



Christopher Ozioma Obasi

February 23, 1960 - February 9, 2020

Funeral Oration for Late Attorney Christopher Ozioma Obasi

Attorney Christopher Obasi was known during his lifetime as Chris to his friends and professional colleagues, but as Ozie among his extended family circle which is the short form of Ozioma which means "Gospel". He was born in Iyenu town in Onitsha in Anambra State, Nigeria, to Mazi John Obasi (now late) and Mrs. Sophia Obasi on February 23, 1960. He was the fifth of 8 children and the third son of his parents. He started his primary school at Community Primary School Umugolo in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area Imo State and finished in 1973 from Central Primary School in Nkwere in Imo State Nigeria. He did his secondary school at Madonna High School Ihitte in Imo State which was a Catholic secondary school very popular in the area then.

In search of a greener pasture Attorney Christopher Obasi turned down admission offer then to the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria just to be relocated to the United States of America in 1982. In the USA he started his educational career in 1983 at Hennepin County Community College where he did his preliminary studies in nursing. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin; River Falls with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) in 1986. His wife Chinyere Obasi, then Nee Dike joined him 10 years later after he had left Nigerian shores and they were married on October 10th, 1993.

Their marriage was blessed with five children: 4 boys and one girl. Chris desired obtaining a law degree. This desire led him to attend Hamline University in St Paul Minnesota where he graduated in 1996 fulfilling his dream profession of being an attorney. He was subsequently called to both Minnesota and Federal bars. After that, he opened Obasi law offices in Brooklyn Center where he practiced Immigration, Family and Criminal laws until his demise.

Christopher Obasi had a God-given ability to bring the youths together and talk sense into them about what they wanted to accomplish in life. His leadership acumen was planted in Nigerian as a teenager where he started to organize children fellowships as well as organized soccer tournaments in his town during Christmas periods between those living at home and abroad in his community. In other words, he was a lover of soccer as a teenager in his country as Nigeria is a soccer nation. The main fact that soccer had not developed in the United States when he arrived here did not hamper his enthusiasm for sports because he quickly switched to American football which is very popular here. For the past nearly 20 years he had organized watching Super bowl in his house every year for his nephews, nieces, in-laws, and friends. The only year he skipped this ritual was this year's super bowl due to his ill health and he still mentioned it on his sickbed. His absence during the Super bowl created big vacuums in the minds of his fans.

Christopher Obasi took his leadership acumen to the United States with him where he was very passionate about his community. He was one of the founders of Mbano Progressive Association of Minnesota (MPAM) where he was a president for many years. He was a pioneer member of the Imo Progressive Association of Minnesota (IPAM) as well as two terms president. Similarly, he was a community leader as well as a staunch member of the Umunne Cultural Association of Minnesota (UCA). He was equally a two-term president of UCA and was once the IgboFest Chairperson. He was a staunch member of the Minnesota Institute for Nigerian Development (MIND) where he

has held various positions.

Furthermore, Christopher Obasi was a staunch member of the Mbanjo National Assembly (MNA), which is an umbrella Association in the United States that is open to all Mbanjo indigenes living in this country. He was also a former secretary and two-term president of this association. His selfless services to his community was manifested when despite his privileged position of having one of the best health care services at his disposal in the USA, his love for the less privileged members of his local Government Area moved him to be among the pioneer members of MNA who initiated yearly medical mission to Mbanjo Joint Hospital for free treatment of any Mbanjo indigenes or any Nigerian for that matter who braves getting to that hospital for medical care. For the continuity of treatments of the overwhelming number of patients seen at Mbanjo Joint Hospital during the annual medical mission Attorney Christopher Obasi during his tenure initiated the building of an ultra-modern surgical theater there which is now nearly completed and is awaiting commissioning. He will forever be remembered for his noble roles towards the accomplishment of this project in his Local Government Area for the benefit of anybody seeking medical care there.

Attorney Christopher Obasi was a man of faith and was a staunch member of St. Mark Anglican Church in Umugolo, in Ehime Local Government Area in Imo State when he was at home.

