



Oluwatosin "Yemi" Olayemi Olagbaju

May 23, 1964 - August 27, 2023

Yemi Olagbaju passed away on August 27, 2023, in Mount Holly, New Jersey. He was surrounded by the love of family when he peacefully passed. Yemi was 59 years old.

Yemi is survived by his aged mother in Nigeria, wife - Bose, daughter - Olayemi, and siblings.

Yemi was born on May 23, 1964 to the family of late Isaac Olakunle Olagbaju and Florence Olagbaju in Ile Ife, Nigeria. He attended St John`s Grammar School, Ile Ife; Fakunle Comprehensive High School Osogbo, Nigeria graduating in 1982; and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife where he graduated with honors in Statistics. He lived briefly in the United Kingdom before relocating to the United States in 1991. He traveled extensively in the United States during his approximately 34 years in the USA.

Yemi started his own business in New York as the owner of a large supermarket in Flat Bush, NY. He relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and Minnesota before finally settling in New Jersey with his lovely wife. He was an entrepreneur, and a realtor before joining the Burlington County Board of Social Services and later the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

He is remembered by his family as a deeply caring and incredibly loving man who always helped those in need. He was a dedicated and supportive son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and friend.

Yemi was passionate about the welfare of his family and friends. Yemi was also very attentive to politics and did not shy away from debate but had a wonderful sense of humor that made everyone smile. Lastly, Yemi was truly gifted in his ability to fix nearly anything, and he had a remarkable technical mind. There was no problem he was unwilling to tackle, and seldom a problem he could not fix. He will always be our hero.

Service of songs from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, at the First Baptist Church, 216 Sunset Rd, Willingboro, NJ 08046.

Viewing on September 14th, 2023, from 8:30 – 10:45 a.m., followed by funeral service from 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 216 Sunset Rd. Willingboro, NJ 08046.

Interment follows at Lakeview Memorial Park, 1300 Rte 130 N, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 followed by repast at the Church hall.

Previous Events

Service of Songs

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Willingboro
216 Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ

Viewing

SEP 14. 8:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Willingboro
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Funeral Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Willingboro
216 Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ

Tribute Wall

AA

“ *My wonderful and special Uncle. You graced our lives with boundless altruism and unwavering goodness. Today, we gather not only to mourn his passing but to celebrate the legacy of a true servant leader, an epitome of selflessness.*

Uncle Yemi was a shining beacon of humanity, illuminating the lives of all fortunate enough to know him. His heart overflowed with compassion, his hands extended in kindness, and his spirit radiated warmth.

In a world often consumed by self-interest, he stood as a reminder of the beauty in giving without expecting in return. His altruism was not mere words; it was a way of life. He lived to serve, pouring his energy into every endeavor with a sacrificial devotion that left us in awe.

His actions spoke louder than any eulogy ever could, for he gave tirelessly, selflessly, and without reservation. His love knew no boundaries, and his generosity had no limits.

As a servant leader, Uncle Yemi inspired us all. He didn't lead from a position of power but from the depths of his heart. He guided, nurtured, and uplifted those around him, always putting their needs before his own. His leadership was a testament to the power of humility, empathy, and a genuine desire to make the world a better place.

In his memory, let us not merely grieve the loss of a beloved brother, but let us also carry forward the torch of his goodness. Let us remember his selflessness as an invitation to live more altruistically, to lead with our hearts, and to embrace the joy of giving without expecting in return.

Bro Yemi may have left this world, but his legacy of kindness, selflessness, and servant leadership will forever remain etched in our hearts. In our tears, may we find the strength to honor his

memory by emulating his incredible spirit of goodness.

Rest in eternal peace, my dear Uncle, for you were truly an angel among us.

Omo Arewa, Akobi Olusanu, Moore-Olowu, omo Ajiri ile, omo Oloke one. Sun re o!!!

Will always be fondly remembered.

Abiodun Akin-Olagbaju

Abiodun Akin-Olagbaju - September 13, 2023 at 06:48 PM

FO

“ *Oh my brother, a real gem, a special entity. How can we loose a personality like you . But what can we say God cannot be queried. We're all passing through His school of discipleship of tears and His unavoidable afflictions. I asked Him to bring you back He says No, but in everything give thanks.*

*You are always out to help others in their own tough times, How can we explain that behind your smile & beautiful face are archive of pains and afflictions you never shared with anyone Even your senior cousin my sister. I believed the word of God that says through much tribulation we shall enter the kingdom of God. Looking forward to seeing you in the kingdom of God, at the feet of our Lord
Good Night my beloved Brother I will greatly miss you*

