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Late Mrs Margaret Uzoamaka Ezugwu (nee Eze of Ezimo)*

BIOGRAPHY OF PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU

Emmanuel was born on November, 11, 1959 to Late Chief Simon Ezugwu, (Arapa Eze) and Late Mrs Margaret Uzoamaka Ezugwu (nee Eze of Ezimo) of Amukpa Ogbozarra- Opi in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, Nigeria. His grandfather, Chief Ugwu Ezugwu Ukwuma, was a colonial warrant chief who exercised influence and authority over the Opi Ancient Kingdom. Emmanuel was the fourth child and second son of eight children of his parents. His siblings are; Felicia (deceased), Uche, Joel (Arapa), Victor (deceased), Anthony, Nneka and Simon.

Young Emmanuel completed his primary school in Nsukka. He then gained admission to the St. Teresa's Secondary School, Nsukka, which was the best boys' Catholic Secondary School around.

Emmanuel went to the Federal Polytechnic, Idah, in 1977 and read Metallurgy. In 1981, he came out with HND (Upper Credit) as the second-best graduating student.

Whilst at school, he met the love of his life, Miss Patricia Ukachukwu Umeano, fondly called Patty, the daughter of the late business magnate, Chief Daniel Nwuzo Umeano, the Founder of Umeano Group of Companies.

Emmanuel and Patty married as high school sweethearts and were soon blessed with a baby girl, Ginikanwa Loretta Ezugwu.



A great asset to the school, he was soon employed there in 1982 as a Senior Technical Instructor. That same year, he was given a scholarship to study a Masters Degree at the prestigious University of Warwick, UK. He successfully achieved his MSc. in Manufacturing Systems Engineering in 1983. Also in 1983, with the support of his immediate family, his young family were able to join him in Coventry, UK.

By 1984, he was promoted to Lecturer 11 and given another scholarship by the same polytechnic to go abroad for his PhD programme at the same University of Warwick, UK. In 1986, he achieved his PhD in Manufacturing Engineering at the young age of 27.

In 1987, and as his very special graduation gift, God gave them a set of boy twins – Nnaemeka Collins Odo Ogugua Ezugwu and brother, Emmanuel (Jr) Obumneme - fondly called Meks and Manny.

This academic dynamo, Dr. Emmanuel Ezugwu, rose like a meteor to become a Professor, Personal Chair of Engineering Systems, Faculty of Engineering Science and the Built Environment from the London Southbank University, London, UK since 1993 - over 21 years at the tender age of 39!

Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu was the pioneer Director of the Machining Research Centre at London South Bank University, London (1993-2009). During this period, he built up a successful research centre with an international reputation. He had good administrative and management experiences, having held a variety of administrative and research management roles in the School/Faculty and within the University.





He also built up strong industry and academic links within the United Kingdom and countries in the European Community (France, Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Germany, etc), United States, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Malaysia, Singapore, China, India, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa, Russia and Nigeria.

As Director of a Research Centre and a Professor, he had the general management responsibility and formal accountability for determining the strategy of the Research Centre and for ensuring its operational effectiveness and efficiency in a manner consistent with the Charter and Profile of the University. He represented London South Bank University at the United Kingdom Engineering Professors' Council. He was a member of the University's Research Degrees Committee; Equality and Diversity Committee; and a co-author of three United Kingdom Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) submissions in his faculty up until 2009 when he relocated to Nigeria.

On his return to Nigeria in 2009, Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu became the pioneer Provost, and later, Vice Chancellor of the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Nigeria, Kaduna for two five year tenures - from April 2009 – 31 March 2019. AFIT's Establishment Bill was signed into law by President Muhammadu Buhari on 5th December 2017 as the 42nd Federal University. The Institution was recognised by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in July 2018 to commence undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes from the 2018/2019 academic session.

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Professor EO Ezugwu
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14 June 2011

**CONFIRMATION OF TENURE OF OFFICE AS PROVOST AIR FORCE
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY NIGERIA**

Reference:

A. AFIT/378/GC dated 20 March 2009.

1. Further to Reference A, I am delighted to convey to you the decision of the Governing Council of AFIT to confirm the tenure of your office as Provost for a period of 5 years. Accordingly, your appointment as Provost of AFIT takes effect from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2014. However, this confirmation is subject to the provisions of the AFIT Bill being awaited. Therefore, any other tenure specified in the Bill will override this confirmation.

2. All other conditions in Reference A remain the same. Congratulations.

JO OSHONIYI
Air Vice Marshal
Commandant

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The Provost
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18 March 2014

APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT AS AFIT PROVOST

Reference:

A. AFIT/378/PROV dated 3 December 2013.

1. Sequel to your application for renewal of your contract of appointment as AFIT Provost in Reference A, which expired on 31 March 2014, I wish to convey AFIT Governing Council's approval for the extension of your contract with effect from 1 April 2014 for another term of 5 years. The conditions of your appointment are as stipulated in the Terms and Conditions of Service (TACOS) for AFIT Provost, approved by Council on 16 December 2013.

2. While congratulating you on the extension, please accept the assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

TA ADOKWU
Air Vice Marshal
Commandant

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Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu worked so tirelessly and in a very dedicated manner at the AFIT, that on 26th July, 2018, the Governing Council named the AFIT Institute's library, **PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU LIBRARY.**

Whilst at AFIT, Prof. Ezugwu led the research and development efforts on the design, manufacture and construction of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) project, code named AMEBO, primarily for surveillance which was successfully test flown in July 2011. This innovative research effort won 2nd overall position nationally in the 2013 National Science and Innovation

competition organised by the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology. This research breakthrough led to the unveiling of the first indigenously designed, manufactured and test flown Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, code named GULMA, by Nigeria's former President, Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan on 17 December 2013 at the Air Force Base in Kaduna. The most recent prototype of the UAV codenamed TSIAGUMI was commissioned by President Muhammadu Buhari on 15th February 2018.



Erudite Scholar

He led the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) Expert Group meeting on Curriculum and Course Specifications for the Bachelor of Technology (BTech) in Mechanical Engineering (2009).

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu also championed the curriculum development of key engineering programmes as Lead Consultant/Expert to the National Universities Commission (NUC) for the development of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Mechatronics Engineering (2010); Aerospace Engineering (renamed Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering) (2011); Automotive Engineering (2012) and Power Engineering (2013).

He also participated in many NUC accreditation exercises for various programmes in many Nigerian Universities as Chairman and/or member from 2013 till the 17th of September, 2020.

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu, a distinguished and widely published academic, was a serving Member of the Governing Council of the Enugu State University of Science and Technology - a position he had held since 2015. He was also a visiting Professor to the National Universities Commission, Abuja.



Highlights of Professional Achievements

Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu was a highly trained professional and had a very impressive status:

- Chartered Engineer (CEng)
- Chartered Manufacturing Engineer
- Fellow, Institution of Engineering and Technology (FIET), UK
- Fellow, Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), USA
- Fellow, Certified Institute of Management (FCIM)
- Member, Nigerian Society of Engineers (MNSE No: 22717)
- COREN Registered Engineer (NO: R.26395)
- Affiliate of the Institution of Materials, UK (AIOM)
- Qualified Auditor/Lead Auditor for ISO 9000 Quality Certification
- Certified Project Management Prince2 Practitioner

Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu (CEng, FIET, Fellow STLE, FCIM, MNSE, COREN Reg.) was indeed a well-traveled, versatile, dynamic, vibrant, seasoned, solid, creditable, powerful, erudite scholar of repute. He was recognized by many bodies and won many awards. A few of them include:

- Nov. 2010** Award by the Journal of Materials Processing Technology for authoring the “Most Downloaded Article from 2005 to 2010”.
- May 2010** Outstanding Achievement award by the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers for excellent service as an Associate Editor of Tribology Transactions journal.
- Nov. 2006** Award for Best technical paper presented at the 8th International Conference on Progress of Machining Technology (8th ICPMT), Matsue, Japan, 7-12 November 2006.

