



Princess Clara Awosika

January 25, 1921 - December 5, 2020

Princess Clara Adewoyin Ọmọpintemi Awosika (Nee Adeniyi), 104, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 5th 2020, 9:30 pm at her home in Chicago surrounded by loved ones. She was born January 25, 1916 to the Royal family of Prince Michael Adediran Ọsunbolurin Adeniyi and Mrs. Rebecca Ọmọrotọla Adeniyi in Ilẹ-Oluji, Ondo State, Nigeria. She was the 4th born of five children. Clara met her handsome husband, Charles Ọlamoyeḡe Awosika in 1935 who was a tailor by trade. The two loved birds moved to Lagos and got married in 1940 where they raised 3 children. They then moved to Ondo in 1954 where they raised 2 more children.

Clara was a woman of Faith and an Entrepreneur. She was a devout Christian. She traded several goods such as kolanuts, clothing, mats and goats from city to city (Ilẹ-Oluji, Ipetu-Ijẹsha, Ile-Ife and Ibadan) with her feet as her mode of transportation. She had a passion for singing, dancing, praying, working out and taking walks. She was also known for being very generous and caring.

Clara was preceded in death by her Parents, Prince Michael Adediran Ọsunbolurin Adeniyi and Mrs. Rebecca Ọmọrotọla Adeniyi, her Husband, Mr. Charles Ọlamoyeḡe Awosika and Daughter, Mrs. Victoria Ọlajumọke Mogbọnjubọla Ogunribido.

Clara is survived by her Brother, Sister, Children, Grand-Children, Great Grand-Children, Cousins, Nephews and Nieces.

For more information and/or to view full biography, visit her website at <http://www.claraawosika.com>

Service of Songs from 2:00p to 3:30p at Christ Apostolic Church of America, 9011 South Stony Island, Chicago, Illinois.

Previous Events

Visitation / Viewing

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Princess Clara Awosika*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sending our condolences to Clara and the family. God comfort you thru difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Love,
Alberto and Joanna Rios*

Alberto and Joanna Rios - February 06, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Princess Clara Awosika.*



January 24, 2021 at 02:27 PM

“ My brothers and I are blessed and fortunate to have been able to spend a lot of precious time with you. Your history and legacy will never be forgotten, and they will live on for many generations to come. Grandma, your life vision was communicated to us through your actions; you led by example.

Born into a royal family, you were not fortunate to live in royalty. Your early years was filled with adversity. You were raised by your grandmother, not really knowing your parents. At a very young age, you were trading goods inter-state, carrying heavy goods and animals on your head for hundred of miles and days through the wilderness of Nigeria. Education was not an option and finding time to mingle and meet a prospective partner was extremely limited. Yet, when you finally had a partner, that was short lived when Grandpa left you a widow with 5 children at an early young and vibrant age.

All of these did not stop you from becoming great and becoming the mother of all. You loved beautifully, sang like an angel, danced with grace, taught with wisdom, and sacrificed yourself for us your grandchildren.

So, it is with deep purpose that I write these lessons to “all”. More importantly, these lessons are for the generations now and yet to come. Read, listen, and meditate on these lessons, for Grandma might be no more but she is forever with us.

Life Lessons from Grandma:

- Worked hard.
- Be fearless.
- Live a life of purpose and vision.
- Set out each day to accomplish that which you are purposed.
- Give it your all, your heart.
- Love your in-laws as you love yours.
- Forgive and forgive again, and frequently.
- Touch the lives of everyone you're opportune to meet.
- NO EXCUSES you kept pushing forward!
- Focus on your studies for the time to play will come.
- Anywhere you find yourself do your best and do not be concerned about who is looking.

- *You will outlast the evil doers in your place of work, you just do your work well and not focus on retaliation.*
 - *Know each person for whom they are.*
 - *It is never good to spend all your money, save!*
 - *Push through all adversities; they only last a period.*
 - *Give back; no matter where you find yourself.*
 - *Drop the TV, drop the mobile devices; and work on your goals/dreams.*
 - *Exercise and do it often and consistently.*
 - *Keep in touch with your loved ones.*
 - *Last but not the least, pray and thank God "Always".*
- These are the legacies she lived by and has left for us all.*

Love,

Kenny and brothers; Taiwo, Idowu, and Ife.



Kenny Awosika - January 22, 2021 at 11:24 PM

KA

“Grandmaaaa...

How I miss you soo much.

Thanks for believing in me and pushing me to be better.

With tears and love I write this short poem to honor you.

What is life?

Life is a journey; from the sperms journey to the egg until the day we die.

Life is brief; one moment we are here and the next moment we are dead.

Life is a blessing; the chance that we are alive is a blessing, not luck.

Life is filled with adversities!

Life is also,

Filled with joyous moments.

Filled with hugs, kisses, dances, songs, laughs, good food, ...

Filled with amazing surprises.

Filled with fun.

Filled with memories.

Filled with love, compassion, and sacrifice.

Grandma, you lived your life to the fullest potential.



Kenny Awosika - January 22, 2021 at 11:22 PM

SM

“ *My Tribute to My Best Friend, Grandma Clara Adewoyin Awosika*

You were in every part of my story, fighting for me, loving me and protecting me. I am convinced that you were God's special gift to me; the strength I needed to live and do well. Thanks for showing me what it means to walk with God through every situation. You were my backbone. I always felt I could report anyone that messes with me to my Grandma. You were a solid rock for us, a very loving mother and you had a friendly spirit towards all. You were always diligent, super hardworking and very empathetic. There will always be a void in my heart with your absence but it comforts me that you are resting in God's capable hands.