Here in the United States he was a member of the Presbyterian Church of the Master in Coon Rapid where he worshiped regularly. He was a man of peace and continued to preach love, peace, and reconciliation even on his death bed. He fought very gallantly for his life, participated in all decisions making patterning to his treatment. He prayed and sang songs/psalms and cited scriptures fervently during his sickness. He encouraged people around him on

his sickbed to brighten up and not to be gloomy. He chose treatment and prayer options throughout his sickness despite doctors' pronouncements. He was so loved in the Igbo community that the hospital where he spent his last moments, members were trooping in large numbers that the hospital's family lounge could hardly contain people who were visiting him. To make sure everybody who wanted to see him had the chance, we resorted to splitting visiting members into smaller groups to see him on his sickbed. Even the nurses and doctors at the M Health Medical Center testified that they had not seen any patient that has attracted such several visitors to their bedside as he did.

In the Igbo community in Minnesota, he has been described by various people as an Iroko tree and has been held in high esteem. He was very passionate about Igbo culture which he had preached ceaselessly in his family, among friends and above all in the Igbo community in Minnesota and USA in general. Chris Obasi was very kind and worked tirelessly to help others. He never lost faith and belief in doing things that benefited the greater majority of the Igbo community in Minnesota. Attorney Chris Obasi gave up the ghost on February 9, 2020, between the hours of 10 and 11 pm surrounded by his immediate family and extended family members.

Citing 2 Timothy 4, Attorney Chris Obasi, during his life on earth, fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith to the best of his ability. We are hoping that the Crown of righteousness is laid up for him which is the Lord, the righteous Judge who will award him and all those who craved for the Lord's appearance. Attorney Christopher Ozioma Obasi, rest in perfect peace until we meet you again and never to part from each other.

Left to mourn him are:

Dr. Clara Chinyere Obasi -Wife

Obinna Solomon Obasi-Son

Gold Ogemdi Obasi-Daughter
Johnny Onyema Obasi-Son
Kingsley Kelechi Obasi-Son
David Chidera Obasi-Son
Mazi. Cyprian Obasi-Brother
Mazi. Godson Obasi-Brother
Mrs. Ijeoma Ononiwu-Sister
Mr. Robinson Nnanyere Obasi-Brother
Mrs. Ngozi Nwaokorie-Sister
Mrs. Nonyerem Otuonye-Sister
Mrs. Chidinma Iwuchukwu-Niece
Mrs. Sophia Amara Obasi- Aged mother
Mazi Jonah Obasi-Nephew
Mrs. Christy Obasi-Sister-in-law
Sir Innocent Oguh-Brother-in-law
Engr. Raymond Ononiwu-Brother-in-law
Dr. Eugene Nwaokorie-Brother-in-law
Pastor Chidi Otuonye- Brother-in-law
Mazi Ifeanyi Iwuchukweu-brother-in-law
Mrs. Queen Obasi-Sister-in-law
Mrs. Justina Obasi-Sister-in-law
Mrs. Uchenna Obasi-Sister-in-law
Numerous nephews and nieces.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ *It saddens me to learn of his death. He was my attorney for over 5 years. He had such a good heart and he was a kind person. May his soul rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

Judy - October 16, 2022 at 03:51 PM

 Morgan Wamuo

“ *Christopher Ozioma Obasi will be greatly missed by many many people. He was a very wise, kind, generous and loving man. My condolences to his family, also his friends and other people that he impacted with his presence.*

From the bottom of my heart thank you

Mr. Christopher Ozioma Obasi

You will be greatly missed.



Morgan Wamuo - October 24, 2020 at 01:52 PM

UW

“ *Uzoma Wamuo lit a candle in memory of Christopher Ozioma Obasi*



Uzoma Wamuo - October 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM

CO

“ My darling husband, you are the most loving and caring person I have ever met. You are my Iroko, light and above all my Angel. Your premature exit has left a big hole that will never be filled. You told me that it will be okay. I will not say goodbye because we will meet to part no more. Continue to rest in the bosom of your creator. Love you so much dear. Your lovely wife, Chi

Chinyere Obasi - October 16, 2020 at 11:04 AM

Jacy Nkwonta

May he rest in the bosom of our lord Jesus Christ Amen!! It is well with his soul Chi, we all love and care about him but we must let him rest now for he is called. Yes we loose On earth but heaven gains. Rest on Uncle Chris! We love and miss you. To God be the glory. Your elder sister, “ Adanne”
Jacy Uche Nkwonta

Jacy Nkwonta - October 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM

CI

As soon as we become friends he left me. I will never forget your light you deposited in me where others rejected me. Constantine Amaobi Igwe.

Constantine Igwe - October 25, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CO

“ Christy Obasi lit a candle in memory of Christopher Ozioma Obasi



Christy Obasi - March 01, 2020 at 10:45 AM