



David N. Dike

August 16, 1949 - December 29, 2020

David Ndubueze Dike left this earth on Tuesday, December 29th, 2020 at the age of 71. David worked as a chemical engineer for Dupont for approximately 30 years in Houston, New Jersey, and Delaware. He had a caring heart - and was an active member of both his church and local community groups. He was a terrific Father, Husband, Godfather, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother, Son, Mentor, Partner, and Friend. David now rests in peace with the love of his life, Valerie Dike, who was laid to rest in 2013.

David was born in Nigeria and extremely proud of his heritage. He came to the United States in the 1970s to pursue an education and quickly found loving friends and family that embraced him immediately. As he established himself as a successful student and professional in the United States, he stayed committed to helping his family in Nigeria. David will ultimately be remembered for the passion he had for his family, and his successful pursuit of the American Dream.

David is survived by his son, Chima Dike and wife Susie; daughters, Lauren and Lindsay Dike; his grandchildren, Mena and Allyn; his brothers: Ralph, Kevin, Eze, Timothy, Luke, and Emeka; and his sisters: Elizabeth, Lorita, and Ngozi. He was preceded in death by his parents, Justin and Beatrice Dike; and his sister, Pauline.

Per COVID protocol, a private burial service was held on January 5th, 2021 at All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington, Delaware. Contributions in memory of David may be directed to the Knights of Columbus (www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/index.html), where David was a committed volunteer for much of his life.

He was a terrific Father. The Best.

Cemetery

Private

Comments



“ To Chima, Lindsay and Lauren,
We are so sorry to hear about your father's passing. Dave was a great friend and neighbor for more than 25 years. He was a kind, caring and generous man. His family meant the world to him, which was reflected whenever he spoke of them. Dave will be missed greatly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in peace, John and Stephanie

John Inglesby - January 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Dave was a cousin and friend: we were both born and grew up together at Port Harcourt, Nigeria in the nineteen fifties. At the end of the Biafran war in 1970, we both went back to school at the same high school - Isu High School at our ancestral home town in Old Isu; Dave was an all-round student and excelled in various subjects. We both briefly pursued different endeavors immediately at the end of High School before coming to the United States in pursuit of the golden fleece. Dave surmounted obstacles that very few people could conquer, put himself through college and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in record time. He got hired at Dupont right from the University on graduation and spent his entire career working there as a Senior Process Engineer. In 1977, he married the love of his life, Valerie now deceased, and they had three nice children - Chima (son), Lauren and Lindsay (twin daughters). I and Dave were always in touch with each other, and he visited me at Columbus, OH as often as his busy schedule permitted. I never felt lonely in the United States with Dave a phone call away to converse with and discuss any personal matter. The sudden news of his passing struck me like a thunderbolt, and he will continue to be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him in his lifetime.
May the gentle soul of Dave Dike rest in peace, Amen.

Nnamdi Ibe - March 30 at 02:13 PM



“ More family photos to share



susanna dike - January 09, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE BROTHER, ENGR. DAVID DIKE (1949-2020)

For every living being there comes a time to depart from this world and transcend to the realm beyond our imagination.

For this reason death is deeply entrenched in our way of life.

The passing away of our brother, Engr. David Ndubueze Dike, on 29th December, 2020, in far away USA came to all of us as a rude shock.

It left lots of us in the family and many others in grief.

David Dike attended Township School Port Harcourt, which then was considered as a special and privileged school for the rich next in class to St Nicholas School in Port Harcourt GRA of those days.

Dave seemed like an introvert but was quick and good at making friends especially those of high profile network.

This aspect of him came handy and was critical for the survival of the family during the Nigerian-Biafran War where he served in the Mobile Medical Corps with the likes of renowned Dr. Alexander Ohiaeri.

DD, as we fondly called him, had good memory for dates of events and faces of people. He recalled them with ease.

The performances he posted at secondary school level were remarkable and amazing with little resources from the war bartered Biafra.

In the early 70's, at age 22, he emigrated to Connecticut, USA.

He pursued further studies in his new state of residence and at some point moved to Texas before he joined DuPont as a graduate of Chemical Engineering and remained with the company even after retirement on part-time basis.

In his sojourn, he decided to make family with Valerie Campinha now late who bore him a boy and twin girls.

Within his neighbourhood, Dave was known to be an ardent exercise freak and was without any known disabilities making his age at 71 years look like mere numbers.

It was difficult for him to overcome the passage to eternal glory of his dear wife, Valerie Dike.

Engr. David Ndubueze Dike is survived by three full grown children, 1 boy, twin girls and a grand child.

He did not recoil following the big blow but remained active with travelling, exercising

and fulfilling his life dreams.

Dave's body was buried right beside his dearest wife on Tuesday 5th January, 2021, at the Newark Cemetery, Newark City, Delaware, USA, just as he wished.

We his immediate family will miss him so much for his caring attribute and knowing indeed that a chapter is closed.

May God grant him eternal rest.
Amen.

Timothy Dike Brother - January 08, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“Wow! What a huge loss! You can see a common theme about David's great smile and ability to easily laugh. My most sincere condolences to David's family. He spoke of you often and I'm sure you will miss him dearly. I will also miss working with him.

Godspeed my Friend...

Frank Tyler

Frank Tyler - January 08, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ TRIBUTE TO MY LATE ELDER BROTHER; ENGR. DAVID DIKE (1949-2020)

Dying is for the living.

For this reason death is deeply entrenched in our way of life.

The death that snatched my elder brother, Engr. David Ndubueze Dike, away on 29th December, 2020, in far away USA came too close.

