



Ashimiu Adewale Oba

July 25, 1962 - February 23, 2025

Ashimiu Adewale Oba, (known affectionately by all as “Oba”) passed peacefully away Sunday, February 23, 2025 at VCU Medical Center following a brief and sudden illness at the age of 62. Oba was born July 25, 1962 to Mulikatu Saka Oba (mother; deceased) and Biliaminu Oba (father; deceased) in Lagos, Nigeria. One of the oldest of 11, Oba was highly regarded as a devoted son, brother, and uncle to many in his family.

As an extremely successful tennis player in Nigeria, Oba was named one of the top junior players in his state. Oba arrived to the United States in January of 1981 on a scholarship to play tennis for Hampton Institute (University). He later transferred to Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia, to play tennis and complete his studies, earning a Bachelor’s of Science degree in economics. While there, Oba developed lifelong friendships with many, including his college tennis mates who, together, excelled at winning many matches.

Following completion of his studies, Oba enlisted in the United States Army, serving the country as a proud soldier during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Later, Oba went on to enlist in the U.S. Air Force National Guard where he served several more years before his honorable discharge from military service. A proud Veteran, Oba could be seen in later years at many local Veteran events and throughout his community supporting and being a

voice for other Veterans. It was during his military years that Oba also had his first child, Ashlei Oba, adding the title of father to his most treasured accomplishments.

Oba began his second career following the military with his return to Petersburg and employment with Erni Components, where he worked as a warehouse manager and met the love of his life, Rosalyn Vanessa Oba (Jackson). Meeting in 1991, Oba and Rosalyn quickly became an inseparable pair, marrying in 2004 and having their daughter, Raven, in 2009. Oba completed his professional career as a Counselor at Riverside Jail in Prince George, Virginia, demonstrating his ongoing commitment and desire to always help others.

In his later years, when not spending time with his beloved family, you would often find Oba on the golf course, playing golf with his regular golf buddies Doc, Will, Eric, AJ, and Cliff. Never quite letting go of his competitive tennis spirit, golf brought Oba much joy and he played, and often won, every day.

Throughout his life, Oba never forgot about others – always giving back through philanthropy, mentorship, leadership and more. Wise and giving, Oba could often be found sharing advice, wisdom, or a good home-cooked Nigerian dish with others.

A devoted husband, caring father, great friend, mentor, leader, family man, and well respected individual, Oba leaves a legacy of a life well lived. The epitome of resilience, tenacity, leadership, and strength, Oba will forever be a model of compassion and strength to all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rosalyn; daughters, Raven and Ashlei (Frankie; West Virginia); three grandchildren, Aspyn, Ace and Abe (West Virginia); ten Timothy Olatunbosun Oba (brother; Lagos, Nigera),

Adekunle Ayodeji (brother; Lagos, Nigeria), Olabode Musiliu Oba (brother; California), and Silifat Oba (Shobande; sister), Nimota Abimbola Oba (Oyedele; sister), Kuburat Oba (sister), Afusat Oba (Oyedele; sister), Kehinde Mojisola Oba (Adenekan; sister), Jamiu Olanrewaju Oba (brother), Balikis Oba (sister), Safiat Oba (sister), Lagos Nigeria; mother-in-law, Bertina Brown (Petersburg); three sister-in-laws, Tameca Harris-Jackson, Chandra Harris-Jackson (Florida), and Sheila Brown (Petersburg); a few of his closest friends, Sonny Aye and Andrew Mutemba (Chesterfield), 1982-83 VSU Tennis Team, Cassian Chima Ugworji, Leke Suara, Adeyemi, Adekoya, Femi David, Sadiq Abdullahi, Muri Ajibade, Richard Morakinyo and Yomi Shokunbi., and his beloved chihuahuas, Mimi and Niko; a host of friends, family and acquaintances across the globe.

Although Oba's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, his spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us. May his memory be a blessing and may we carry forth his legacy of compassion and acts of service in all that we do.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
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<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ashimiu Adewale Oba*



March Funeral Homes - February 25, 2025 at 04:42 PM

OO

Thought we could have one last dance, should have been the first and the most meaningful one, just days to finally unite face to face, you waved an eternal goodbye. So sad. Live on and live strong Uncle,

OBA OLAYINKA - February 26, 2025 at 11:22 AM

EA

There are no words that can express the sorrow and the loss Sending heartfelt sympathy.

Eric & Ernestine Armstrong - February 26, 2025 at 05:33 PM

CO

Rosalyn, I am so sorry for your loss. I still cannot believe it....May God provide comfort, strength and mercy to you and your whole family.

Chile Obbo - February 27, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DH

Oh behalf of The Blinded Veterans Association Richmond Chapter (BVARVA), we offer our sincerest sympathy. Mr. Oba was a long time member of our organization who took full advantage of the services offered for visually impaired veterans at the Richmond VA Hospital. Some days he had so much to say, it brought an infectious laugh to many. He shared so many travel tips, and blessed us with tales of mishaps that turned into teachable moments. One thing for sure... He has his wings now. Our prayers are with you Rosalyn. May you and your family find comfort and peace in this difficult time.

*Secretary
BVA Richmond Chapter
Dr. Vee Harvey*

Dr. Vee Harvey - March 04, 2025 at 12:55 PM

CL

Oba and I played many golf rounds together at First-tee in Chesterfield. He once took me to his home and gave me a new golf club that he thought would improve my poor golf game. His offering did not help my game at that time. Now I will use, and cherish, the golf club gifted to me by Oba. Rest in Peace my friend...Clarence McGill

Clarence - March 07, 2025 at 08:45 AM

SA

*“ Grateful to know you. Thank you for being a great co-worker and friend. Rest with the Lord..
Shereida*



Shereida Archie - March 07, 2025 at 06:02 PM

CK

“ Sending my love and prayers to the Oba family. May God give you strength through this difficult time.

Clarissa Keyes - March 07, 2025 at 12:46 PM

FB

“ *Ferne Y Banks lit a candle in memory of Ashimiu Adewale Oba*



Ferne Y Banks - March 06, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ashimiu Adewale Oba.*



March 06, 2025 at 08:26 AM

PO

“ *Sorry for your lost Rosalyn. Our prayers are with you and your family. Oba was my junior tennis rival and friend. Little did I know that when I visited him a few years ago in Richmond, Va that it would be the last time we see in life. I will forever cherish our Camaraderie. Stay strong. Peter Okpokpo, 2LT Texas State Guard*

Peter Okpokpo - March 03, 2025 at 12:51 AM

GM

“ *Rosalyn, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Gladys McCoy (CHIP)*



Gladys McCoy - February 27, 2025 at 08:51 AM

JH

“ *Oba will be missed by all..*

John A. Holland - February 26, 2025 at 07:21 PM

CH

“ *Rest in Heavenly peace 'Obay.' You were an inspiration to us all. Prayers for Rosalyn, Raven and Ashlie. You will definitely be missed and I'm teaching my kids your awesome mottoes. ❤️❤️❤️*

Cynthia Hohlbauch - February 26, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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