

**Tribute To Mr. Alexander Kweku Netland Itunumi Fraser (3723)**  
**At**  
**His Funeral Service Held On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June In Erith, Kent,**  
**UK**  
**By Mr. John Peters (London)**

Whilst working at the Connaught Hospital I was introduced to Mr Tunu Fraser by his late wife in 1957. We became friends and it became stronger due to our Regentonian connection and the friendship has extended to include members of both our families.



Uncle Tunu entered the CMS Grammar School in 1935 as a boarder and was placed in Noble Tertius house of which he was very proud. He was a keen sportsman and was a good footballer he played in the outside left position for Regents Olympic, he was a good cardman (Dribbler). He was popular with young footballers playing for his team, he encouraged and nurtured them and some went on to play in the national team. He also played lawn tennis which he enjoyed playing with alumni of other schools particularly Laboramus men with whom he had endless banter and shared many jokes.

He was a true Regentonian and loved his Alma Mater. He sat on the Board of Directors and served in various committees of the Old Boys Union of which he was elected President in 1983. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of the workings of the union and he kept records going back many years. One of his achievements as president was the mammoth task was the compiling the names and the subsequent publication of the Entrance Register listing entrants from 1845 to 1985. He was a dedicated worker in all efforts pertaining to the Grammar School. He was regular at meetings and provided related provisions of the constitution for any matter being discussed. He was one for having things done correctly so the Constitution was his favorite 'Hobby Horse' If he disagreed with any decision he would request that his disapproval was recorded in the Minutes and would ensure at the next meeting that it was in fact recorded.

There was a time when the Union decided to make some prominent Sierra Leoneans Honorary Old Boys, he objected in principle and confirmed his objection by not attending the Dinner Dance at which the certificates were awarded even though he himself was to have received a certificate for services to the Union and the school. Having made his point, he took his certificate the following year.

He attended each activity during the school's anniversary celebrations and in full ceremonial colours when they were called for. When he came to England he continued to show interest in the association here and attended thanksgiving services regularly and in full colours would pull me up for not wearing white trousers. His last attendance was in 2008. You can trust uncle Tunu to poke fun and always saw the funny side of things. He was stern but fair he demanded respect and gave it back in return no matter what the age.

He contributed towards all projects undertaken for the development of the school and encouraged others to do the same; he recently made a personal donation towards the construction of the classroom blocks being erected.

He can be relied for historical facts, about a month prior to his death the question of the origin of the Traditional Pennies came up when asked, he provided us with the answer.

When he heard that Principal will be visiting he asked that I take Principal to see him, this I did on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, he was very pleased, before we left he thanked principal for dedication and craved God's guidance for the future, he died a week to the day after this visit. As his son observed when he died 'being a good cardman uncle Tunu outdid us all to the last.

Uncle Tunu will no more be one of the Old Boys to 'rally round' but he told us a lot of 'what had been', he will be sadly missed. On behalf of Grammar School and all Old boys far and wide I extend heartfelt sympathy to all members of the family and all friends left behind to mourn the loss of this great Regentonian.

***God Grant Him Eternal Rest.***