May 2003 Award for Best technical paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Manufacturing Technology (COBEF), Uberlandia, Brazil, 18-21 May 2003

July 2002 Vice Chancellor's Research Excellence award, London South Bank University.

March 2001 Award by the Japanese government as a Visiting Research Professor at the Venture Business Laboratory of Hiroshima University. This is a funded programme by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science to promote exchange of expertise between senior academics/researchers from the West and their Japanese Counterparts. (This was the only such award in the UK in 2001)

Sept. 2000 Award by the committee of the 5th International Conference on Progress of Machining Technology and approved by the Ministry of Science & Technology of The Peoples Republic of China, No. (2000)0537, in recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Machining Technology.

April 1993 Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineering (STLE) Walter D. Hodson Award for best paper published in 1993.

March 1988 United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Vienna-Austria price for the “most excellent” quality of journal paper titled “Manufacture and Properties of Ceramic Cutting Tools: a review”.



May 1986 Rolls-Royce's Manufacturing Technology Manager's price for outstanding doctoral research thesis.

1984-1986 Federal Polytechnic Idah, Scholarship (Staff Development) for Ph.D. programme in the United Kingdom.

Professor Ezugwu was an academic shark; a research cognoscente; and an administrative and leadership maven. The highlights of his professional achievements include:

- Visiting Professor at the National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja from September 2019 to August 2020.
- Provost (Vice Chancellor), Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna (AFIT-Nigeria). Two 5 years tenure from April 2009 to March 2019.
- Pioneer Director, Machining Research Centre, London South Bank University, UK (1998-2009).
- Visiting Professor at the Venture Business Laboratory, Hiroshima University, Japan under the Fellowship of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and Engineering (2001).

- Consultant to Rolls-Royce Plc, Macreadys Carbon and alloy steels and Kennametal - Hertel UK, Damstahl Tooling, Sandvik on the behaviour of materials in machining and optimisation of manufacturing processes (1990 to 2009)
- Consultant to ELF PETROLEUM Nigeria Limited, October 2004 to 2012.
- Author and co-author of 2 Patents, 6 book chapters and well over 190 technical.
- Papers in referred journals and conferences (mainly invited).
- Associate Editor of Tribology Transactions Journal.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Machine Tool and Manufacture.
- Reviewer/Referee for over 15 academic journals.
- External Examiner for Ph.D. examinations for UK Universities (Coventry Nottingham, Birmingham, Cranfield, Leeds and Sheffield), for Queensland University of Technology (Australia), Florida State University, Tallahassee (USA), McMaster University (Canada) and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

- Senior Research/Teaching Fellow, Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, 1990-1993
- Research Fellow, Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, 1986-1990.

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu worked with a passion for excellence in all areas of his endeavor. He was passionate about his academic and administrative duties; He taught and mentored with deep passion and commitment; he cared for the home front with deep passion, and he had a deep passion for the things of God.

It is important to note here that as long as people do not benefit from who a person is, it does not matter what titles or posts that person attaches to himself or herself; that person is simply unknown.

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu, was not just visible, but a great person – a personage. It was *Nelson Henderson* who once said, “The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” Prof. Emma Ezugwu understood that, and so he had relentlessly been planting academic as well as econo-social human trees. He has mentored many successful individuals.

He was a devoted and doting husband to his love and best friend, Mrs Patricia Ezugwu – a very calm and peaceful lady without needless fripperies. He was a loving and caring father of his three lovely, solid, God-fearing children – Ginikanwa recently married to Attila Racz.

In fact, his children saw him as the best father anybody could have, or wish for. Emma was a caring and understanding brother to all of his siblings. Simon (Jnr) joined Emma in the UK at the age of 9, and is a successful young man, still residing in the UK, with his wife and children.

Suffice, it is to say that, despite his brilliance and tremendous accomplishments, Prof. was a cool, objective, unassuming, kind and very respectful man who embraced life and lived it joyously, enjoying music and sports, as well as celebrating with family, friends, and colleagues.



He was easily liked and admired by all who came close to him. He easily made long lasting loyal friendships. He befriended both young and old persons and remained affectionate to his siblings, uncle's, cousins and in-laws.

He made friends with the Bishops and Clergy. He made friends with colleagues and associates. Above all, he made friends with God.

Prof. Ezugwu loved God and man. He was a devout Christian of the Catholic faith. He was down to earth in his dealings with people. He was a very quiet philanthropist. The very first Professor in the whole of Opi Ancient Kingdom, he funded the education of many underprivileged up to the University level. He was a community leader and quietly funded many community and church projects. Indeed, he will be sorely missed.

Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu went to be with the Lord on Thursday, 17th September, 2020. D, Popsy, Dad, Daddy, Emma, Bros, Prof, Professor Ezugwu, you left us too early and suddenly – when you were looking forward to seeing your children settle down in their matrimonial homes and settling down with your loving wife in your titanic retirement country home. How painful it is that you did not even stay to witness the marriage of Barr Ginikanwa, your only daughter, and Eng. Attila Racz that you looked forward to and massively prepared for.

Goodnight D; Goodnight Popsy; Goodnight Dad; Goodnight Daddy; Goodnight Emma; Goodnight Bros; Goodnight Arapa the Prof; Goodnight Prof; Goodnight Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu.

God, who loved you and endowed you with so many gifts, has called you home to rest. Sleep on at the feet of Jesus. We shall all meet again on the resurrection morning to part no more.



DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL

*I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.*

*Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

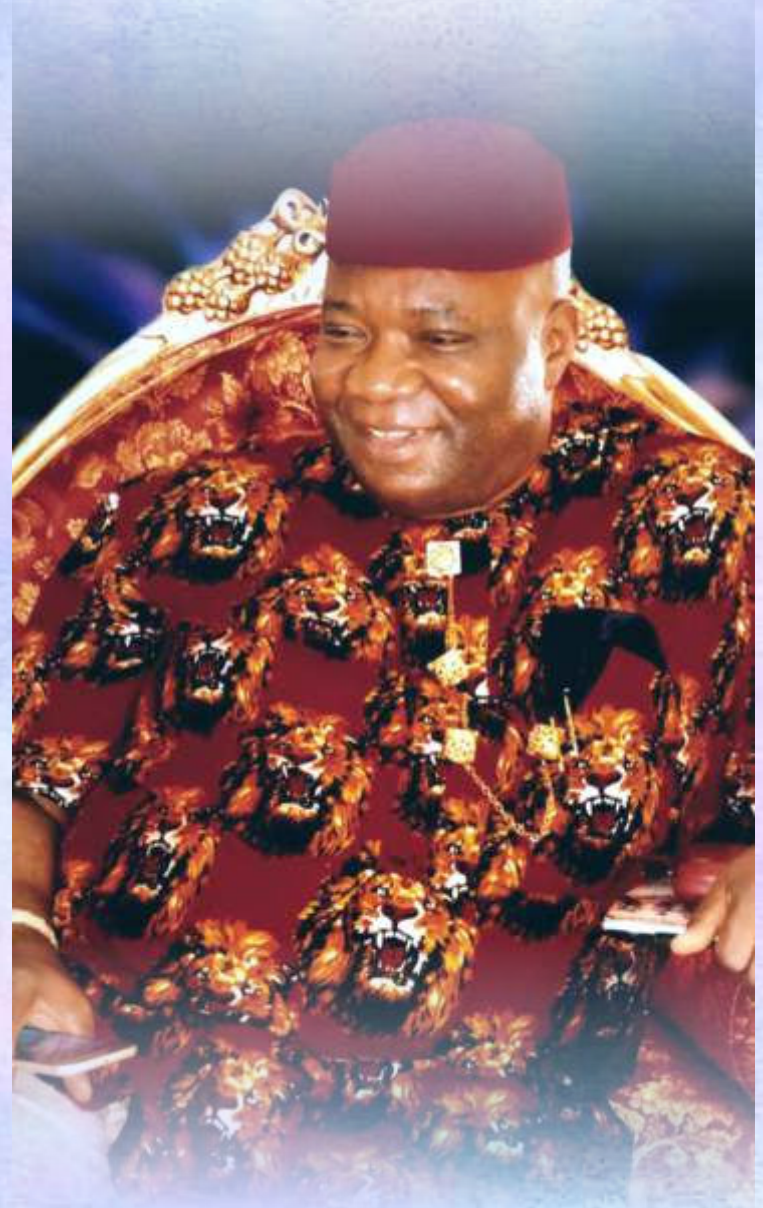
*Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.*

*Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?*

*I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.*

All is well.