From your beloved Sister Jesufunmilayo Orunsolu-Thomas. Nee Omoniyi

Funmilayo Orunsolu-Thomas - September 11, 2023 at 08:39 PM

OT

“ Yemi it was with deep sadness to learnt of your passing into glory. I still remembered vividly the time we had while in the UK. In 1996 you kindly took my wife my son and I to New Jersey from New York to pick up our flight to Phoenix Arizona through Chicago. You were indeed a good friend. And my heart was yearning for you some four weeks ago asking of you from another mutual friend. Yemi rest in peace and may God bless all the loved ones you left behind. You will be missed. Wole Tunde - UK

Oluwole Tunde - September 11, 2023 at 05:51 PM

CB

“ My cousin Olayemi was more than a brother to me. He was very caring and absolutely selfless. He would sacrifice his time, labor and resources to help anyone he could. A perfect gentleman, responsible family man. He will be remembered for his kindness and to all. May his gentle soul continue to rest in peace. May God grant our family and his friends the fortitude to bear this great loss. He

Christiana Bowale - September 08, 2023 at 05:23 PM

GG

Olayemi my awesome nephew the news of your passing hit me like a thunderbolt. For days I couldn't comprehend why you should go at this time but God spoke to me that his time was up . Olayemi was an Angel on assignment . He came to be the hand of God almighty to lift many people up . My family Francis and Grace Giwa and our children will always remember you our benefactor. Yemi was a caring
A unifier always seeking to make things better for others. Yemi you will never die in my heart. Rest in peace my dearest angel. Sunre o Omo Arewa.

Grace Giwa - September 09, 2023 at 07:20 AM

LO

“ I can't believe I'm typing this...
It was a rude shock hearing of your demise...I could sit here and type the most beautiful eulogy, but I would rather pray this: May Olayemi, your daughter, reap the harvest of the kindness and goodness you sowed into many lives in Jesus' name
Rest on sir...you were one of the few good ones.

Lanre Olagbaju - September 08, 2023 at 05:16 PM

ED

“ Edna lit a candle in memory of Oluwatosin
"Yemi" Olayemi Olagbaju



Edna - September 08, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ I sat next to Yemi at DDS since I started working there 7 years ago. He was always so pleasant. He would come in every morning with a smile and greeting. He would go downstairs almost every morning and get a donut. I would jokingly ask him where's my donut and he would say next time I'll remember you. The last week that I saw him in the office he asked me to please have a donut. I told him I was only joking all those times I asked but he insisted that I take the donut. Yemi was one of the nicest employees at DDS. He was also very helpful and encouraging when I was a trainee. Although it's hard to say goodbye I know he's in a better place now.
My deepest condolences and prayers for the family. Yemi will be greatly missed!

Teshima

Teshima Oluyemi - September 08, 2023 at 02:20 AM

RL

“ Yemi as we called him at DDS was A true gentleman and believer of the almighty God and all of his greatness. I met Yemi in Newark, and we came to work together again in Trenton. He has always remained the same and i appreciated that. Yemi was a caring person, and he will most definitely be missed around the office. My condolences to his family and loved ones. May God bless you.....
Robert Lynch.

r lynch - September 07, 2023 at 11:28 AM

BO

“ Today I mourn the passing of 'Yemi but for ever,I will celebrate the remarkable life of this brother whose generosity and selflessness know no bounds. Olayemi my beloved cousin brother and friend, was a shining example of altruism and a guiding light for us all. Yemi was not just a mere brother, he was a true embodiment of compassion and empathy. He extended his open arms to those in need. He and his beloved wife Bose welcomed us with warmth and kindness when we arrived at the United States. Their unwavering support made migration to the US not just possible but remarkably smooth. He and his family shared their home and heart with us,showing us the true meaning of family and community. What set Yemi apart was his extraordinary dedication to helping others, both within our family and beyond. He was a beacon of hope for countless relatives in Africa, tirelessly encouraging and assisting them in their journey to the United States for a better life. His commitment to the welfare of others was truly inspiring and he did so well without ever seeking recognition or reward. Yemi believed in the power of unity and the importance of helping one another. He believed we are all well connected by a common humanity and it was this belief that drove him to go above and beyond for any one in need. His actions demonstrated that true fulfillment comes from helping others and making the world a better place. In our grief let us find solace in the knowledge that Olayemi 's legacy lives on in the act of kindness and generosity he inspired in all of us. Let us honor his memory by continuing his legacy of helping and uplifting those around us. As we say our final goodbye let us remember Yemi not with sorrow but with gratitude for the extra ordinary gift of his presence in our life. May his Spirit of selflessness and Love guide us as we live up to the example he set. May God uphold his wife and daughter, Bosede and Olayemi and our entire family and friends. Omo Arewa, More Olowu, Omo Oloke ona, Omo Ajiri Ile. rest in peace my dear Olayemi Oluwatosin omo Olagbaju knowing fully well that your legacy of unconditional love and kindness will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

Benedict Akin Olagbaju - September 07, 2023 at 06:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oluwatosin "Yemi" Olayemi Olagbaju.



