

# Oladele Ojo-Osagie

*From Glory  
November 25, 1943*

*Returned to Glory  
December 31, 2024*



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Saturday, March 1, 2025  
100 P.M. | Memorial

**McCoy & Harrison Funeral Home Chapel**  
4918 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77021

**Rev. DeWayne Lark, Officiating**  
**Visions Ministries**

## Obituary

**Oladele Ojo-Osagie** was born November 25, 1943, in Benin City, Nigeria. Benin City was the capital of one of the most advanced and organized Kingdoms in Africa before the arrival of the British. He died December 31, 2024, at home in Houston, Texas. **Oladele** translates to “**wealth and prosperity have arrived home.**” His father was Chief Samuel Ojo-Osagie and his mother was Adesiyun Olaogun Ojo-Osagie. He was raised a Christian in a polygamous family, he was the youngest male of a very large clan. He grew up speaking Bini, Yoruba, and English. He received his primary and high school education in Nigeria. He was the captain of his high school soccer team.

He was married at a young age to Anne Amadasun Ojo-Osagie; and this union produced a son, Phillip.

**Oladele** moved to the United States to further his education in 1970. He attended Waukesha County Technical Institute in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1974 he earned an Associate in Applied Science in Combustion Engines Technology from Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduation he attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. In 1975 he moved to Houston, Texas and transferred to Texas Southern University. In 1977 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology. He was educated to design, build and repair automotive engines. Because of racism he only received one interview with an automobile manufacturer. He was asked to interview because they thought Osagie was a Japanese name. He worked as a Diesel Mechanic, and was employed by Big Three Industries, Air Liquide and JB Hunt. He was last employed by First Transit Group where he repaired Houston Metro buses. He retired in 2021.

**Oladele** was a quiet, proud, independent man who lived his life his way. He was a fighter, he never let anyone take advantage of him. He took bosses to task when treated unfairly. He sued attorneys for inadequate legal representation. He has won more than one case in Small Claims Court. **Oladele** believed in Family First. He paid for the education of numerous nephews and nieces. He looked forward to his visits to Nigeria to see family and friends.

He was a traveler, visiting nearly half of the US states, Belize, Canada, Jamaica and Mexico. He loved Nigerian food, pizza and pecan pie. Some of his favorite things to do were lounging on the couch, tinkering with his beloved Classic 1978 green Chevy Malibu, and watching TV, specifically wrestling, westerns, action shows/movies, and comedies. He enjoyed listening to music by Fela Anikulapo Kuti, Yinka Ayefele, Barry White, Whitney Houston, Sade and Kirk Franklin.

Doris J. Cleveland first entered his life in 1979. They married on January 1, 2005. Their birthdays are three days apart and were alike in many ways. He was blessed with relatively good health until he suffered a stroke early August 2023, which eventually led to his death. She supervised his health care and was by his side until he took his last breath.

He is survived by his wife, Doris J Cleveland; son, Phillip Iwinosa Ojo-Osagie; grandchildren, Daniel, Kierston and Phillip Jr; sisters: Subola Ojo-Osagie, Roselin Ojo-Osagie, and Alaba Ojo-Osagie, all residents of Nigeria and Taiye Ojo-Osagie, resident of England; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