By: Henry Scott-Holland



WHEN MEN WERE BOYS



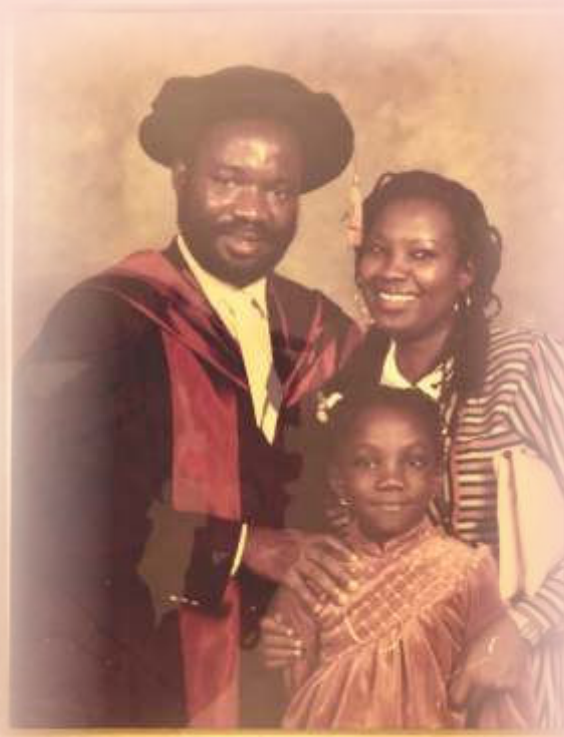
A MAN'S TRUE LOVE



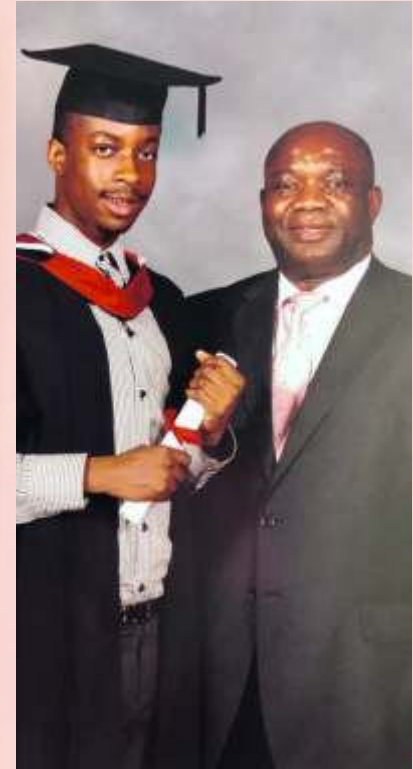
A MAN & HIS FAMILY



FAMILY OF SCHOLARS



UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



A MAN & HIS KIN



JOLLY GOOD FELLOW



LOVE THROUGH THE YEARS



A MAN AT WORK



*"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction,
the cement that binds closer together, and the
music that brings harmony."*

Friedrich Nietzsche

TRIBUTES

Family





From your Wife, Uka

*And I'd choose you;
in a hundred lifetimes,
in a hundred worlds,
in any version of reality,
I'd find you and
I'd choose you.*

*From your forever wife, friend and love
adapted from CHAOS OF THE STARS*



#ForeverEver...

To my First Love

Hi Daddy,

So, I'm desperately trying to make sure everybody has written their tribute and as I write mine at 5am in the morning before I get caught up in committee meetings, graphic designers/printers, thoughtful condolence visitors, streams of tears cascade down my face as what I've known since 17th Sept is now so real. You are actually gone... Are you? Or is it a cruel joke, a bad dream I am struggling to wake from. I am yet to grieve you and look forward to giving myself the space to mourn you with thunderous whaling sobs from the dept of my core as I embrace the pain of it all. Right now, I am content with my silent tears resulting in a congested nose, making it hard to breathe.

I last wrote you:

60 is just the Beginning...

Dad,

You are a man who is not flashy, ostentatious or boastful.
You are not caught up or moved by the glitz and glamour of material things in order to feel validated.
You are fully assured in your self-worth, have a natural warmth, confidence and strength that commands the respect and admiration of those around you.
You choose to discreetly sow seeds in others, giving them the opportunity to reap a better future.
You instil your unwavering belief that education is the key to open any door.
Your career in academia has Empowered, Impacted and Transformed the lives of thousands of individuals;
Whom because of you, were given a chance, received scholarships, schooled abroad;
But most importantly gained a friend and a mentor in You.



Dad,

You are a shining example of walking boldly in God's purpose for your life and hence have had a remarkable adventure so far.

What a privilege it is to observe your strength, your competence, and your kindness.

We are so Blessed to be under your guidance, your protection, your care, learning important life lessons from you.

May this Milestone 60th Birthday give you a Renewed spring in your step, Energy, Enthusiasm, Excitement for all the endless possibilities that are available to you to create!

May you continue to travel and explore the world, embracing new cultures, and showing tolerance to different lifestyles.

We ask the Good Lord to continue to protect you In the Blood of Jesus, to grant you an abundance of health, peace of mind, and above all love that surpasses all understanding.

Dad,
We LOVE YOU more than these words can express.

Know that our love for you is boundless and indescribably deep.

We are humbled by all your incredible successes and achievements.

We pray for your continued happiness and may the next 60 years be filled with laughter, successes and celebrations.

Today on 11.11.2019 we Celebrate Your Life!

Happy Birthday Daddy

Ever Yours Ginika, Emeka & Emmanuel xoxo

*D*addy,

*You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knows why.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.*

*I grieve for you, now you're free
You took the Lords hand,
when you heard him call,
Turned your back and left it all.*

*I wish you stayed another day,
I wish you stayed another year,
I wish you stayed a decade or more
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Daddy you're parting left a void,
Yet to be fill with remembered joy.
A million times I'll need you,
A million times I've cried.*

*Trying not to be burdened with times of sorrow,
Wishing you the sunshine of tomorrow.
You're Life's been full, you savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Your time seems all too brief,
hard not to lengthen it with undue grief.
I lift up my head and share with others,
God wanted you now, He set you free.*

*In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.*

First True Love, my Comforter, my Hero

Ever yours Ginikanwa (Nee Ezugwu)





We Miss and Love you Forever Dad

This has been one of the hardest things we have ever had to write. The amount of time alone taken to collectively put our thoughts together doesn't even come close to representing the colossal impact you had on our lives. This isn't something we thought we would be writing soon. We really have lost our combined heartbeat.

There can never be enough words written to represent the impact you had and continue to have on our lives to this day. Everything we have ever achieved in life; every success, every win, every obstacle we overcame, every enemy defeated, everything, has come because of your meticulous integrity and unrelenting strive for excellence. You always put your family first and simultaneously also built a professional resume the envy of even the most seasoned academics. Your sacrifices made to provide a better life for us will never be forgotten.

Ever since your passing, we have recounted old childhood stories of our family life, we laughed long into the night discussing some of these tales. Every time you shouted "Ogboo!" (our nickname) from the top of your voice, we would instantly know who you were referring to, just from your tone! After the laughter, we reminisced together on how you became our confidant and friend, as we grew into young adults and working professionals. We are thankful we were able to experience this change in our relationship as we connected and built a friendship out of respect and love which meant everything to us.

You had a profound impact on this family but since your passing, the one thing that has giving us heart and immense pride has been the outpouring of support we have witnessed from your friends, colleagues, academics, scholars and associates. The tributes and love have come from far and wide, and demonstrated to us even further the impact and reach of your unconditional love and reach. You were a man Blessed with great Intelligence, who worked passionately and honesty, and was also revered for his warmth and friendliness.

