



## BIOGRAPHY OF

# Dr. Joseph Alabi Akintobi

July 5th, 1935 – October 1st, 2015

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## Early Years

Joseph Alabi Akintobi, Ph.D. was born July 5th, 1935 to Mr. Tijani Akintobi and Mrs. Comfort Ebun Akintobi of Alegile Village in Odeda Local Government of Ogun State. His father died when he was about 3 months old. His mother remarried his step-father Mr. Moses Majekodunmi of Ikereku, a cocoa and kolanut farmer. He lived with them at Elebute Village near Ilogbo Ota, Ogun State. He relocated to live with his uncle, Mr. Samuel Sorunke, a washman, where he started his primary education. He helped his uncle with his laundry business through delivery to clients.

## Primary Education

He started his primary education at Oke-Ona United Primary School in Ikereku, Abeokuta. He moved back to Elebute Village with his parents and finished his primary education at St. Andrew School, Ipaja. He was living in Abeokuta with his uncle in 1950 when he passed his entrance examination for his secondary education at Abeokuta Grammar School.

## Secondary Education

- 1952: Started as a day student at Abeokuta Grammar School
- 1954: Moved into the boarding house at Abeokuta Grammar School on a school Scholarship
  - 1957: Completed secondary education at Abeokuta Grammar School with Grade 1 school certificate and was a school prefect in 1957
- 1957-1959: High school education for his GCE advance level at Abeokuta Grammar School and was also a school prefect in 1958
- 1959: He was the senior prefect at Abeokuta Grammar School

## Graduate and Postgraduate Education

- 1960: Retained as Physics Teacher at Abeokuta Grammar School given his exceptional brilliance
  - 1960-1963: Complete undergraduate studies at University of Ibadan where he completed a Bachelors of Science in Physics. (B.Sc. Physics) He graduated with second class upper on scholarship
  - 1963-1964: Returned to teach briefly at Abeokuta Grammar School and taught Physics and Mathematics up to the sixth form. During this time, he also taught physics and mathematics at Baptist Boys High School and UMC School Ibadan
  - 1964-1967: Demonstrator in Physics Laboratory, University of Ibadan
- 1965-1970: Post graduate studies in the PhD Program of the University of Ibadan. His doctoral thesis was entitled Earth and Geomagnetic Currents in Nigeria. Graduated PhD Physics in 1970
  - 1971-1972: Completed post-doctoral fellowship in the Geomagnetic Division of Earth and Physics Branch, Department of Energy and Mine Resources, University of Ottawa Canada

## Work History

- 1960-1964: Taught physics and mathematics during his summer holiday at University of Ibadan, Abeokuta Grammar School, Baptist Boys High, United Methodist College and Abeokuta Girls Grammar School
- 1967-1974: Lecturer in Physics and Laboratory Technology for B.Sc. Student, University of Ibadan
  - 1974-1977: Lecturer, Physics Department of Polytechnic Ibadan, Oyo State
  - 1977-1979: Acting Head of Department of Physics, Polytechnic Ibadan, Oyo State
  - 1979-1981: Founding Head of Preliminary Studies Ogun State Polytechnic, Ogun State
- 1981-1984: Head of Department of Physics and Mathematics Ogun State Polytechnic, Ogun State
- 1984-1992: Founding Principal, Greater Tomorrow Educational Institute, Benin City, Edo State
  - 1992-1997: Proprietor, Jalak Educational Institute Abeokuta, Ogun State

## Professional Affiliations and Civic Engagements

- Physics Examiner and Head Marker, West African Examination Council, 1964-2014
- Member Anglican Christian Fellowship St. John's Church, Igbein, Abeokuta 1970-2015
- Chief Examiner, West African Examination Council (WAEC) Advance Level Physics, 1977-1982
  - Chairman, The Polytechnic Ibadan Staff Club, 1977-1978
    - Member, Lisabi Elite Club, Abeokuta, 1970-2015
    - Club 030, Ibadan, 1975-1995
  - Member, Ogun State Polytechnic Governing Council, 1981-1983
- Chairman, Board of Governors Baptist Boys High School, Abeokuta, 1997-2001
  - Member, Lisabi Festival Main Committee, 2005-2015
- Vice Chairman of Education, Subcommittee, Lisabi Festival Celebration, 2005-2015
  - Member, Joint Action Committee of All Clubs, Egbandan
    - AGBOSA Club 527
  - Member, Egba Science Education Foundation, 2005-2015
- Chairman, Research Committee, Egba Science Foundation, 2005-2015
  - One of five Trustees, Lisabi Elite Club, Abeokuta, 2015

# Family

He married Bernice Oluyemi Somide on September 11th, 1965 in Abeokuta

## Children

Akintunde Oluseyi Akintobi

Adebayo Akindele Akintobi

Olugboyega Akinyinka Akintobi

Oluwafemi Akinkunle Akintobi (Deceased)

Tolulope Yewande Oduyemi Nee Akintobi (Deceased)

## Grandchildren

Omowunmi Akintobi

Akinde Akintobi

Akinpelumi Akintobi

Ifelola Akintobi

Ayomideji Akintobi

Abiola Akintobi

Akinwale Akintobi

Ibukun Akintobi

Tolulope Oduyemi