

Biography

*H*enneison Tungie Adeola was born on August 22nd, 1957, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, to Mr. Henry Adeola and Ms. Dorcas Omor Thorpe. In his formative years, he attended the Albert Academy School and the Methodist Boys High School after which he worked at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority. He later went to Nigeria where he worked for Aries Investment Company and later relocated to the United States of America. While in the United States, he began his career with The May Department Stores Company, now known as Macy's, where he worked for over 30 years until his passing. During these years with Macy's, he worked in various capacities, including managerial and leadership roles. Tungie's



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time in Macy's allowed him to see the world through the eyes of the many customers he served. He met people from various cultures and backgrounds who came into Macy's every day and Tungie, being a curious man, would engage in deep conversations with his customers who would tell him about their country of origin and culture. Macy's was Tungie's extended family.

Tungie was a shining light to all

the lives he touched. His journey on this earth was marked by love, compassion and strong faith in God. He was a member of the Centenary Tabernacle Church in Freetown, Sierra Leone where his foundational Christian faith was rooted. His spiritual faith was strengthened when he moved to the US and became a member of Church of the Redeemer in Gaithersburg, Maryland where he served until his passing.

Tungie was a family man. He was at his happiest when he was in the midst of his wife Elizabeth, children, Hennella, Elyson and Melvin, and his extended family. He made sure he kept in touch with all the uncles, aunts and cousins within the US and outside. He would call if he had not heard from them in a while and would insist on a video call

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school and people he grew up with at “South End” in Freetown. His ability to sustain friendships over the years attests to the importance he placed on relationships.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Adeola, children Hennella Adeola, Elyson Adeola and Melvin Philipps, siblings, Kojo, June, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Helen, Henry, Wilmot, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and his Macy’s family.

May his soul rest in peace.

because he believed that a video call would foster stronger connections and personal interactions.

Tungie had many friends who were like brothers and sisters to him. His closest friends including those in the US are people he knew from elementary, high



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To Our Brother - Farewell Tuns

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, yet we shall still praise God, no matter what my heart and tongue employ. Words cannot express how I felt when my brother Tuns became sick and was suddenly hospitalized. I prayed together with my siblings that God would show him mercy and spare his life. But it turned out that it was his home-calling, and he had come to say goodbye

to us.

Tunjie, I recall when we were ages 5, 6, and 7. We often went to Aunty Omo's house on weekends to spend time with him. He had a small two-wheel bicycle that he would sit on, riding around the house, while we chased after him. My sister Elizabeth and I treasured those weekends so much at Mary Street, off Macauley Street, where the house was situated. Evesdayo often cautioned us, and Abba, our

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senior cousin, was also there.

Until Tunjie finished school, we remained close siblings. He always kept us informed about his movements, jobs, relationships, and travels. One particular incident stands out: when he had an encounter with a crane and container while working at Queen Elizabeth Quay in Freetown. I looked at my brother and said to him, “God really loves you.” Though he was injured, it was a miracle that he survived that

danger. We laughed over it afterward.

The last visit was when he came to see our dad. It was a complete family reunion with his sisters, brothers, uncle, in-law, nieces, and nephew—all captured in the photograph we took together. One thing I admired about my brother was his independence and determination to succeed. He always said, “The sky is not just the limit, but even beyond it.” Resilience was his watchword,

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believing that success comes from hard work.

Tunjie, I will miss your smile, your beaming face always filled with laughter, lighting up the room whenever you entered. Your exuberant spirit always uplifted us whenever we felt down or when things weren't working out. He was fun-loving and delightful to be around, ensuring there was never a dull moment. "Tuns Tuns," as his mom used to call him to the table for his meals she

had prepared.

I will miss you deeply, my brother. My sad thought is that just as I was planning to visit you and the family in the USA, you received your home-calling.

Your siblings will greatly miss you, especially Kojo, Afua, Dorothy, Helen, Henry, and Wilmot; your nieces Ibikun, Gloria, Mila, Chantelle, AQWAH, Ama, and Effuah; nephews Lethan and Jonah; and your grand-nieces and grand-nephews. You

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worked so hard, lived a good life, may you rest in Father Abraham's
and always showed concern and bosom, and may Mother Earth
care for your family. gently rest on you.

