

· IN LOVING MEMORY OF ·

Nathan Olumola Oshikanlu



19th November 1938 - 26th July 2022

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11:30AM

Order of the day



FUNERAL TALK AT 11:30

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
Ealing Green
London W5 5EN
&
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
27 Brockley Rise
London SE23 1JG

BURIAL AT 1:30

Grove Park Cemetery
Marvels Lane,
London SE 12 9PU

RECEPTION AT 3:30PM

Honor Oak Community Centre
50 Turnham Road
London SE4 2JD

Programme



Chairman	Anthony Dawson
Opening Song	Song 151 He Will Call Job 14:13-15
Opening Prayer	Anthony Dawson
Funeral Discourse	Tim Young
Closing Song	Song 140 Life Without An End-At Last! John 3:16
Closing Prayer	Robert Golbourne
Graveside Talk and Prayer	Wayne Jones
Song By Graveside	Song 139 See Yourself When All Is New Revelation 21:1-5

Life Story

NATHAN OLUWAMOLAGA OSHIKANLU

Nathan Oluwamolaga Oshikanlu was born on the 19th November 1938, in Imupa, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State of Nigeria to late Pa Emmanuel Aina Oshikanlu and Regina Oladunni Oshikanlu (Nee Neye).

He was raised in the truth from early childhood as his parents left the Anglican Church in the mid- 30s and became Jehovah's Witnesses. He became convinced of the religious teachings imparted to him by his parents and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on 24th December, 1954. He never once turned back from his implicit faith in Jehovah.

Nathan started his formal primary school education at St. Saviour's School, Ijebu-Ode from 1946 to 1953. He later gained admission to Ijebu-Ode Grammar School for his Secondary School education from 1954 to 1959.

After his secondary school, he was employed by the Nigerian Railway Corporation in October, 1960 in the Personnel Department as a Clerk Grade 2. As time went on, he decided to make his secular career with the Nigerian Railway Corporation as a result of the many Personnel Management Training Courses he received. He was sponsored by the Corporation to attend a six-month intensive course at the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) to study Public Administration. He attended other advanced and intensive courses in Industrial Relations, Manpower Development and Organisation and Methods.

He rose through the ranks and by dint of hard work, he rose to the post of Assistant Director (Personnel, Manpower Development and Training) on his retirement on 26th October, 1995 after 35 years of illustrious and meritorious service. He was an Associate Member of the Institute of Personnel Management (Nigeria)

Nathan married Adenike Oyinola (now Honey; nee Otubushin) on 10th February, 1973. Their marriage was blessed with three children – Ruth (Tosin), Nick (Olu) and Michael (Banky) and four grandchildren – Joshua, Lilly, Carsten and Steffen.

Nathan loved people and the ministry. Before migrating to England in December 2004, he volunteered his time in helping people to come to the accurate knowledge of Jehovah, a testament to his pioneering spirit.

Nathan loved children and enjoyed his tennis, football and travelling. He was a passionate Chelsea and Brentford Football Club supporter, which influenced his first grandson, Joshua to follow in his footsteps. He loved learning to keep his brain young and alert. On arriving in London, he successfully completed a course in CLAIT Computing. He later completed a course in British Sign Language in his grandson's Primary School, and learned Spanish as such languages were useful in his Christian ministry and also to encourage his grandson who also learned Spanish at school.

As we reflect on Nathan's 67 years of dedicated service to his loving heavenly Father Jehovah, we look forward to the time when he will be resurrected into the restored paradise by Jehovah God our great Shepherd. It is not all over for Nathan. He remains safely in Jehovah's memory and we eagerly await welcoming him back to life.

SONG 151
HE WILL CALL
(JOB 14:13-15)

1. Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,
Then disappears tomorrow.
All that we are can quickly fade away,
Replaced with tears and sorrow.
If a man should die, can he live again?
Hear the promise God has made:

(CHORUS)

He will call; The dead will answer.
They will live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we will live forever,
As the work of his own hand.

2. Friends of our God, though they may pass away,
Will never be forsaken.
All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay,
From death he will awaken.
Then we'll come to see all that life can be:
Paradise eternally.

(CHORUS)

He will call; The dead will answer.
They will live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we will live forever,
As the work of his own hand.

(See also John 6:40; 11:11, 43; Jas. 4:14.)

SONG 140
LIFE WITHOUT END-AT LAST
(JOHN 3:16)

1. Can you see with your mind's eye,
Peoples dwelling together?
Sorrow has passed. Peace at last!
Life without tears or pain.

(CHORUS)

Sing out with joy of heart!
You too can have a part.
Live for the day when you'll say,
"Life without end, at last!"

2. In those days all will be young,
All at peace with Jehovah.
Troubles are gone, from now on,
No need to weep or fear.

(CHORUS)

Sing out with joy of heart!
You too can have a part.
Live for the day when you'll say,
"Life without end, at last!"

3. Paradise all will enjoy
As we sing of God's glory.
Long as we live, we will give
Honor and praise to God.

(CHORUS)

Sing out with joy of heart!
You too can have a part.
Live for the day when you'll say,
"Life without end, at last!"

(See also Job 33:25; Ps. 72:7; Rev. 21:4.)

CEMETERY
SONG 139
SEE YOURSELF WHEN ALL IS NEW
(REVELATION 21:1-5)

1. Just see yourself, just see me too;
Just see us all in a world that is new.
Think how you'll feel, how it will be,
To live in peace, to be truly free.
No evil one will then prevail;
Rule by our God cannot ever fail.
The time will have come for a new earthly start,
The song of our praises will pour out from our heart:

(CHORUS) "We thank you, our God, for all you have done.
All things are new by the rule of your Son.
The fullness of our heart overflows in our song;
All glory and honour and praise to you belong."

2. Now see yourself, and see me too;
And look ahead to a world that is new.
No sight we see, no sound we hear
Will cause alarm or give rise to fear.
All has come true, just as he said;
Now over mankind, his tent is spread.
He now will awaken those sleeping in death;
Their voices will join ours with ev'ry grateful breath:

(CHORUS) "We thank you, our God, for all you have done.
All things are new by the rule of your Son.
The fullness of our heart overflows in our song;
All glory and honor and praise to you belong."

(See also Ps. 37:10, 11; Isa. 65:17; John 5:28; 2 Pet. 3:13.)



Appreciation

We, the family of Nathan Olumola Oshikanlu, wish to express our profound gratitude to all relatives, Christian brothers and sisters, friends and well-wishers, who by their presence, kind words, encouragement and support have shown how deeply they cared for him and the pain they feel at the loss of such a beloved man.

May Jehovah protect and reward you all as you return to your respective homes and beyond (Ruth 2:12)