honesty, transparency, accountability, integrity, and were kind to a fault. You believed in the Catholic faith and raised your children to believe in God. You participated in various social activities at Nsukka, Ufuma and in Sokoto till your transition.

We are because you were our dad.

Your family, friends and colleagues grieve with us today. Whilst you may be remembered as the first Nigerian Veterinary Radiologist and a man of great standing, amongst your various achievements, to us you were simply the best loving dad in words, thoughts, and action, and yet so humble.

Though truly heartbroken, we shall hold on to the incredible memories of you till we meet again.

Adieu our beloved daddy, our ROCK!

PRAYER FOR PROFESSOR RAPHAEL KENE

Almighty and compassionate God, we give thanks for the life of Raphael Kene, a person whose wisdom and knowledge enriched the lives of those fortunate enough to have known him.

As we reflect on the impact of his teachings, research, and contributions, we are grateful for the legacy he leaves behind in the academic and personal realms.

Loving God, we place Raphael into your merciful hands. Grant him eternal rest and peace in your heavenly kingdom. May his soul find solace and tranquillity in the everlasting light of your presence.

We trust that, in your infinite mercy, you shall welcome him into the company of saints and the communion of those that have gone before us.

Comfort those who mourn his passing, especially his family, friends, and colleagues.

Surround them with your tender embrace, offering strength and courage amidst grief. May they find solace in the memories they shared and the knowledge that Raphael's impact will continue to resonate in their hearts and minds.

Lord, grant us the grace to live with purpose and love, inspired by the examples set by Raphael. Help us to honour his memory by continuing the pursuit of knowledge, compassion, and service to others.

We offer this prayer in faith, trusting in your divine mercy and the promise of eternal life.

Amen.



APPRECIATION

We appreciate the support, love, and condolences extended to us during this profoundly challenging time following the passing of our beloved dad. The outpouring of compassion and solidarity from each of you has been an immeasurable source of solace and strength as we bid farewell to our beloved father, mentor, and friend.

Your shared memories, tributes, and expressions of sympathy have illuminated the profound impact our father had on all of us and reinforced the legacy he leaves behind.

As we grapple with the void left by his passing, please know that your support has been a beacon of hope, comfort and strength during our moments of sorrow.

May the memories of our beloved father continue to inspire and guide us, and may his legacy of kindness, wisdom, and love live on in each of our hearts.

With deepest gratitude and warm regards,

Okechukwu Kene

On behalf of the family