You are the embodiment of everything we could ever want in a Father. You have instilled something special in us that lives on today and will be passed down to your grand children.

Your legacy will live on in Us All.

We Miss and Love you Forever.

Engr. Nnaemeka Collins Odo Ogugua & Emmanuel (Jr) Obumneme Ezugwu



Adieu! Adieu!! Adieu!!!



**TRIBUTE TO MY YOUNGER BROTHER PROF.
EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU**

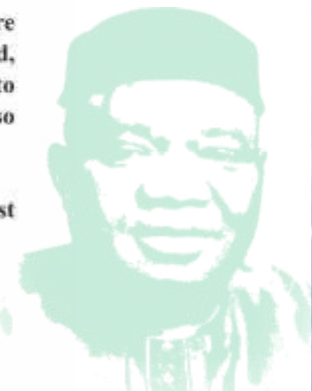
The shock of the news of your sudden death is and has remained with me even as I write this tribute about you. I am only consoled by the fact that God creates and takes at his own will without consultation. Otherwise, Emma, why you? At just the prime of your reaping the fruit of your hard labour.

Our life has been that of tremendous understanding that all you did was really following after your elder brother's stride from primary school to the University stage. I remember most vividly when you first took a shot at studying Zoology in University of Nigeria and it did not work out. You changed your course of study just because I had to convince you of a move to engineering profession which you now took and got to the epitome of your choice in the field of Engineering. The Synergy in our understanding was such that some has openly come to ask me why we have not had a misunderstanding. Even after the death of our father Chief Simon Ezugwu you have been a good support to me in piloting the affairs of the family. Hence in me, I prefer to call you Obata-Obie II of the family while your love for my title of Arapa II is so much in you that your folks in United Kingdom call you Arapa III. This has even stuck to you even as you came back to Nigeria after a long and successful Sojourn to the United Kingdom.

Emmanuel, in short, I liken your death to a passage from the bible in Luke 9:57-62 where Jesus said Go and Proclaim the Kingdom of God and the fellow said I will follow you lord, but let me first say farewell to those at home. Jesus said to him "No one who puts his hand to the plough and look back is fit for the kingdom of God" So I believe you had your hand on so many unfinished ploughs. The kingdom of God is yours as you rest in Peace.

My brother everyone you are leaving behind will continue praying for you to rest peacefully in the bosom of your creator Amen.

Adieu! Adieu!! Adieu!!!
ARAPA ENGR JOELEZUGWU
(THE HEAD OF UGWUEZUGWU UKWUMA FAMILY)



From your Sister Nneka Ikechukwu (Née Ezugwu)

Today marks the last day for tribute collections, yet I cannot find words to express how I feel, what I feel and who I am at this moment. Ceaseless crying and tears give momentary breaks and reliefs.... and in a few hours, the feelings well up again, asking to be relieved in the same way... and in my sorrow laden heart, I am faced with the reality that you are not here...else you would have wiped every tear from my face...Big Brother

Where do I begin, Brother m? This is not what we planned. Oh... how I tried to be like you..., to work hard like you.. to please you... My Strength, My Pillar, My Hero, My Best Friend. You gave me reasons to keep pushing... never to give up. Where do I start from? Oh...tears again!!! You were everything to me. Everything! And yet, you never said goodbye.

Today, I write a tribute to you because you left us...My God....not so soon... Never knew it would be this soon. So sudden! What do I say? What can I say when I have lost a man who stood by me at life's darkest hours? A God sent! You were a Father to my children, the best Uncle they could ever ask for. Prof Nwanne m, I feel so alone! For the first time after the death of Ikechukwu, my Husband, I feel helpless. Am I scared?

Life's eminent lessons are becoming experiences- That life is indeed short. - That there is no guarantee of a tomorrow. - That death is not the opposite of life but part of life itself.

If I remembered every day that I could lose you at any moment, I would have loved you more fiercely and freely and without fear. You were everything!!! I hope you will remember things I told you about how I felt, like how I really did love you.

To the well organized mind which you had, death is the next great adventure. The goal is not to live forever but to create something that will live forever-like the bond and friendship you consciously and conscientiously created amongst us.

And so, I cannot say goodbye, Big Brother. Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. For me, you are forever in my Heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will wear your memory proudly. May the promises of God whom you served and worshipped come true in your life for Christ says, "I am the resurrection and life, whoever believes in me, though die, yet shall live.

May God's perpetual light shine upon you. May you rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Sleep on Brother...Prof Nwanne m.... Dearest Brother...My true friend... until we meet again.

*Nneka Ikechukwu
(née Ezugwu)*

From Brother, Simon (IK) Ezugwu

Brother,

On the 17th of September, God that graciously gave you as a gift to this world decided that it was time to take you home to be with Him even as it is written 'The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away'. Job 1:21. Our finite minds will never understand why you had to go so soon, but we know that God is still good and forever He will be praised.

In your magnificent 60 years of sojourn here on Earth, you shone brightly like a star. A man full of life, intellect, wisdom and honour – (Prof). You carried a multitude of people by the strength, grace and love that God gave you, never ever flinching. You indeed lived a life worthy of emulation.

It is said that the true measure of a man is not by the possession he had amassed but rather by the amount of people he positively impacted. I stand here as proof of one of those that you cared for, nurtured and influenced.

I am so heartbroken and sad that you are gone but am consoled knowing that your spirit lives forever in my heart. As a touch that spirit will forever guide and help me.

I will miss you Brother Emma and I thank God for blessing me with the gift of knowing you and being your kid brother. I love you and I thank you for all you have done for me and for who you are.

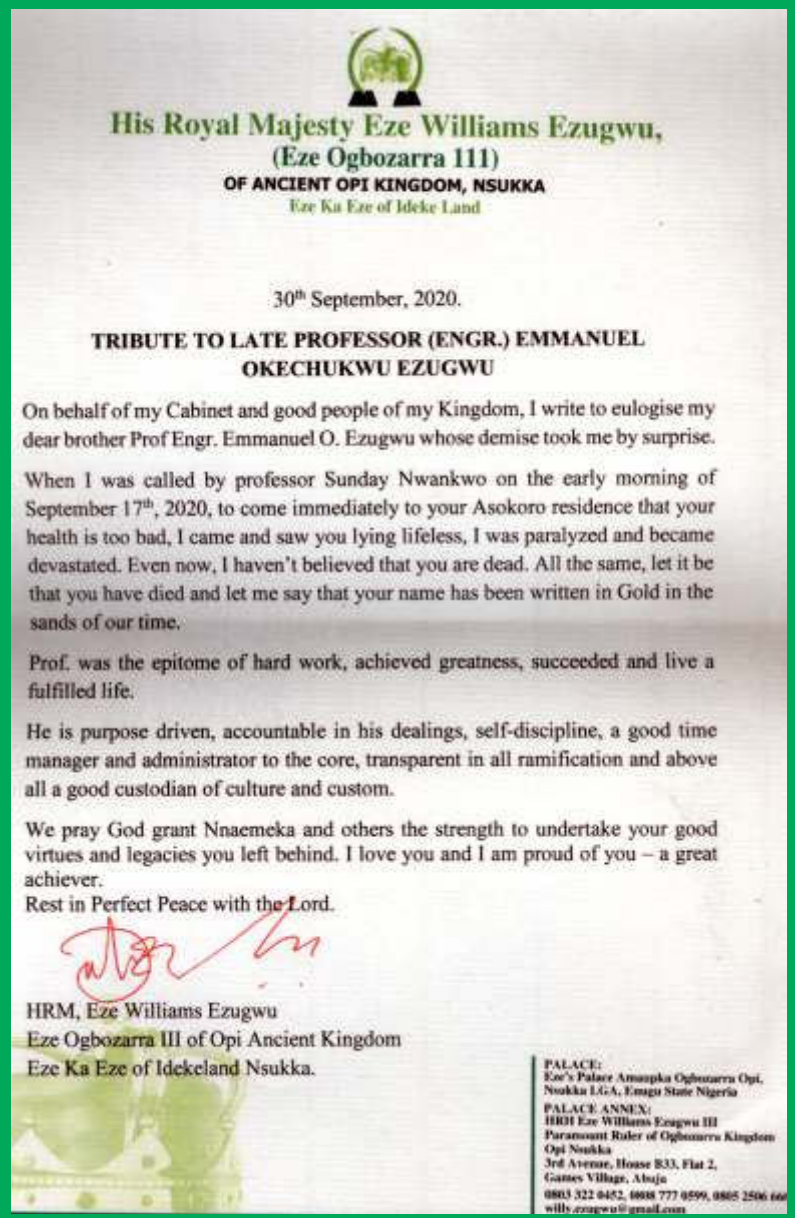
Go now my brother and enjoy your rest for you have earned it.