I love you so much, Clara Awosika. Thank you for the great legacy you left for me. I am truly grateful and honored to be your granddaughter. Onikepo loves you so very much. Keep resting in God.

*Ore mi! Mama mi! Yeye mi!
- Yetunde Itunu Ogunribido*

Susan Adefunmilola Moricette - January 16, 2021 at 10:10 PM

SM

“ *16 files added to the album Memories Album*



Susan Adefunmilola Moricette - January 16, 2021 at 09:51 PM

IH

“ *MOMMY TOPE GAVE US A LEGACY OF FAITH. She was always praying and faithful to teaching her children and grandchildren about how powerful HER GOD IS! When Taiwo was three, she was one of five grandchildren Mommy Tope prepared for BAPTISM . That was an awesome day!*

SHE ALWAYS HAD A PRAISE FOR GOD . I witnessed her praying through the good times and the rough times. She would say "My God Don't DO ME BAD."

MOMMY TOPE was humble enough to say "I'm Sorry and please forgive me. " SHE TRULY DISPLAYED THE LOVE OF GOD. MOMMY TOPE, I appreciate you loving Me As A Daughter for 41 years. I love you and Will Miss You. Rest on with the angels as you await your Dance with Jesus!!!

FROM INEZ- you nicknamed me Fumilayo- GOD HAS GIVEN ME JOY. YOU GAVE ME AND MY CHILDREN MUCH JOY!!!

Inez Holmes - January 10, 2021 at 06:34 AM

IH

“ *Mommy Tope is a LEGACY OF FAITH. She was a PRAYER WARRIOR IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD. She saw to it that her grandchildren in Nigeria were baptized. She was my wonderful mother- in-law for 41 years. Her faith in her GOD laid the foundation for the success of her children.*

Inez Holmes

Inez Holmes - January 10, 2021 at 06:20 AM

CT

“ *My Tribute to My Grandma*

The epidemy of excellence.

A rare gem incomparable even to the rarest Earthly find.

She glows, shines and radiates like the moon even in the darkest of times.

She blossomed and was ever flourishing as the trees in Lebanon.

Her love was unwavering.

Her commitment to her family undaunting.

Her joy forever expressed through the lives of her grandchildren.

The apple of God's eye.

The source of strength to many who's well never ran dry.

She was truly a wonder.

An expression of God, a light and a guide.

She will forever be missed.

Her legacy like the stars in the night sky.

Every glowing, innumerable to count and forever impacting the world.

Charlita Taiwo - January 09, 2021 at 09:31 PM

“Tribute to a Matriarch, Mama Adewoyin Omopintemi Clara Awosika (nee Adeniyi)

Mama Tope or Iye Tope, as she is fondly called in the Adeniyi family, was the youngest daughter of late Pa Michael Osunbolurin Adeniyi, from his eldest wife, Yeye Rotola Rebecca Adeniyi. She is from the Gbegbaaje ruling house of Ile-Oluji kingdom in Ondo State, and therefore a princess just as her father was a prince. She is a granddaughter of Oba Gbegbaaje, the 26th Jegun of Ile-Oluji.

Her father had other wives, making the family a large one in every sense. Her marriage into the Awosika family did not stop her from impacting positively and indelibly on the Adeniyi family. In actual fact, she virtually expanded our family into the popular Awosika clan of Ondo town!

Mama Tope is and will continue to be remembered as an amiable bridge builder in the family. In her heydays, she was full of energy and life. She brought brightness to any gathering she happened to be in. Her company was enjoyed by all wherever she happened to be: Ile-Oluji, Ondo, Lagos (especially at "Deaf School" where she worked with her elder sister Mama Rachael Adelogbe for many years), the USA and so on.

Offa, Kwara State is not left out, where the young Adewoyin went to, to help the then recently bereaved Mrs Sabina Kehinde Adeniyi ('Dewale's mother) in taking care of her little "Ropo".

Writing a befitting tribute to Mama Tope will take the input of so many people from different arms of the very large extended Adeniyi family and will take up unimaginable space. So this is just a modest effort which will definitely fall short of giving her blessed memory and legacy the credit deserved.

With her passing, another giant in the family has gone to rest in the Lord. She had particularly lived a full life however, seeing her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren doing well before

she signed out. She is already being sorely missed. The vacuum left by her passing will be impossible to fill. We thank God for giving us this lovely soul for a season and we surrender to the will of God in taking her away at His appointed time.

*We will continue to relish sweet memories of her time with us.
"Didun didun ni iranti olododo".*

Beloved Mama, sleep on peacefully in the bosom of the Lord till we meet to part no more.

Good bye for now and good night Mummy.

The Adeniyi family of Odomikan, Ile-Oluji.

Prince Aderemi Adeniyi - January 08, 2021 at 02:54 AM

SM

“*Susan Adefunmilola Moricette lit a candle in memory of Princess Clara Awosika*



Susan Adefunmilola Moricette - January 07, 2021 at 01:13 AM

KB

One of the pillars that I rested on and cherished while growing up as a boy/man. I grew up among all mommy's children, brothers and sisters at 30 Ajao St, Suru-Iere, Lagos, and Ile-Oluji, Ondo, Nigeria in the late 60s to late 70s. She was and still like a second caring mother to me. Fast forward to late 80s, I met mommy again in Chicago and she wholeheartedly expressed her genuine God-gifted spirit to me and my family especially to my wife and my second child (Sade) whom she nicknamed "Akigbamaru" because she (Sade) cried a lot when she was a baby. Mommy, you will be missed a lot. The HEART that lives in other HEARTS will NEVER die!. Rest in perfect peace mommy and may the loved ones you left behind be of great blessings. Kola Balogun & family.

Kola Balogun - February 05, 2021 at 03:43 PM