

In memoriam of Frederick Morfaw

1980-2020

Lawrence Egbe Mbuagbaw

My name is Lawrence Egbe Mbuagbaw. I am in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Papi is a friend, colleague, student, and many other things. I first met Papi at St John's Primary School in Bamenda in 1988. We used to play football, do gymnastics, and stroll up and down Foncha's street. We also went to medical school together and did the same postdoctoral fellowship. I was his groomsman and he was my groomsman. In fact, we got married within 3 weeks of each other.

Papi was smart and hardworking. I will not list his academic accomplishments here, but I was there with him when most of them happened. He loved to laugh and find humor in everything. Most importantly he loved his family and was willing to go to great lengths to give them the best.

I started thinking of my fondest memories with Papi and there were too many to pick from. But this one was Papi's favorite. He always reminds of how we used to run away from bullies in primary school. We were the smallest kids in class, but we could run fast. We would look for trouble and then run away together and sit down and laugh at our adventures later.

During the summer holidays, Papi would keep one ticket for the Sacred Heart Party for me and I would keep one ticket for the Sasse party for him.

When faced with adversity, Papi would say "Massa Mbuaby"! and we would troubleshoot solutions together.

Papi is probably my oldest friend, and I will miss him dearly. I will miss his smile, his laugh, I will miss watching him play with his kids and I will miss watching him giving scientific presentations.

I know he will live on in our hearts and in our minds as we cherish the impact he had on our lives. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends and all those who knew him

Thank you.