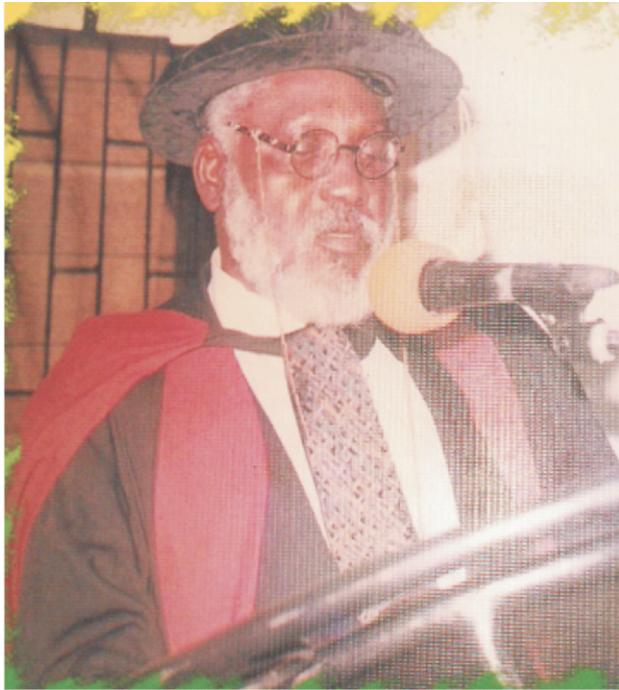


**TRIBUTE TO A SEASONED SCHOLAR AND RESEARCHER:
PROFESSOR EZEKIEL ADEMOLA CAXTON – MARTINS (1945 – 2012)**



Professor Ezekiel Ademola Caxton-Martins was born on 6th August, 1945 to the family of late Justice Ezekiel Agboola Caxton-Martins and Chief (Mrs) Modupeola Caxton-Martins (Nee- Adesigbin) of the reputable J. W. Martins and Adesigbin Layeni Families of Ita Akanni, Ita Martins, Ehingbeti area of Lagos Island. The third amongst five siblings, he had his primary education at Christ Church Primary School Broad Street Lagos; and Government Demonstration School, Surulere Lagos. He proceeded to Eko Boys High School Lagos and Ibadan Grammar School Ibadan for his Secondary and Higher Secondary School education. In 1966, he was admitted into the University of Ibadan, College of Medicine where he specialized in Anatomy which he successfully completed in 1970.

In October 1971, he proceeded to the Department of Human Morphology University of Nottingham, London for his M. Phil Studies which he completed in April, 1973. In addition he was a Visiting Fellow to the Tokyo Dental and Medical University and the Kitasato Medical University in 1974 in Japan where he was exposed to techniques and practises of Electron Microscopy and Immuno-Histochemistry, making him the first Nigerian to receive training in these areas of research in the field of Anatomy. In 1984 he obtained his Ph. D from the University of Ife now Obafemi

Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

“Caxto” as he was popularly called was not only a lecturer but a scholar and a researcher with numerous publications in scholastic and reputable learned Journals, Thesis / Dissertations and Articles. He has, during the course of his career contributed immensely to the training, grooming and development of many Medical Doctors, Dental Surgeons, Nursing Sciences Practitioners, Occupational and Physical Therapists and many Lecturers in Anatomy all over the world.

Caxto was External Examiner to many Universities within and outside the country such as the University of Ibadan, Calabar, Lagos, Ilorin, Benin, Olabisi Onabanjo University, LAUTECH Ogbomoso, Lagos State University, University of Ghana, University of Sierra-Leone. He was the Chairman of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditations to Many Nigerian Universities. Though he was retired, he was not tired. He was involved in the teaching of Postgraduate Programmes in some Universities before he died, such as, University of Ilorin, LAUTECH Ogbomoso, Olabisi Onabanjo University Ikenne and Osun State University, Osogbo.

As one of the pioneer Fellows of the Anatomical Society of Nigeria (ASN), Professor Ezekiel Ademola Caxton-Martins contributed immensely to the development of the Association. He was the first Editor-in-Chief of 'The Journal of Anatomical Sciences' for four years 2004-2008. He actively participated in the Annual Conferences of the Society, together with his Post-Graduate students who are mandated to present papers. At “REMO 2010” hosted by the Olabisi Onabanjo University in Ago-Iwoye, Professor Caxton-Martins gave a Plenary Lecture on “Histochemistry and Anatomical Research: The Challenges of Modern Day Scientist” which was well received. Professor Caxton-Martins inputs towards the growth of this Society will remain evergreen in our memory. Posterity will have a place for him in history.

ADIEU!!!

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