



WOMAN WHO STOOD  
OUT (WWSO)

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FUNMILAYO

RANSOME

KUTI



**FUNMILAYO RANSOME-KUTI was an educator, activist and fierce advocate for Nigerian women's rights**

- Born on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1900 (Abeokuta Ogun-state, Nigeria)- Frances Abigail Olufunmilayo Thomas
- Early school: Abeokuta Grammar School (1914)
- Wincham Hall Schools for Girls in Cheshire (1919) England
- Studied: French, Elocution, Music and Dress making
- Married: Jan. 19,1925
- Died on April 13, 1978\*\*\*\*

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## WHAT LED TO HER STANCE ON WOMEN/GENDER ENVIRONMENT?

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- Education Background
- Her choice of spouse
- Patriarchal/Patrilineal societal practice in Nigeria
- Women's victimization/subjugation
- High rate of illiteracy among women in Nigeria
- Non-Involvement of women in politics



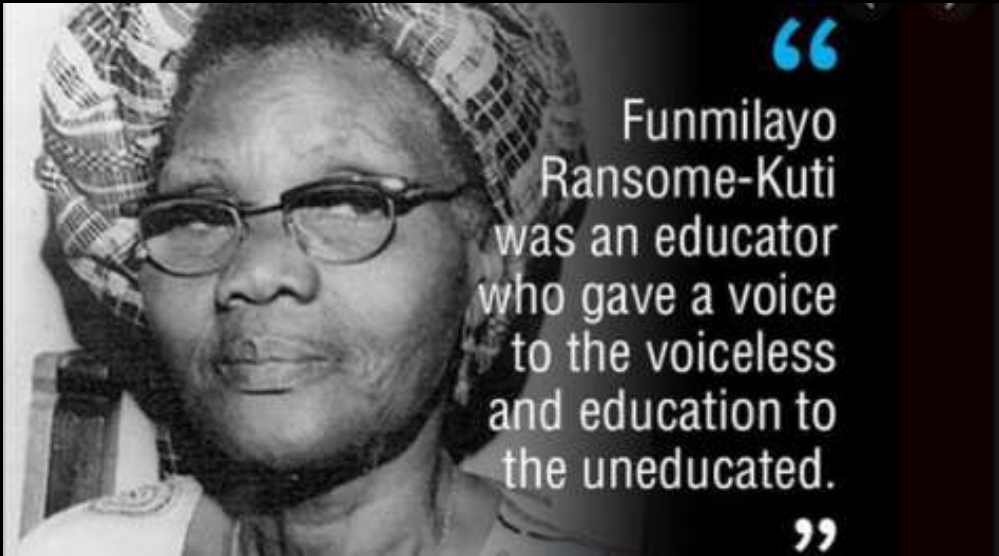


# Achievement



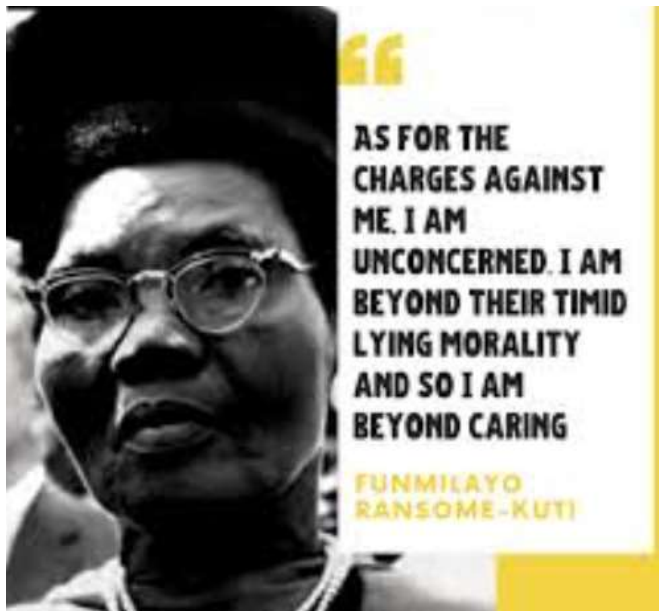
- Founder of Abeokuta ladies club in 1944 (renamed Abeokuta Women's Union): a group committed to defending women's political, social and economic rights which became one of the most important movements in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- She became the first woman to drive a car in Nigeria
- She founded one of first kindergartens and started giving courses to unprivileged and market women
- Active Role in pre-independence constitutional negotiation in 1946
- Winner of the Lenin peace prize.
- Treasurer and President Western Women Association of the national council of Nigeria and the Cameroons.
- One of the Women elected to the native house of chiefs, serving as an Oloye (Knight) of the Yoruba people







# NOTABLE QUOTES OF FUNMILAYO RANSOME KUTI



“Alake, for a long time you have used your penis as a mark of authority that you are our husband. Today we shall reverse the order and use our vagina to play the role of husband.”



- *Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti*



# HER DEATH

APRIL 13, 1978

Pushed from a 2<sup>nd</sup> storied building

Became unconscious, died at the hospital as a result of the injuries sustained



## An Ode to a Legend

A trail blazer she is  
Trailing the lines to the youthful hue  
Is? Questioned by them  
Is! Becomes the response  
Though she is gone  
The trail she blazed shines on like the rising sun

A pace setter she was  
Pace set, to be leveraged on  
The lioness of Lisabi  
Fought for my gender recognition  
An Ode to a gone Legend,  
Whose light still shines  
An Ode to a Hero  
An Ode to a Feminist Fighter  
An Ode to an Advocate  
An Ode to a Strength personified  
Funmilayo Ransome Kuti,  
My dead Legend in a living Spirits

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**THANK YOU!!**

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