Farewell, my dear brother. Shalom, shalom, shalom.
Though I cannot see you again,



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Mrs. Eva Folake Richards

Fondly Remembered

It is with profound sadness that I write this Tribute to the memory of my late nephew, Henneison Tungie, the son of a much-loved departed cousin, Omo. I have known Tungie since his childhood days at the family home in Freetown as well as from his intermittent visits to me in my then office at the Youyi Building in Brookfields, Freetown. We would chat about his mum whom he lovingly called T'Omo, his schoolwork, and his dating experiences with girlfriends.

The years elapsed and both of us temporarily lost touch with each other, the result of our respective travels abroad. We subsequently

reconnected in the United States of America during my periodic visits. That was quite easy to do as Tungie maintained regular contact with my two children who were studying in the USA ... he would have advanced information about my visits and would always find time to visit me at my daughter's residence. Those visits were always chatty and pleasant, reflecting on various aspects of our extended family, his own family and work. On many occasions I would also look out for him for a quick "hello" at his work venue, initially at the department store "Hecht's" which was later incorporated into "Macy's."

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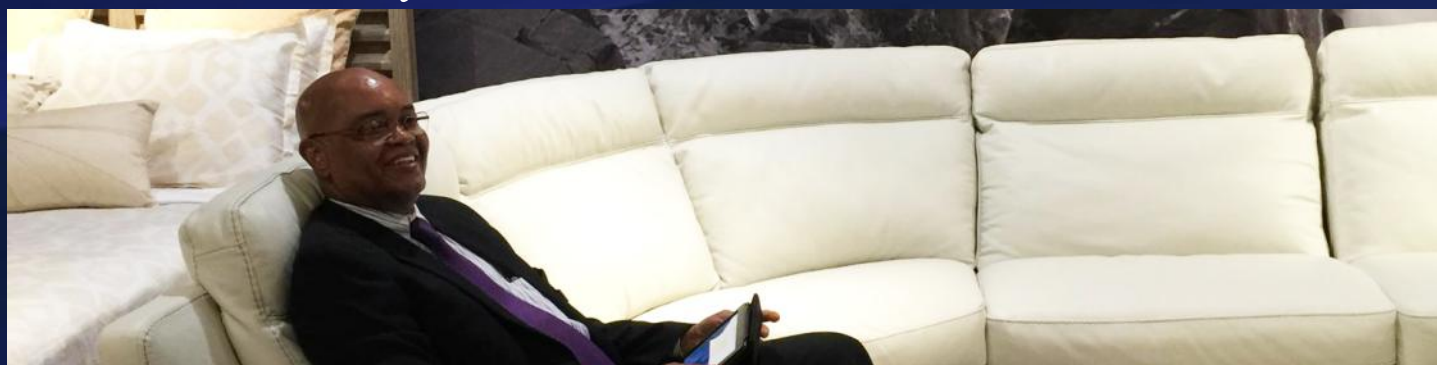
Fondly Remembered

The last of the visits to me at my daughter's home in Maryland was in August 2023, when with his dear wife, Liz, we spent several hours chatting with him informing me of their plans for his retirement which included a visit to the United Kingdom to see all of us.... his many relatives resident in the UK. I still have vivid memories of that visit and treasure the lovely present that Liz and himself brought for me.

Tungie was devoted to our extended family. His

commitment and warmth will be missed. His call was a great shock and his demise a loss to me and more especially to his wife Liz, and his two daughters, Hennella and Elyson. Tungie has gone to join his dear mum, T'Omo, his grandmother, Mary and all the other faithfully departed family members.

May his dear Soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



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Tribute

Marie Busairu

(nee Thorpe)

To my Cousin and Brother

*A*s I write this tribute, I find myself struggling to find the right words, as none seem adequate to truly describe the person you were.

Your warmth, your smiles, your laughter, and above all, your deep love for family bonds were the qualities that made you the remarkable person you were, and these memories will always remain with us.

My visits to the USA will never

be the same; something significant will be missing, as we will no longer share those fun moments together. I will hold on to those memories dearly, along with the ones from our childhood in Freetown.

T'Omo and the rest of our Thorpe generations who have gone before are surely welcoming you with glorious acclamation.

May Mother Earth rest gently upon you.



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Ibikun Johnson

To my Uncle

Growing up, I realized my uncle was more than just a family member. He was a mentor, a role model, and a true friend. I remember the countless hours we spent on the phone, talking whether I was at work or at home, or he was at work or home. If I happened to miss his call, I would call him back immediately because I knew it would never be a dull conversation. Uncle Tungie, your unwavering support, kindness, love, and wisdom have shaped me. Your infectious smile and laughter have left a mark, not just on me, but on many who crossed paths with you. My uncle may be gone, but his memory lives on in my heart. I will always cherish the memories we made together and strive to honor his legacy by living a life of purpose, compassion, and love. I thank God for the time you spent with us and for being my uncle on this earth. I miss you dearly.