May God bless your soul and keep you in the bosom of Abraham until we meet again in that place where the sun always shines and where there is no shadow of sickness, sorrow or death.

Your Brother

IK

HRM Eze Williams Ezugwu




His Royal Majesty Eze Williams Ezugwu,
(Eze Ogbozarra 111)
OF ANCIENT OPI KINGDOM, NSUKKA
Eze Ka Eze of Ideke Land

30th September, 2020.

**TRIBUTE TO LATE PROFESSOR (ENGR.) EMMANUEL
OKECHUKWU EZUGWU**

On behalf of my Cabinet and good people of my Kingdom, I write to eulogise my dear brother Prof Engr. Emmanuel O. Ezugwu whose demise took me by surprise.


When I was called by professor Sunday Nwankwo on the early morning of September 17th, 2020, to come immediately to your Asokoro residence that your health is too bad, I came and saw you lying lifeless, I was paralyzed and became devastated. Even now, I haven't believed that you are dead. All the same, let it be that you have died and let me say that your name has been written in Gold in the sands of our time.

Prof. was the epitome of hard work, achieved greatness, succeeded and live a fulfilled life.

He is purpose driven, accountable in his dealings, self-discipline, a good time manager and administrator to the core, transparent in all ramification and above all a good custodian of culture and custom.

We pray God grant Nnaemeka and others the strength to undertake your good virtues and legacies you left behind. I love you and I am proud of you – a great achiever.

Rest in Perfect Peace with the Lord.


HRM, Eze Williams Ezugwu
Eze Ogbozarra III of Opi Ancient Kingdom
Eze Ka Eze of Idekeland Nsukka.

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The Surge of an Erroneous Storm

The above caption clearly depicts the state of my being when I heard the sad news of your untimely death. I remembered screaming 'Chi Ewere Ehihe Jie'(the night has dawn in the noon) which depicts how huge the tragedy of your death is to the Ezugwu's family and perhaps to those on whom you had great impact in their lives because you were God sent, taken away from us way before your time was up. It is obvious that Death is an inevitable part of life, a harsh reality that makes one question their own mortality and purpose in life, but your sudden death is so shocking that I find it hard to internalize and process its reality.

During your lifetime I was not that fortunate to be with you as was expected, but I know we had mutual respect for our individual aims and aspirations. I remembered suggesting to you not to settle as a PhD holder because of your creativity in aeronautical engineering designs. I suggested that you go straight for your professorship, which you acknowledged and appreciated; and I was glad you did because it elevated the status of the Ezugwu's family. Equally, in 2004 when my family and I were on a vacation in England, you asked my opinion about your intention to relocate back to Nigeria from the United Kingdom. I told you to follow your instinct if it would add to your aggrandizement. You eventually did and made a remarkable difference that will remain a legacy that will continue to propel the dignity of the Ezugwu family.

During the early time of my sojourn to the United States with my children, you called and reminded me vehemently not to forgo my academic aspirations. The last time we communicated was on Facebook when you wrote a congratulatory message for my birthday. But surprisingly you went further to accord me an accolade that will remain indelible in my memory as a huge support system to me and

I am glad that I had the opportunity in my response to acknowledge and praise you for your huge support for your siblings as if we had a premonition of your death.

Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, you actually justified your existence on earth by dint of your hard work and accomplishments. You accomplished so much in your lifetime at personal, professional, national, and international levels. You and your lovely wife Patricia Ezugwu raised wonderful and intelligent children who are astute and successful professionals in their various fields of endeavor. You were a great intellectual with whom I take pride to identify, a light and prestigious image of the Ezugwu family and a great philanthropist.

Your sudden death left me so forlorn that I am tempted to rhetorically ask why do some people live such long and fulfilling lives whereas other lives are truncated? I am aware that you had lofty ideas, but unfortunately your death did not allow the world to see how far your excellence would have taken you in contributing to make the world a better place.

Prof. although you are no longer physically with us, you will forever remain in our hearts and your spirit will always be felt. Thank you for coming into our lives and enriching us all with your outstanding intellectual prowess. You lived an amazing life of giving back to others. Your list of accomplishments inspired me so much that my husband and I did not have to struggle to convince our children to settle for nothing less but the best because they have a role model in the family. For instance, one of my twin sons, an aerospace and systems engineer in his place of work, said his boss in consoling him over your death and on seeing your profile reiterated, "So it runs in the family."

Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, my dearest brother in-law, as you make the quantum leap into eternity, I pray you will find God and all the heavenly hosts waiting for you in heaven while we, your loved ones here on earth, keep looking up to God who is the author and finisher of our faith for absolute consolation and restitution over your heartrending demise. Adieu my forever dearest brother in-law until we meet again.

Your Sister In-law,

Ifeoma Chime Ezugwu

*Adieu Ezigbo Mmadu,
Adieu my Person*

I lost a rare gem. I lost a brother-in-law, who was so special to me.

I lost a man who treated me like a daughter and extended same to my siblings.

I lost a mentor, a man I looked up to.
I lost the world best in law, truthful to the core.
Your death is a big blow and your memory will remain evergreen.

I wish you lived longer so Jessica and David could meet the best Uncle in the whole world, but trust that I will sing of your good deeds, kindness, generosity, intelligence and charisma to them.

I will miss you immensely.
Continue to rest in peace till we meet to part no more.

Adieu Ezigbo mmadu.
Adieu my person.
Adieu Prof Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu.

Your Sister In-law

Onyeka Ezugwu

*Tribute to my Lovely Uncle- Late
Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu*

Uncle, I still can't believe I am writing a tribute for your passing. It is indescribable how difficult this moment is to me, but if this is the last time I get to say goodbye, then I know I will do so with the knowledge that I consider myself lucky and blessed to have shared this life with you as your niece.

Thursday, September 17th, 2020 will never be forgotten and will remain the darkest day in the Ezugwu Family. A day that was meant to be just another day turned out to be a day of tragedy for us all.

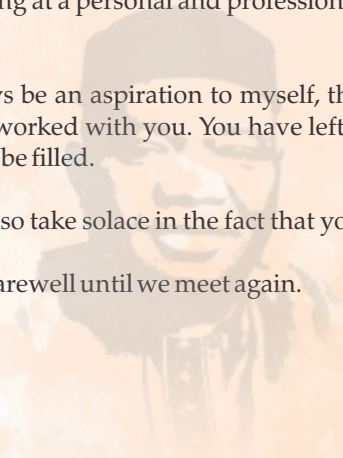
Uncle, the news of your passing really got to me as a humongous shock. It is so sad to know that FOREVER, I will not hear that suiting Voice saying A-D-A and the laugh that follows afterwards. When I spoke with you a few weeks to the day of your passing, you were full of life and we talked about your forthcoming birthday which is now a few weeks away; I still can't believe you are gone.

The large part of you was your professional successes and outstanding leadership services to all institutions you led but the larger part of you was your impact on our family, friends, and in general your selfless services to humanity. The benefits of your hard work are a living testimony for so many young men and women you took under your wing at a personal and professional level.

Uncle, you were and will always be an aspiration to myself, the entire family, and anyone who worked with you. You have left a void in the family that will never be filled.

While we all mourn today, we also take solace in the fact that you lived a well-accomplished life.
We thank the Lord and bid you farewell until we meet again.

