

Dear Uncle Sehinde, My very first brother in law!!!

I know you're resting peacefully in God's bosom and under His protection. I've known you since I was a child. I remember my "Jansport" royal blue and red school bag you gifted me when I was in primary 5, it was the envy of many.

I remember how kindhearted and generous you were. I remember how you were so much of a family man that it was fun watching you drown yourself in house chores like bathing the boys, cleaning and literally just caring for everyone.

Oh! Death!! When I heard you were gone, I was telling my husband, I wish people could live to 100 years of age. I wish I could wake up from this nightmare called reality! You were far too kind. All my dad's beautiful sleep robes all have your name on them. Thanks for putting a smile on his face and on the face of my family. About three or four years ago, I remember my dad introducing you to my mother in law as his "first born" and "Olori Ebi". That was how much he was fond of you.

On few occasions that I came to the UK, when returning, you would help me with packing my luggage to ensure I don't exceed the permitted luggage weight.

You were the most supportive husband to my oldest sister, your Wife, whom you adored and cherished so much! I remember you sitting with her and helping her in the kitchen all the time. That was your usual hang out spot in the house. It's going to be tough living without you, because you're a strong support system and pillar to your family. I pray God grants my sister and nephews the grace and strength to bear this great loss. It's sad you're gone, but we find solace in knowing you're in a better place.

Although you are no longer physically with us, you will forever remain in our hearts and your spirit will always be felt. Thank you for coming into our lives and enriching all of us. You were an amazing person that showed us all how to live life to the fullest and give back to others. Your list of accomplishments inspire me to settle for nothing less but the best, and I'm sure you influenced many others along the way.

You were God sent, taken away from us way before your time was up! If I had to do it all over again, I would still pick you to be my brother-in-law, or rather, my brother from another mother!

We will miss you!

Rest In Peace and in God's bosom. Love & Light,

*Your sister in law,
Alaba Makinwa.*

