

## **Eze Ngozi Anyaehie I knew**

I heard about him before I actually met him physically. His name preceded his reputation.

He was Chairman of Aba Local Government Area, Abia State, a few years after I had cut my political teeth as a Councillor in far away Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State. Politics resonated between us.

By the time I became a Member of the Federal House of Representatives, Eze Ayaehie had hit the roof.

We however, had a more formal association when he lost his dear wife and I had to honour him with my presence at the prompting of my brother in law, Sir John Uzomba. Though a sad occasion, we found the opportunity to catch up on many things of mutual interest to both of us. Thereafter, I took the privilege of calling on him anytime providence brought the two of us to Nkwerre.

I never knew he was sick, of course no one advertises sickness, so I was surprised at the announcement of his passing on. I believe one of the greatest things I could do to his memory is to attend his funeral.

He was a good man and a good Eze, so I was told.

As we lower his mortal remains to mother earth, let us be reminded by a verse in Ecclesiastes, the Preacher that says there is time and season for everything on the face of the earth..

Eze Ngozi Ayaehie, today is the day.

I admonished the family you left behind to sustain your legacies.

My sincere condolences.

May your gentle soul be welcome in Abraham's bosom.

**Chief (Hon.) Ernest & Dr. Nancy Irek.**

**Okedim of Obubra**

**Azuibuike of Isobo**

**Ome mma 1 of Eburu.**

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