**PASTOR CLINTION ORLUNWO BENJAMIN**

(February 19th 1962 – May 2nd, 2023)

**FUNERAL ORATION**

This particular moment marks the sad eclipse in the sun of a great son, brother, father, uncle, in-law, friend and well-wisher. My people – family members, friends and well-wishers, confined and lying in this beautiful casket is the lifeless (but once active) body of a great man whose sojourn on planet earth has culminated in this requiem today. Beholding his intimidating presence today lying there – majestic even in death, who would have thought that, on the 19th day of February, 1962, the little bright-eyed boy born in Ogbele, Ahaoda-East Local Government Area of Rivers State, Nigeria would grow into the colossus whose life and times we are all gathered today to celebrate? To all here gathered to do him honor, I, therefore, crave your indulgence to embark on this admissibly herculean task of encapsulating the biography of an icon.

**Early Life and Education**

Pastor Clinton Orlunwo Benjamin attended State School, Ogbele - Ahaoda for his primary education; St. Aquinas’s Secondary School, Elele, Rivers State, for his secondary education, after which he proceeded to the School of Journalism (Time Journalism Institute), Lagos from where he bagged a Diploma in Journalism. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in Theology and also, a myriad of certificates in Christian theology from prestigious bible colleges home and abroad. He is also a professional member of The Nigerian Institute of Public Relations. He also has in his kitty, Certificates from other numerous professional courses attended.

**Career**

A veteran Investigative Journalist who has served in the print media with Daily Times, Vanguard and Lagos Weekend. He served as Editor-in-Chief Market Guide and other numerous Newsletters. He is a doyen in print and publishing, a manager of men and materials, Pastor Clinton Benjamin started his publishing firm Ben Communications in 1995.

Pastor Clinton is a revered minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, his Spirit-filled and anointed leadership helps him cater for a dynamic, multifaceted and global ministry. As a pastor, teacher, healing minister, writer and author, Pastor Clinton daily exudes an insatiable passion to reach the peoples of the world with God's message of the kingdom revealing Christ; a divine commission he has diligently focused on fulfilling for more than 35 years.

**Positions Held**

He held various positions of high responsibility in his career and ministry. As a journalist, he was Editor-in-chief for Market Guide From 1974 – 1983. He was Youth Pastor and Resident Pastor of Restoration Land – National Headquarters and until death, he was the Pastor in charge of Triumphant Land, Overcomers world outreach. He is also a distinguished member of the Apostolic Impact Global mission.

**Honours/Titles Garnered**

The Men of Faith Fellowship, which he was a committed member of, in recognition of his long-standing commitments and contributions, honored him with a Special Service Award in 2021.

**Marriage**

He is married to Mrs. Grace Benjamin and the marriage is blessed with four children.

**Peroration**

A giant star has dimmed and a colossus has taken his exit. Even in death, your figure looms. Mere words cannot successfully unveil you – a rare gift to humanity. All men are born equal; not all leaders. Posterity, no doubt, has left its asterisk against your records in its annals. Naturally, we feel a sense of hollow occasioned by your departure, but we are consoled by the fact that your life is a testimony of great deeds. We are content with the litany of encomiums and eulogies pouring in your name from all quarters. Therefore, with sweet words of all gathered here today, with fond memories we shared as a family, with dear words of love from your wife, children, friends and relatives here present, with strong belief in the Christian faith, and with solemn words of prayer, we bid you farewell till we meet to part no more.

Adieu! Pastor Clinton.

He is survived by:

1. Mrs. Grace Benjamin - Wife
2. Mr. Joshua Benjamin - Son
3. Ms. Chinomso Benjamin - Daughter
4. Mr. Archineme Benjamin – Son
5. Mr. Owuzechi Benjamin - Son

**Oration by Joshua Benjamin (For the family).**