

TRIBUTE
Celebrate My Life
HRH NGOZI ANYAEHIE
1947 - 2023

**"Remember me with love and joy
Let gratitude fill your heart
Thankful for the time we had
Gone...yet not apart"**

Today, we say goodbye to the eldest son of the late Chief, Sir, John Richard Anyaehie. The community will long remember his son HRH Ngozi as the heir to a weighty legacy: a champion for those who had none: a friend to all. He lived a hundred lifetimes to the fullest of his titled name "Enyioha", touched so many people during his time here with us and loved by all who hold him dear.

But for those of us who loved him, and ache with his passing, know Ngozi Anyaehie by the other titles he held: A devoted Father. Brother. Uncle. Husband. Ngo, as he was often known to his younger ones, nieces, and nephews, I, like so many others in the community, knew him for most part of my adult life as a friend and brother.

As I turn the next page of Ngo's life, I see Ngo - the friend. He was a good friend to so many! He could be counted on and depended on always. I missed him and I know you too will miss the friendship that Ngo brought into your lives. I am sure you all will remember him in your Own special way.

As I continue to turn the pages in Ngo's life, I see Ngo a man defiant and unwilling to settle for less.

Between 1990-1993 Ngo was a rising political star. He contested and Won the Chairmanship of Aba South LGA, Abia State. A position he held and executed with passion without blemish.

He lived a principled life under pinned by a strong sense of right and wrong. He spoke out when it really counted and did not allow something wrong stand unchallenged. He cared enough to act – follow through. He was a man of peace.

In 2016, in faraway United states of America, Enyioha, Ngo was magnanimous to preside on various meetings of umu Nkwerre in America (NAU America), to address issues affecting the Union and was instrumental in setting up a committee that he charged to bring peace.

We remember these rare gestures by you, Sir, and we salute your vision and courage.

In 2021, for the much love of his kindred, and his goodwill and compassion, he was selected and crowned the Eze of a newly created Nkwerre autonomous community by the Imo state government. This was a rare incident, privilege, and honor and of course, a once in a lifetime opportunity for HRH Ngozi Anyaehie. History was made here and we salute his courage. Although his reign was short lived, as duty calls, he did his very best with passion and love for his community.

We can only imagine how much more he could have accomplished for his community in his life were it not for his demise. Your life was productive and full. You savored good friends, good times loving community loved one's touch!

For the time he was here on earth, he did the best he could and tried to learn from his mistakes and do a little good.

We cannot foresee the trials or misfortunes that will test us along the way. And we cannot know what God's plan is for us.

What we can do is to live out our lives as best we can with purpose and with love, and with joy. We can learn from our mistakes and grow from our failures.

We can strive at all costs to make a better community, a better world, and make our presence impact the lives of others.

This is how HRH Ngozi Anyaehie lived, and this is his legacy.

"As we all know so well, the passage of time will never heal the tragic memory of this great loss, but we must carry on, because our loved ones would want us to"

We carry on.

HRH Ngozi Anyaehie has gone home now, guided by his faith and by the light of those that he has loved and lost. At last, he is with them leaving those of us who grieve his passing the memories he gave, the good he did and the single enduring image of a man who is friend to all.

"Enyioha".

"Forever in our hearts"! I know he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

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