Your Niece
Sheila Adaobi Ezugwu



Farewell Our Beloved Brother In-Law, Brother, and Uncle

The news of your exit was exceedingly shocking. No one would imagine that death would take you away so suddenly. Just like that?

We had written tributes before, but Noooo, not this one! This very sad experience has made each and every one of us realize that writing could be a very tasking, painful, and tormenting venture. The emotional pain is indescribable. What do we even write you now? The way life keeps turning and changing is indeed amazing. Only in August, you came down for your friend's burial here in Nsukka. Today, less than two months later, we are saying a final goodbye! How painful!

The great achiever; an unassuming, well-traveled, very hardworking, focused, stable, dynamic, vibrant, seasoned, solid, creditable, powerful, fearless research-oriented giant, an erudite scholar of repute, an academic and administrative shark, a colossus in the field of Manufacturing Engineering is gone!!!

Bros me, Arapa the Prof, Emma, Uncle E, Uncle Emma, you have worked very hard and very well. You have, however, not lived as long as we all would wish. However, God, the Just Judge, knows it all. He allowed it. Our entire family will miss you very much indeed. Rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord Jesus. Goodnight and goodbye. Sleep well. Fare thee well. Adieu

*Ozo Umeano
Nwachinemelu, Otigbuanyinya, Omeokachie11
(Enugwu-Agidi na Umunri)*

For the entire Unoaku Umeano family

Arapa... My Dear Brother In-law

It is still difficult to speak about you in past tense. You were one person that lived life to the fullest and you definitely existed in the present, in the now, leaving deep footprints everywhere you found yourself.

Your quest for excellence is a quality that, for me, was both a challenge and a source of deep admiration. We watched you blaze every trail you landed on, take on every opportunity that came and live your best life in all aspects of your life. Kudos, my brother.

My promise to you is that we will be there for Patty and the children. As God would have it, you already raised each and every one of your children to be confident, self-sufficient and result-driven. Thank God you were here to see them excel in their chosen field of endeavour.

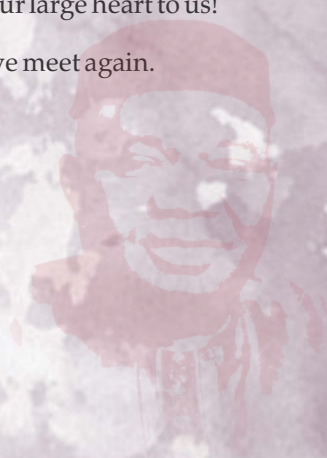
You missed Ginika's wedding... but we know that your spirit was right there nodding your approval and hugging her and Atilla. Uloma and the children are still terribly saddened and pray daily for the family you left behind.

Our fondest memories are of the early days when you opened your home in Mitcham to us for holidays.

Thank you for opening your large heart to us!

Farewell, my brother, till we meet again.

*Chidi Umeano
and Family*



Tribute to One of Us

With deep pains in our heart and yet with total submission to the will of God, we, the co-inlaws are writing this tribute to one of us, Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu (Arapa III) - who passed away in his sleep on the 17th September, 2020 at the unripe age of 60.

Emma was a wonder co-in-law, a devoted husband to his wife, and a caring father to his children. The immediate past Provost/Vice Chancellor of the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna, Arapa III-A Professor of Manufacturing Engineering-was a dynamic young man who was full of life. He was just larger than life!

He had many innovative scientific ideas. One of these, he tried to sell to Ford Motor, Chicago, USA.

This is really a very painful blow to all who had come into contact with Prof. We the co-in-law are going to miss him truly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Patty, Ginika, Emeka and Obun and indeed the Ezugwu family. Good night, Emma; Farewell Prof; Adieu Arapa III

Frederick Monu

For your co-in-laws

Gab Okoye

Dr. Joe Adimonye

Gabby Chilaka

What a Mighty Iroko Tree

Emmanuel Ezugwu! So we fondly called you before you became our very own "Prof"! Your demise came as a very rude shock because you were so full of life and energy.

What a mighty Iroko tree fallen prematurely!

What happened?

Trail blazer and path finder par excellence!

Bright shining Star!

Erudite, Distinguished Scholar and Technocrat!

Unassuming, yet accomplished academician and superb Professor!

The reputed Pioneer Provost and amiable "Prof" of the Nigerian Airforce Institute! (The Prof! Prof! Prof...that filled the air at one of your graduation ceremonies that I was privileged to attend still resonates in my ears).

A man of targets and goals! Among your many achievements, you targeted and accomplished your Doctorate degree at age 26!

Your conference papers, laurels and awards were listless! While people would raise shoulders at CVs of ten pages, yours was over 100 pages. What a gem come our way! You achieved so much so speedily as if you knew you were here for a short while.

Your Professorship was not a mere accolade. You were nobility and brain on parade. Your destiny was colossally great and you knew it! To think that you were not only books and papers.

Dependable husband and father! You have a beautiful family that you prided in. You spoke of your wife as your best friend and together you raised three lovely children. No area of your life suffered!

You were a brother to have. In unparalleled humility you adored your senior brother. The same with all your siblings. You were a big irreplaceable pillar for the family. Your extended family was not left out of your reach. Your late uncle, Asogwa Uwal, would delightedly talk about you and how time and distance meant nothing to you if he needed your attention. Except you were in a meeting, you were never too dignified to listen or pick up a call and you were prompt to return any missed call. You were so positively cultured!

Socialite extraordinaire! Gbazuagi! Your numerous friends and associates will miss you greatly. I wish you ripened in age. You slipped unto greater glory from Sleep.

Jehova knows!

Adieu great Eagle! Adieu Nwane onyene! Adieu our very own PROF!

Louisa Emeka Ugwu

Cousin



*"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have,
and one of the best things you can be."*

Douglas Pagels

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**TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU
BY THE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF, AIR MARSHAL SADIQUE
BABA ABUBAKAR DFS GSS psc(+) fwc fdc(+) MSc**

I received the news of the death of late Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, the immediate past Provost of the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), Kaduna, with great shock. This is because Professor Ezugwu was always full of life. His vibrant personality always commanded respect and attention. Hence, it was difficult for me to believe that he was no more. His passing is yet another solemn reminder of the transient nature of human life and the inevitability of death.

Professor Ezugwu was a man of colossal proportions both physically, academically and socially. Yet, there was a humility and inclusiveness of spirit about him. His world view, accomplishments and associations were so vast but were not tainted by race, tribe, ethnicity or religious sentiments. As the Chairman of the AFIT Governing Council, I had several meaningful interactions with this astute and dedicated scholar. On each of these occasions, one could not help but be impressed by his mental acuity and clarity of thoughts as well as delivery of same. His academic records were stellar, his social interactions were very warm and his unwavering faith in God was quite evident.

The reactions of the staff of AFIT, and indeed the wider NAF family, to the news of his death showed that he was well liked and admired for his leadership and administrative acumen. Many have openly attested to his influence and contributions to their lives. It is noteworthy to

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mention that Professor Ezugwu was the pioneer Provost of AFIT, in which capacity he served for 10 years. During the period, he successfully presided over the Academic Branch of the Institution, overseeing military courses, the National and Higher National Diploma programmes as well as the postgraduate programmes. It was under his watch that AFIT was elevated to the status of a Federal University and he successfully superintended over the entire process which led to the initial admission of 500 students into the degree programmes.

Even though he was a civilian, he successfully integrated himself into the military cadre, where he made lifelong relationships. He was truly a member of the NAF family. This is evidenced by the expressions of pain by many senior officers, both serving and retired, who have attested to his sterling qualities.

Professor Ezugwu was able to combine the rigours of academia with administration as well as research and innovation. Under his watch, AFIT recorded many innovations and groundbreaking projects, which include the Hexacopter and the electric vehicle. He was also a member of the Team that facilitated the collaboration and affiliation of AFIT with the Cranfield University in the United Kingdom, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees to NAF engineers. This particular collaboration between the two institutions led to the initiation of the NAF Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) project which culminated in the building of the AMEBO UAV. The AMEBO UAV eventually led to further research on UAVs leading to the production of the newer generation GULMA and TSAIGUMI UAVs.