It was sudden and shocking.

It left lots of us in the family and many others in grief.

At 10:am today Tuesday, 5th January, 2021,(4:00pm Nigerian time) in Newark City of Delaware State, USA, his remains will be laid to rest.

I treasure some pleasant memories of him right from our growing days up to our last discussion and exchange of pleasantries on 26th December, 2020.

I remember vividly the protective cover he provided for me against bullies in our play group of those early growing up days in the city of Port Harcourt.

He was the most elitist of my siblings, probably because he attended Township School Port Harcourt, which we considered then as special and privileged school for the rich next in class to St Nicholas School in Port Harcourt GRA of those days.

He earned a special place in our mother's heart being projected as her father-reincarnate. We appreciate the sequence of passage to eternal glory that took her before him.

My elder brother was quick and good at making friends and some us benefited from his high profile network of friends and this may continue even now that he is no more.

This aspect of him came handy and was critical for our survival during the Nigerian-Biafran War where he served in the Mobile Medical Corps with the likes of renowned Dr Alexander Ohiaeri.

DD, as we fondly called him, had good memory for dates of events and faces of people. He recalled them with ease.

I was briefly his "orderly" at secondary school immediately after the Nigerian-Biafran War.

The performances he posted at secondary school level were remarkable and amazing with little resources from the war bartered Biafra.

He found his way to Connecticut, USA in the early 1970ties in pursuit of further studies after which he joined DuPont and remained with the company even after

retirement on part-time basis.

As an ardent exercise freak, he was without any known disabilities and made his age at 71 years look like mere numbers.

He was full of life that even bubbles.

It was difficult for him to overcome the passage to eternal glory of his dear wife, Valerie Dike.

I trust that his spirit will be at peace as he is buried in the same Newark cemetery beside Valerie, his dear wife; This was his wish.

May God grant him eternal rest.
Amen.

Chief (Engr.) Kevin Uche Dike.

Kevin U Dike his brother - January 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Dave N Dike was the third child of my parents and was the smartest among us. He was the human encyclopedia, he will give you an answer without thinking twice that we in the family will always call him if in doubt of anything. Growing up I remember him as an outgoing, friendly person who can easily make friends with anybody at any given time. As a young person I heard his peers call him DD (Dave Dike) and my mom calls him Nnam Ekegbu (her father) because Dave was her father reincarnate and that earned him a special privilege from our mom. My brother Dave was the one who worried and liked to protect us, Dave was so humbled that he will be the first to greet you or sorry to anyone irrespective of your age. As we were coming back from my mom's burial March 2019, at the airport he wanted to show his gentility and I refused because I understood the environment better than him, therefore I played big brother in dealing with the touts at the airport. Seven years ago, the LOVE of his life went to be with the Lord and that took a lot out of him, but now both are together again in everlasting peace. Dave, I will forever miss you and I thank you for all you did for me and the Love you showed to my kids.
Eze Mark Dike

Eze Mark Dike his brother - January 08, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ Dave was one of the first people I met from DuPont Parlin, and one of the best. Always kind, always generous with his time, and generally radiating positive energy.

Rest in Peace, Dave.



Veronique Oomen - January 08, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Dave was a great friend and mentor to me. He always had a smile and a kind word to cheer me up when I was down.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Rich Derer - January 08, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Dave, he was a fun guy. Sorry for the loss.

Bernard - January 08, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. I worked with David at DuPont in NJ and DE and he always gravitated towards me for computer/technology help. We had quite the laugh when I would show him some new shortcut and then later he would admit he forgot but would write it down this time. Always smiling. And always proud of his family. He was always sharing stories about going to visit his kids. We will def miss seeing him around. God Bless, Melissa Miller

Melissa Miller - January 07, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ To All David's friends and family, I worked with David over the past few years at the DuPont Experimental Station. He will be missed, I will never forget his infectious smile and laugh!
He was very proud of and loved his family very much which was evident thru shared stories occasionally.
Godspeed David

Mark Pezick - January 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ My father loved to laugh and had an incredible smile . He was happiest around his friends and family, whom he cherished deeply and equally .



Lindsay Dike - January 07, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Susanna Dike - January 07, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ Dave was a kind gunny gentleman.
A friend of Rosanna's,
Debbie Christiana

Debbie Christiana - January 07, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Kind and funny gentleman

Debbie Christiana - January 07, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ David was such a kind person and had a smile and laugh that could light up a room. It was a pleasure to work with him and he will be missed. Thoughts & prayers to his family.

Elysia Petka - January 07, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ My heart is heavy to hear this. David was one of the nicest person I have ever met. I loved to hear his stories, his kindness and smile along with his professionalism will surely be missed! My thoughts and prayers are sent above.

Christine Hendrickson - January 07, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I had the opportunity to meet and work with David at the ESL Powerhouse on many of our Projects that David coordinated. He was a tremendous person, whom I got to know not only as a colleague, but more importantly as a friend. I will miss him terrible as well as all the folks here at the Powerhouse, He was wonderful man.
God Bless, Chris Cooper

Chris Cooper - January 08, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ David was such a kind and wonderful person and I greatly enjoyed working with him at DuPont. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to his family.

Nicole DiMond - January 08, 2021 at 01:36 PM



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Josie Campinha-Bacote - January 07, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ From Lawrence & Florence Okehie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David N. Dike.



From Lawrence & Florence Okehie - January 04, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David N. Dike.



January 04, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David N. Dike.



January 03, 2021 at 12:49 PM