

OBITUARY and BIOGRAPHY OF RETIRED JUSTICE FREDERICK ALOBWEDE EBONG

The Ebong, Alobwede, Ntoko and Nzegge families regret to announce the death of their Father, Brother, Uncle and Pillar, Retired Justice Frederick Alobwede Ebong on Friday the 24th of May, at Medstar Georgetown Hospital, Washington DC at 1:45 pm after a brief illness.

Justice Ebong was born in Small Soppo Buea on the 8th of September 1945 to Adolf Alobwede Ebong, and Regina Ebane Ebong. He was married to Mrs. Julie Ebude Ebong nee Ntoko Ebong of Blessed Memory. They both have four children. Ebong Emmanuel Enongene, Emmanuella Emade Princewill-Albert, Ebong Christy Ebane and Ebong Sylvia Mesame, with five grandchildren and a host of family, friends, and political affiliates to mourn him.

Ella (Belinda) Princewill-Albert nee Ebong second child of Justice Ebong, attended Saker Baptist College from 1993 to 1998 and resides in Nigeria but is currently in Washington DC. Justice Ebong is also uncle to Roseline Nzegge Ngaaje (class of 1978) Quinta Nzegge Untermeyer (Class of '82), and Grand Uncle to Mbang and Koube Ngaaje. {Our sincere condolences to them all, as well as to the entire bereaved family}

He attended RCM School Small Soppo Buea from 1953 to 1961, and Ibibio State College, Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria from 1961-1965. He later left Cameroon to attend University Preparatory School in Moscow State University from 1965-1966 and progressed into Russian Kiev State University Faculty of Law where he obtained a Degree of Law from 1966-1970. He served the government of Judicial Ministry of Cameroon for 29 years where he progressed to the highest rank as justice of the high court.

After obtaining a Law Degree from Kiev State University, in 1970, he was employed by the West Cameroon Public Service in Buea as an Executive Officer on April 28th, 1971 and worked with the Secretary of State for Urban Development - Victoria. In June 1971 he became the First Assistant Divisional Officer in

Mundemba. He was later posted to Mezam Divisional Office as Assistant Divisional Officer in March 1972 where he worked until November 1973.

He gained admission into The Cameroon School of Magistracy, Yaoundé (ENAM) where he studied Magistracy up to August 1975 and was posted as Legal Officer in the Procureur General's Chambers. In July 1976 he was integrated as a Magistrate of Cameroon. In August 1976 he was posted to Kumba as presiding magistrate to work with Justice Anyangwe of Blessed Memory.

In August 1977 he was posted to Ndian Division as presiding Magistrate where he worked for a year until August 1978.

After working as an Attaché in the Procureur General's office in Bamenda Northwest Province in 1980, he was posted as First Resident Magistrate in Menchum Division. In July 1982 he was promoted as Grade 2 Magistrate and in October 1983 he was posted as Presiding Magistrate in Bamenda Central.

In August 1985 he was posted to Nso, Bui Division, as a Crown Counsel known as Procureur de la Republique, and in August 1988 he was promoted as Grade 3 Presiding Magistrate in Limbe where he worked until November 1991. He was posted to Mbengwi as a Justice of the High Court and Magistrate Court after being promoted as Grade 4 Magistrate. In July 1995 he was posted as one of the Vice Presidents of the Court of Appeal in Buea and in 1998 he was posted as a sub-director of Judicial Co-operation in the Ministry of Justice in Yaoundé.

He was very active in the Southern Cameroon Movement for independence and declared the Restoration of the Independence of the Southern Cameroons with other members of the SCNC at midnight on December 31st, 1999 breaking the year 2000. The love for equality, freedom and justice for all triggered his commitment in the Southern Cameroon Movement for Independence and drove him towards this declaration.

In 2000 he retired from the public service in Cameroon and left Cameroon for Nigeria seeking refuge with his entire family. In 2006 he was resettled by the UNHCR to the United States with his family. He became a Citizen of the United States of American in 2011 and lived in Washington DC until his death.

A loving husband and Dad, a gentle soul inside out.

He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