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The death of Professor Ezugwu is indeed a loss not only to AFIT and the NAF but to the Nigerian nation. The late Professor was a repository of knowledge and his passing has robbed us all of his wealth of knowledge. However, we are also grateful for the articles and research papers he wrote in his life time, which will serve as a guide for future staff and students of the Institute as well as other scholars.

On behalf of officers, airmen/airwomen and civilian staff of the NAF, I wish to use this medium to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family he left behind. We share in your grief in these trying times. We are however consoled by the fact that Professor Ezugwu lived a fulfilled and godly life, and has left his footprints on the sands of time. As he is laid to rest, may the Almighty God comfort the bereaved family and grant them the fortitude to bear this monumental loss.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace!



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The news of Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu's death came to me while I was on a train from Abuja. I had spoken with him the previous day and he was in high spirits. He didn't seem ill or complain about any health challenges. We ended our conversation on a very pleasant note so when I received the news of his death the next day, my initial reaction was disbelief. Disbelief gave way to shock when it dawned on me that indeed Prof had gone the way of all flesh.

Professor Ezugwu was a big man in stature but even more in accomplishments and indeed in his heart. Having gone through his lifetime achievements, it is difficult to equate humility with a man so well read, so well-travelled and indeed a man so revered in his chosen field of academics. Yet he wasn't arrogant or conceited neither was he oppressive to people of lesser pedigree. He started from a humble academic background at the Federal Polytechnic Idah but ended being an academic reference point globally.

In 2008, Professor Ezugwu answered the call of national duty and left the relative comfort of the UK to take up a job as the pioneer Provost of the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Kaduna. He not only was the pioneer Provost but he served for 10 years overseeing military courses, National Diploma, Higher National Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma Programmes. It was in that capacity that I met him as a member of the AFIT Governing Council. His submissions during our meetings further endeared him to me as one could not help but be impressed by his ideas, lucidity and power of expression. It was therefore very easy to see that he was indeed a round peg in a round hole. His passion for and desire to see AFIT flourish led to a successful Polytechnic and eventually an upgrade to a University.

Under his watch, AFIT was able to develop groundbreaking projects which formed the nucleus of the Nigerian Air Force defence and innovative research. He was also able to establish many partnerships and collaborations with reputable institutions both locally and internationally. He was part of the team that instituted a Memorandum

of Understanding between the Nigerian Air Force and Cranfield University where NAF engineers and many other AFIT staff got their Masters and PhDs in various fields. One is constrained by space and the need for brevity otherwise it would take many pages to completely list out what he achieved in his 2 tenures as Provost AFIT. It is very comforting to know that even after the expiration of his tenure, Professor Ezugwu continued to protect and project the interest of AFIT in his current appointment as a Commissioner at the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC). As Commandant of AFIT, I would routinely get calls from him intimating me of things that could benefit AFIT at the NUC. I also periodically leaned on his connections and knowledge to proffer solutions to knotty issues in the course of my administration. That was the extent of his devotion and passion for our beloved Institute.

Professor Ezugwu was a very sociable man who despite his status would relate with all and sundry in a very convivial manner. He was also approachable and his trademark smile wasn't very far away. The reaction of many of the staff of AFIT was of deep shock and pain as the news of his demise spread. One thing that was common from all that were said about him by the staff was that Professor Ezugwu would not discriminate against anyone on account of tribe, tongue, religion or social status. He treated everyone with kindness and would reiterate his belief in relating with all men based on merit and strength of character.

Professor Ezugwu's death has succeeded in reminding us that death is inevitable for all and that many times, it comes without notice. It is also a lesson that we will all answer the ultimate call and should therefore live in readiness to meet our creator.

Therefore, on behalf of the Management Team, Staff and students of AFIT, I sincerely extend my heartfelt condolences to the family he left behind. Death of a loved one is never pleasant but we are consoled by the fact that he was a deeply religious man who evidently loved God. We believe he has gone to be with his creator and therefore rejoice that heaven has gained a soul.

Please accept our condolences and be comforted. We mourn with you as his death is also a major loss for the Nigerian Air Force as a whole and AFIT in particular.

I wish you a very successful outing and pray the good Lord continues to console you all.



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TRIBUTE TO LATE PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU

The remembrance of the good done by those we have loved is the only consolation when we have lost them...Charles Albert Demoustier.

And so I am consoled by the numerous good deeds done by Professor EO Ezugwu.

When I got the call on the 17th of September that Prof had gone on to eternal glory, I was initially confused and in a total state of disbelief. I had spoken with him not long ago and I didn't get the impression that anything was wrong. As a matter of fact, we had plans to see shortly and I was looking forward to the usual camaraderie that characterized our meetings.

Professor Ezugwu was many things to me. He was a friend, a brother, a teacher and a mentor as well. We worked together in different capacities, he as Provost of the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) while I was the Dean of the School of Air Craft Engineering. As fate would have it, I was eventually appointed the Commandant where together we superintended the elevation of AFIT to a university. Under his watch, AFIT conducted its first post UTME and admitted its pioneer graduate students. This was in addition to the years he had spent overseeing the Diploma and post graduate programmes.

Prof as he was fondly called was a man of many parts, academician, a social being, a devout Christian and man who loved to live life. During the course of our working relationship, we forged a bond that transcended the job. We met most evenings to play golf, discuss life and politics as well as plot our dreams for life after retirement. He was an older brother to me who didn't hesitate to make his opinion known on even the knottiest and most contentious issues. In relating with him, one can't help but be impressed by the embodiment of knowledge he stood for. Prof Ezugwu was a brilliant man by many standards. He bestrode the academia like a colossus, even physically, he stood heads above many.

Prof Ezugwu did not joke with the things of God. While he lived on the Base through the duration of his tenure as Provost, he would not miss Mass. Many times, he would attend morning Mass before resuming at work. He believed firmly in God and was quick to urge others to keep their faith in Christ. Professor Ezugwu was a completely detribalized man who considered neither race, tribe, tongue nor religion before dealing fairly with all men. He dealt with people based on strength of character and merit of their cases. I have known Prof to put other people's considerations ahead of his brothers' and he would always defend his actions by citing merit above tribal or religious affiliations.

His loss is indeed a loss for the Nigerian Air Force, the Nigerian academia and the nation as a whole. It was a rare privilege to have worked with Ezugwu.

Dear brother and friend, I mourn your departure with pain in my heart. But I am consoled that you lived a good life and got to the peak of your academic career in sound health of mind and body. As God has deemed it fit to call you home, we surrender all to him. He will grant us the fortitude to beat this loss while hoping to see you again on resurrection day.

Adieu

CNUDEAGULU
Air Vice Marshal





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Professor EO Ezugwu Family
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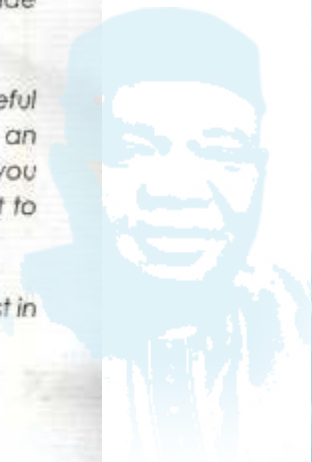
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Words can hardly express my shock and sense of loss at the news of demise of your beloved husband, father and brother, Late **Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu** who passed onto eternal glory on Thursday 17 September 2020. I have known Prof since his tenure as the first provost of the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and our friendship has developed and endured over the years. He was an unassuming, selfless and committed friend who would always stand by you in any situation. An illustrious son of his family and community-Opi Nsukka, he was an academic of international repute and would be remembered for his love for family, friends and above all the impact he made as the pioneer provost of AFIT.

I join you and your wishers in mourning his loss and praying for the peaceful repose of his gentle soul. Let us be consoled by the fact that he lived an exemplary life that touched on the lives of others. His legacies will live in you that he has left behind. **Professor EO Ezugwu** lives on because to die is not to live in the hearts of those he has left behind.