Rest in peace.



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Ibikun Johnson

A poem to my Uncle, Tungie Adeola

Remember Me

*Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace... try to believe,
It was my time... I had to leave.
But "what a view" I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.
And when God calls you... you will be,
Right by my side... right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,
We'll be united... evermore!*

Tribute

George and Dr. Elizabeth Davies

In Loving Memory

*A*s I sit down to write this tribute to you, I am filled with a mix of emotions - sadness, gratitude, and celebration. Sadness because you are no longer with us, gratitude for the

impact you had on us and the lives of your loved ones, and celebration of the wonderful memories we shared.

For the past 25 years, we have had the privilege of being a part of your children's lives, watching them grow into the loving and compassionate individuals they are today. Your legacy lives on through them, and we are so grateful to have been a part of their journey.

Your smile was infectious, and your presence lit up the room. You had a way of making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved. Your kindness, generosity, and humility inspired many.

To your dear wife, Elizabeth, we offer our deepest condolences.



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George and Dr. Elizabeth Davies

In Loving Memory

May the Good Lord continue to protect and keep her, surrounding her with His love, comfort, and peace.

As we say goodbye, we take comfort in the words of Scripture:

Psalm 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants."

Revelation 21:4 - "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

John 14:2-3 - "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back

and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 - "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:8 - "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

Rest in perfect peace, dear Henneison. Your memory will live on in our hearts, and we will continue to celebrate your life, legacy, and impact on our lives.

May God comfort and strengthen your loved ones during this difficult time.

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Glenna Williams

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Mr. Tungie's sudden passing on Saturday, March 29th. I had the privilege of knowing Aunt Lizzy, Mr. Tungie's wife, since childhood. She is the best friend of my beautiful aunt, Mrs. Isatu kai-Sumah Turay, and our families have shared a close bond over the years.

I recall attending a funeral and meeting Aunt Lizzy and her family. Mr. Tungie was interested in my business and promised to follow up. We developed a trusted relationship, and I became like family to them.

Mr. Tungie was a devoted husband and father, always putting his family first. He was

humble, protective, and caring. Aunt Lizzy is a loving wife, and their bond was strong.

Mr. Tungie's life was a testament to his love and commitment to his family. Despite the challenges he faced, he remained devoted to his wife, caring for her with kindness, patience, and selflessness. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched.

Despite challenges, Mr. Tungie never wavered in his commitment to his family. I encouraged him to prioritize his own health, and he appreciated my support.

His passing leaves a void, but I'm committed to supporting Aunt Lizzy and their daughter, Alsyon. I promised Mr. Tungie I'd be

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Glenna Williams

there for them, and I intend to keep that promise.

Rest in peace, Mr. Tungie. Your memory will live on through your loved ones.

Message from Mr. Tungie on March 3rd. *'Hi we are thankful and grateful for another beautiful day. Any update from Peter?'*"

As I continue working on the arrangements Mr. Tungie requested, I'm dedicated to ensuring his wife, Aunt Lizzy, succeeds in her goals. To Aunt Lizzy and Alsyon, I want to reassure you that I'll be here for you, just as I promised Mr. Tungie.

May his spirit be a guiding light on your path, and may his soul be

filled with eternal peace and light. May he rest in peace."

Mrs. Elizabeth Adeola, always remember the Angel of God is with you and your family. It's well in Jesus name.



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Echoes of Your Kindness

*With gentle words and patient grace,
You left warmth in every place.
Through humble ways and open heart,
Your kindness set you far apart.*

*Open arms welcomed each and all,
Your steady presence standing tall.
Customers felt your heartfelt care,
Knowing genuine love was there.*

*Your family was your pride and joy,
Their happiness your life's employ.
Guided always by faith and love,
Reflecting blessings from above.*

*Though today we deeply grieve,
Your lasting imprint we'll retrieve.
Forever cherished, ever near,
In our hearts, your soul is clear.*

*Rest now, dear friend, your journey through,
Peace eternal embraces you.
Your loving spirit, warm and dear,
In treasured memories always here.*

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John Smith
(Store Manager)

those around him feel. I am grateful for knowing him, I thank his family for sharing him with us, and will miss him dearly.