**Oladele** requested that his remains be cremated.



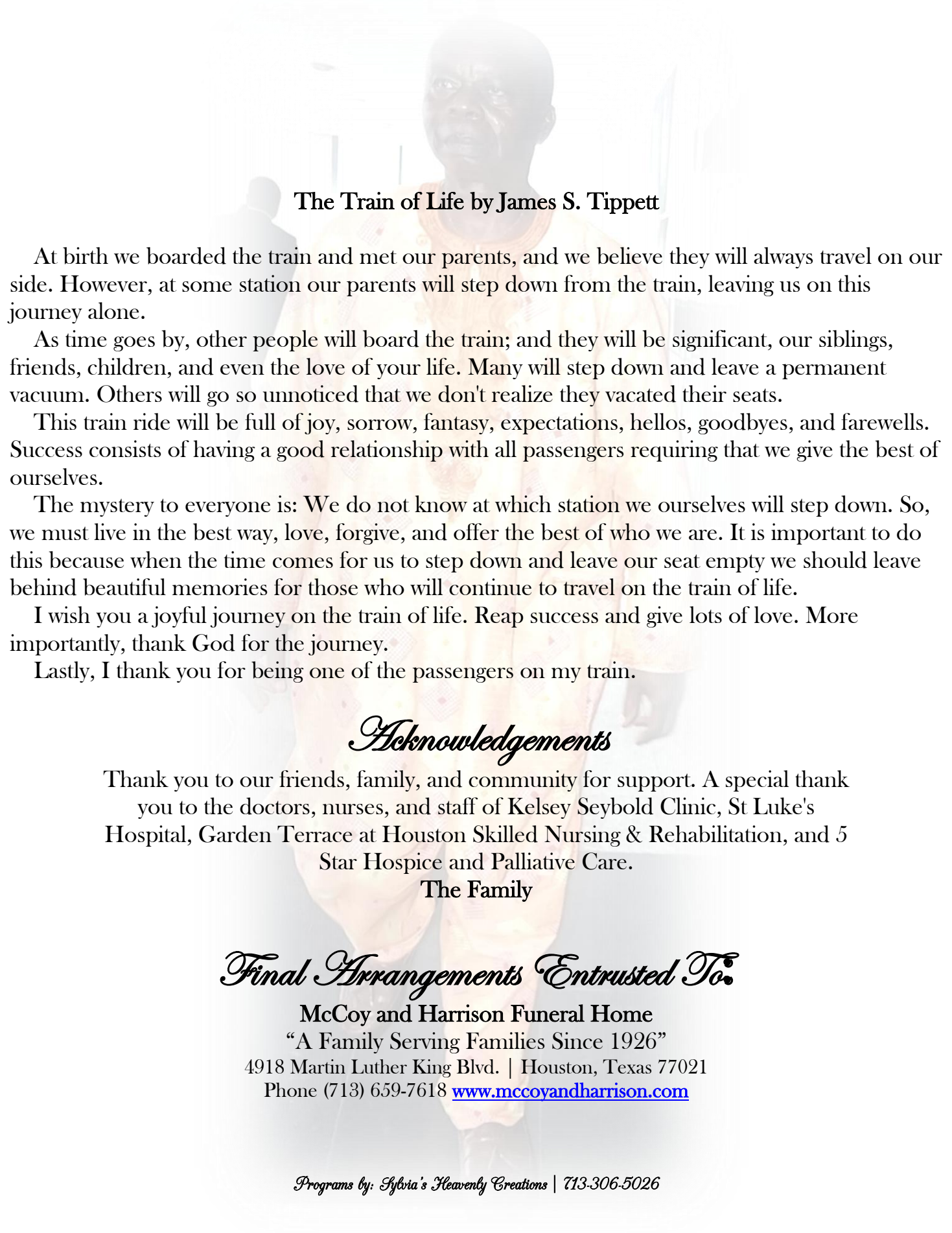
# *Order of Service*

Program Facilitator	Ms. Rita Washington
Words of Welcome	Mrs. Trula Samuel
Prayer of Comfort	Ms. Rita Washington
Scripture	Rev. George Milligan
Words of Encouragement	Mr. Earnest Goodrich
Words of Support	Mr. Kofi Taharka
Silent Reading of Obituary	
Video Presentation	
Expressions	
Acknowledgements	Ms. Rita Washington
Musical Selection	Ms. Gwendolyn Price Harris
Eulogy	Rev. DeWayne Lark Visions Ministries
Benediction	Rev. DeWayne Lark

## *African Proverb*

“No one ever dies, so long as someone living says their name.”

“I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.” **Leo Buscaglia**



## The Train of Life by James S. Tippet

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

### *Acknowledgements*

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The Family

### *Final Arrangements Entrusted To:*

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