September 06, 2023 at 02:56 AM



“ The Hearts & Spirits of the Turner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Oluwatosin "Yemi" Olayemi Olagbaju.

The Hearts & Spirits of the Turner Family - September 05, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ DEAREST YEMI,
YOU WERE A KING HERE ON EARTH WITH US AND I'M SURE YOU ARE A KING NOW SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF OUR BELOVED GOD. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO BEGIN TO EXPRESS THE SADNESS THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER IN OUR MIDST. IT'S ONLY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I WAS CHOSEN TO HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO KNOW YOU THAT COMFORTS ME. YOUR QUICK WIT AND INFECTIOUS LAUGH WAS ONLY MATCHED BY YOUR SMILE AND KIND SOUL. YOU WILL BE FOREVER MISSED MY DDS BROTHER. THE PRIVILEGE WAS OURS. GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SORROW AND MAY HIS ARMS COMFORT THEM. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE YOU AND THERE NEVER WILL BE. TIL WE MEET AGAIN MY BROTHER.

YOUR SISTER AND CO-WORKER,
ROSEMARIE JOINER

ROSEMARIE JOINER - September 05, 2023 at 05:23 PM

EB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Yemi. Rest in paradise Yemi, you will be missed around DDS.*

Ebony - September 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM

OJ

He was just an officer and a gentleman. His humility and meekness were unparalleled. He will be highly missed. He came quietly; make his marks and departed quietly. He didn't want to bother anyone as a matter of habit. Loved by all and he was always wanted to render help and be there for all even when it wasn't convenient. May the Lord comfort the family especially, his wife and his daughter. Rest in perfect peace

ola Johnson - September 05, 2023 at 03:43 PM

PC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Perinchief Chapels - September 05, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AD

Bro yemi may your loving and kindhearted soul rest in peace. (Amen).

Ayo Daniel - September 05, 2023 at 08:27 PM

NO

An Angel has left the earth but his influence lives forever. Sleep well my friend, my brother and my coworker.

Noble - September 06, 2023 at 01:52 PM

ED

I will miss Yemi's smile and his easy demeanor. He was so nice and helpful. I worked with him for 7yrs and he always had something nice to say. I will miss his presence in the DDS office.

Edna - September 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM

TA

When Yemi said "my sister" to me it was more than symbolic. As an only child I truly believe that Yemi is closest to a brother I will ever know. For this descendant of kidnapped Africans, who has to get DNA tests and research genealogy to try to find out exactly who my people in Africa are, Yemi made the sense of Africa as the continent of my origin and Africans as my people and family real. I will always be thankful and empowered by the gift and blessing from God and the ancestors of knowing him. I pray I will be worthy to come even close to living my life to honor, celebrate and cherish Yemi's life and culture to the lofty heights of which I believe he made so deserving. God bless and keep the Yoruba people, the Olagbaju family and the radiant soul of my brother Yemi.

Tanya - September 11, 2023 at 01:52 PM

AJ

Yemi, my brother, my son. We loved u but God love u more. U did ur assignment perfectly well and left a legacy which we all hope to follow through God's grace in Jesus name Amen. Ur wife and child, friends and loved ones will remember u always. God will take care of all ur loved ones in particular ur daughter and her mother.

Mama J

Augusta Jacobs - September 13, 2023 at 01:51 PM

AB

I worked with Yemi for several years at the Trenton DDS and as his supervisor from 2012 to 2019. More importantly, he was a good, warm-spirited and caring friend.

Yemi was a dedicated Senior Claims Adjudicator and his work ethic was unmatched. More often than not, he was so engrossed in his work way past the end of his shift and others would have to nudge him to pack up and leave. On days that we ended our shift at the same time or worked overtime, Yemi insisted on waiting for me to ensure I was not alone in the office for safety reasons. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He was the unit's go to person when it came to our standard operating procedures which we call the POMS. He mastered his craft and was quick to explain the nuances and the grey areas. Yemi was stickler for accuracy and achieved 100% in this category for most of his years with the DDS. He was a team player and also provided excellent customer service to our disabled citizens of NJ.

When it came to relationships with friends and colleagues in the office, he was compassionate, warmhearted, helpful witty and insightful.

Yemi! You will forever be in my heart and thoughts. You made your mark by being an amazing person and you touched my life as well as your co-workers in a positive way. You will certainly be sorely missed by your DDS Family.

May you rest peacefully in our Lord's bosom.

Bosede, Olayemi and the entire Olagbaju family, my sincere condolences to you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the peace of God that passes all understanding be with you as you grieve and may the sweet memories of Yemi keep his light alive.

Admira Boama-Sefah

Admira Boama-Sefah - September 16, 2023 at 07:09 PM