*H*enneison always had a kind word for those around him. Whether a customer or a colleague he only had nice things to say. I always appreciated his positive attitude and gentle spirit. He was proud to work at Macy's, building an impressive career over 31 years, and his pride was evident every day in his actions. I always admired his dedication to his family, knowing how important they were to him. He touched so many people with his kind ways and will be remembered for the way he made

Patrick Long
(Manager)

*D*uring the time I've known Henneison, I've consistently witnessed his willingness to go above and beyond for both customers and colleagues. His kindness and compassion were always evident, whether he was providing exceptional service to customers or inviting others to lunch during breaks and engaging in friendly conversations. It was a

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privilege to have known him and to have seen the example he set of being a kind and compassionate person. May he rest in peace as we celebrate the life he lived and the lasting impact he had on so many.

Maria Keith
(Retired Manager)

I remember his earlier heart scare. He pulled through by grace giving us all the gift of more time with him.

How I longed for that same miracle this time.

But now, he has been called to the highest place.

Farewell, dear friend.

Thank you for your last words.

Until we meet again.

Our hearts are heavy.
Henneison was a kind
and gentle soul.

A loving father, deeply proud of
his precious daughters.

To us, he was a generous
colleague and a warm, ever-
smiling friend.

Craig Bass
(Colleague)

The old saying goes,
“Patience is a
virtue,” and working
in retail certainly demands a good

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supply of it!

Customers come in all shapes, sizes, and temperaments. To survive let alone build a career in that environment, patience is absolutely essential. That said, not every salesperson is gifted with the same dose of it. But Henneison... he was that rare breed who could outlast us all when it came to “hanging in there” with even the most challenging of customers.

I'm sure Henneison is up there right now, comparing notes with Job from the Old Testament!

God bless him.

Robert Natache (RJ)
(Supervisor)

*H*enneison was a man whose quiet strength and unwavering kindness left a lasting mark on all who knew him. The impact of his presence, and the lives he touched along the way, stand as a true measure of his worth.

Though he is no longer with us, his memory will live on in our hearts. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.



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Today, we gather with heavy hearts yet profound gratitude to honor the life of our cherished friend and colleague, Henneison. The days since his passing have been challenging, each filled with poignant reminders of his enduring kindness and warmth. His absence leaves an unmistakable void in our lives.

Henneison was far more than a colleague; he was a true friend who touched countless lives

through his compassion, patience and diligence. His presence transformed our workplace, creating an atmosphere of warmth and positivity that was felt by everyone who encountered him. Customers soon discovered that interactions with Henneison were about more than transactions; they were genuine connections built on trust and empathy. Despite spending significantly more time with customers than anyone else, his sales consistently ranked among the highest, a testament to the profound impact of his genuine kindness and care.

I warmly remember the weekly Bible studies I attended with him prior to Covid, where Henneison often spoke about how his upbringing and faith guided him



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to extend kindness and patience to others. Through these conversations, I came to understand why he invested so much time with each customer. To him, every interaction was an opportunity to reflect God's love and genuinely care for another person. His patience wasn't merely professional courtesy, it was deeply embedded in his character and faith.

His colleagues fondly recalled similar experiences. Our Store Manager, John Smith spoke appreciatively of Henneison's consistently kind words and gentle demeanor, highlighting his positive attitude and genuine dedication. His manager, Patrick Long, praised his exceptional willingness to go the extra mile,

emphasizing his kindness towards customers and coworkers alike. Maria Keith, a retired manager, fondly reminisced about his generosity and resilience, remembering him as a warm and ever-smiling friend. His supervisor, Robert Natache, admired his quiet strength and unwavering kindness, emphasizing that the deep impact he had on others truly measured his value. Craig Bass, another colleague humorously and



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love and devotion that shaped his every decision and action.

Equally defining was his steadfast faith, clearly evident in his daily acts of kindness, humility, and integrity. His genuine spirituality fostered an environment of trust, compassion, and meaningful fellowship, impacting everyone around him.

affectionately likened him to Job from the Old Testament, commending his remarkable patience, particularly in handling challenging customers.

Yet above all else, it was Henneison's deep devotion to his family that defined him most clearly. His eyes sparkled with joy and pride whenever he spoke of his wife and children. He always prioritized their happiness and well-being, demonstrating a

As we mourn the loss of such an extraordinary individual, we also joyfully celebrate the enduring legacy he leaves behind. His kindness, patience, and unwavering love continue to inspire us. We feel profoundly blessed to have known and learned from him and to have

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witnessed the depth of his impact. and guide us, and your memory
Rest peacefully, dear Henneison. will forever be cherished.
Your life will continue to inspire



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