



Emmanuel Ogugua Adelu-Mbanugo

August 21, 1952 - August 15, 2025

Emmanuel (Manny) Ogugua Adelu-Mbanugo passed away August 15th at his home in Petersburg, IL, surrounded by family and loved ones. He was born in Lagos, Nigeria on August 21, 1952, to Zaid and Elizabeth Adelu. In 1986 he married Grace Ukwu and they had 3 daughters. Both of Emmanuel's parents and Grace preceded him in death.

He is survived by his longtime love, Ginny Hodgson; his three daughters, Alexis (Femi) Sanya, Claire Adelu and Claudia Adelu; and his granddaughter, Naomi Adelu.

Manny first came to the United States for college and graduate school, receiving his B.S. from Aerospace University in Chicago and his master's degree in Aviation Administration from Embry Riddle University in Miami, Florida.

After graduation Manny returned to Lagos, Nigeria to complete the year of service for the National Youth Services Corp. and then accepted a position at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport. After working at the airport for several years he and a friend started their own business importing vehicles and parts into Nigeria, with Manny serving as the buyer and travelling through Europe purchasing vehicles and arranging shipping. As Manny headed towards his retirement years he returned to the United States and worked

many different jobs – from working at O’Hare National Airport to driving semi-trucks to working at a local FS as a truck driver delivering chemicals. The man liked to keep busy.

For fun, Manny always wanted to have a wrench in hand. As a very mechanical minded person he always had a project vehicle in the garage. From European vehicles that he felt were underappreciated, to 70’s and 80’s classic motorcycles and vintage VW vans he was always tinkering and repairing old things. And if he was not tinkering in the garage he was in the kitchen cooking his favorite Nigerian foods.

Cremation will be accorded and a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date in Lagos, Nigeria.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Manny was my precious friend Ginny's dearest love. I grieve for her.* ”



Georgia Carole Douglas - August 20, 2025 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Petersburg United Methodist Church lit a candle in memory of Emmanuel Adelu-Mbanugo* ”



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“ *Petersburg United Methodist Church is praying for you and your family in your loss* ”

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