



Rowland Omodele Agbede

October 21, 1950 - December 1, 2025

DR. ROWLAND OMODELE AGBEDE was born in Kaduna, Nigeria to the late Emmanuel Agbede and Rachel (Oke) Agbede. Dele, as he is known by many, grew up in Igede-Ekiti where he attended Ekiti Baptist Boys High School.

He received his bachelor's at University of Nigeria, Nsukka and obtained his master's at the University of Ife where he also worked there as a graduate assistant. It was at the University of Ife that he would meet his future wife, the late Ibidun (Ajayi) Agbede, through one of his colleagues who was also her uncle. Dele and Ibidun married in August 1977 and began their journey to the United States shortly after.

As a dedicated scholar, Dele received another master's at Ohio State University and continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his PhD in City and Regional Planning in 1984.

Dele started working at the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 1990 and had devoted 34 years there in Resource Conservation. Over the years he would also occasionally teach at Anne Arundel Community College and Towson University.

He was an avid soccer fan, and his favorite team was Manchester City FC. Dele was also a regular member of his church and devoted his life to his

family.

Dr. Agbede is survived by his children, Olatunde Agbede, Kayee (Wilson) Agbede, Temilola Agbede, Ibukun Agbede, Olubunmi (Sanwoolu) Godo; his grandchildren, Noah, Caleb, Zara; his siblings, Bose Obaniyan (nee Agbede), Femi Agbede and Kole Agbede and many others that he loved dearly. Dele's life was grounded in his Christian faith and he lived his life to reflect that of Jesus. May his soul rest in eternal peace and his legacy continue to live on in those he loved.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244

Previous Events

Wake

DEC 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Rowland Omodele Agbede*



March Life Tribute Centers - December 08, 2025 at 12:20 PM

MP

“ *Rowland was a colleague pf mine at Md Dept of Agriculture. He was a very kind and sweet man. I will miss him. Godspeed, Rowland.*
Mark Powell

Mark Powell - December 17, 2025 at 02:28 PM

AA

“ *Uncle Dele had a great sense of humor. He was a breath of fresh air, and there was never a dull moment around him. He held his family so dear and will be greatly missed. May the Lord Almighty console his children and the entire family. Rest in perfect peace uncle.*
Akin/Augusta for the AKinyemi family (NY)

Akin /Augusta Akinyemi - December 15, 2025 at 03:13 PM

WC

“ *WDYE Fall 2025 Class purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rowland Omodele Agbede.*



WDYE Fall 2025 Class - December 12, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rowland Omodele Agbede.*



December 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ *The Taylors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rowland Omodele Agbede.*

The Taylors - December 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MC

“ *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.*

March Life Tribute Center - December 08, 2025 at 12:17 PM