

Christy Essien-Igbokwe, a loss so painful, Mimiko

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko at the weekend described the death of Lady of Song, Chief Christy Essien-Igbokwe, as one so painful saying that her passage to the great beyond has robbed Nigeria of yet another of its repository of “our cultural lore and heritage”.

Mimiko in a condolence message issued in Akure on Sunday and signed on his behalf by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi noted with fondness her role as a singer who used her talent to bring didactic morals home to the children and the old alike.

His words: “I remember her classical evergreen song: ***Omo mi seun rere tire adara o***. which was not only an instant hit but one full of morals that parents were wont then to use the lyrics of that song to admonish their children and wards whenever they wanted to stray. I equally remember with fondness her versatility as an actress and her quintessential role as ***Apena*** in the rest Soap Opera, the ***masquerade***. I also remembered her pivotal role in ensuring that musicians in the nation get their dues and her constant advocacy for a better Nigeria.

“For me, though she answered the supreme call at a very tender age of 51 years but her contributions and commensurate accolades from far and wide ensured that she will live in our hearts for evermore. I wish to commiserate with my friend and brother, the husband, Chief Edwin Igbokwe on the sad and irreparable lose of Christy, his wife of many years, the children left behind, the music industry and Nigeria as a whole.

“I pray that the God Lord will console you all and give you the grace to ensure that her ideals never die with her.

“On behalf of my wife, my family and the good People of Ondo state, I wish to sympathise with you on this sad loss and pray that the good Lord grants her eternal rest in His bosom.