Adieu! Adieu!! Adieu my dear friend and brother!!! May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace until we meet again in God's bosom.

Onyike



Arapaeze na Opi! Arapa na Opi!! Arapaeze na Opi!!!

From Air Commodore Maduabuchi Nick Orjiude (rtd) fss psc (+) fndc



Dear Sir,

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

With a sense of personal loss, pains and grief, I write on behalf of my family to deeply sympathize and condole the immediate family and the Greater Ezugwu families of Opi on the death of their father and illustrious son ; late Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu. My family stands by you and shares in your pains as you mourn my bossom friend , 'the Great Arapaeze na Opi, an erudite scholar, a global citizen as I fondly called him.

Arapaeze na Opi! Arapa na Opi!! Arapaeze na Opi!!! Imagine, Imagine. I am yet to come to terms with your exit to the great beyond since the unfaithful day of 27 September 2020. The dead-shock I had at the news of your death devastated me to say the least and the emotional agony has continued unabated. It has been nightmarish and extremely difficult for me to reconcile and address you as 'late'. I cannot hold-back my tears and anguish; You certainly know why! Both of us have shared mutual, supportive and beneficial relationship since our union at St. Theresa's College Nsukka in 1974. Ever since then, you were a brother, a pillar of support, my confidant, a friend a boss and a lot more ...!

Arapaeze, life is not how long a man lived but his enduring humanity and positive legacies. I salute your uncommon drive for excellence and achievements- a professor at 36 years old, your strength of character and above all, your warm humble personality and humanity laced with deeds of common good that transcended the social strata. Your footprint at the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology Kaduna, North-West Nigeria would remain an indelible worthy legacy. Your native home church (St Charles Opi) mourns you including many underprivileged students you mentor and support as your community development efforts. We cannot thank you enough for all your kind works for humanity.

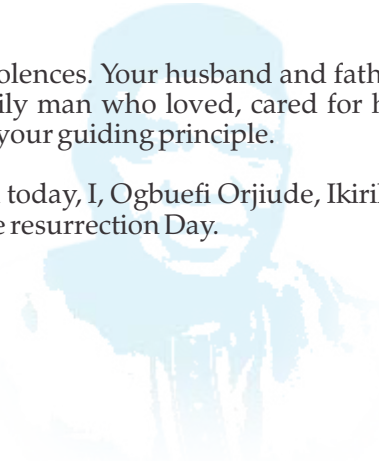
Nnnaemeka, Obum, Ginika and my dear Arapa's wife Pat, please accept our condolences. Your husband and father left enviable positive legacies of honesty, integrity and hardwork. He was a family man who loved, cared for his immediate family, siblings and humanity. I encourage you to uphold his legacies as your guiding principle.

Finally, Arapaeze na Opi, the global citizen, as you are interred to the mother earth today, I, Ogbuefi Orjiude, Ikiriko Akpu Enyi na Mmaku, in an evergreen memory, bids you farewell till we meet on the resurrection Day.

May His perpetual light shine upon your noble soul. Goodnight my friend.

Rest in Peace.

Adieu, Professor.





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TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR EMMA EZUGWU

The sad news of your sudden death was received with great shock. I was just entering my office on that fateful day when I got a call that there was an emergency in your house. I dashed to your house only to see your lifeless body on your bed. Very sad!! It is hard to accept the death of a loved one especially when you did not have the chance to say goodbye, especially when the deceased was taken suddenly and so shocking at the prime of his life and most especially when it seems like an irreplaceable part of your world is gone. My dear elder brother, the grief and pains of your sudden death is unbearable. Your sudden death at your prime makes me realize the brevity of life. Your death has made me to sit down and reflect. It has made me to appreciate the loved ones in my life because I don't know what tomorrow holds in stock.

There lies a philanthropist, a man of integrity and Honour. A quintessential gentleman of immense wisdom. As the provost of Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) you never failed to highlight the virtues of resilience, perseverance and hard work among your students. You have an enduring spirit for success. Your love is infectious as you appreciate every little assistance rendered to you. It is this attitude that endeared you to so many Military officers, even those that have not met you cherished you so much. Your popular 11 11 birthday celebration is always a gathering of who is who in the military. Sadly, we will not look forward to that again. You guided our students with dignity, dedication

and undiluted vision. You are leaving behind a pioneering legacy of simplicity, warmth, care and affection for all of us that know you.

It is indeed hard to believe that you have translated to eternal rest. You left us without saying goodbye. We take solace that you positively touched the lives of many who came in contact with you. For the beloved family, please accept my condolences. May the Almighty grant you the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss. Amen. Rest in peace my dear Prof as we struggle to come to terms with your sudden departure.

Tribute to a Loyal Friend

Late Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu served as the Provost AFIT during my watch as the Commandant AFIT, between February 2011 and October 2013. I found him to be a colossus, a great team player and a goal getter.

As the pioneer Provost AFIT, he brought his wealth of experience from the diaspora to contribute to the rapid development witnessed by AFIT during this period and even beyond. Due to his exemplary interpersonal relationship and ingenuity in external relations, AFIT was able to establish relationship with Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica in Brazil. This relationship resulted in the grant of scholarship up to doctorate level for NAF personnel in related engineering courses.

Professor Ezugwu also attracted resource persons from the academia and aviation industry that enabled NCAA to grant Approved Training Organization (ATO) status to AFIT to commence training and conduct of Aircraft Engineers Licence Exams for qualified NAF personnel and civilians.

As the Head of Academic Branch, he also closely supervised the design and production of UAV Amebo 2 and Amebo 3, which were successfully test flown. Undoubtedly, AFIT earned great recognition locally and internationally during his sojourn at AFIT. I therefore commend the current NAF Leadership for deservedly naming the AFIT Library in his honour during his lifetime.

Adieu, Prof, my Provost and my friend till we meet to part no more in the bosom of the Lord. Rest in perfect peace, amen.

Avm (rtd) John Oshoniya
Commandant AFIT (Feb 2011 to Oct 2013)

Tribute to a Provost: A Great Friend!

My good friend! So difficult to use the word 'was' for such a very close friend and brother: Engineer Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, PhD. Our friendship started way back in London, UK, soon after he became a professor at the University of the South Bank, London. His appointment reverberated throughout London.

He was one of the youngest black professors in what was and still is, a white-skin dominated academic elitism in the UK. We nicknamed him professor iron & metal; in deference to his specialization in Manufacturing Engineering. When he elected to return to Nigeria, in his natural proactive positive and enduring personality, Prof tried to persuade me to do the same; but I wasn't ready then. He took the plunge and returned, and never looked back. While at AFIT, in his true caring open-hearted nature, he kept tabs on me, urging and still persuading me to come home. So today, am proud to have ended up at AFIT, purely based on Prof Ezugwu's astute intellectual vision, power of persuasion and natural ability to think for the good of others. So adieu my good friend and distinguished Provost. Your life has been like a candle in the wind; consuming itself, to light the way for others.

Heartfelt condolences to the lovely family you have left behind. Till we meet again at the feet of JESUS! Rest in the bosom of the Almighty God!

*Professor Godfrey Onyiagha,
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30th September, 2020

Mrs. Patricia Ezugwu
Abuja

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

I received with grief and heavy heart the news of the death of your husband, Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu which sad event occurred on Thursday 17th September, 2020. The late Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu was an accomplished man of letter, a soft-spoken grammarian, and a pride of Nsukka community.

The late Professor Emmanuel O. Ezugwu will be remembered for his many positive roles in the development of Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in particular, and Aeronautic Engineering education in Nigeria in general. He was a devoted Christian, a loving husband/father, and a community leader.

On behalf of myself and my family, I send our heartfelt condolence to you and other members of Ezugwu family on the sad loss of this illustrious son of Nigeria clan and pray that the Almighty God may grant his gentle soul eternal rest.

Isaac O. Mbachu PhD., mni
Professor



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EULOGY TO PROF EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU: A COLOSSUS AND ENGINEERING GURU

At the twilight of the Nigeria Civil War in the early 1970's, my late father Chief Patrick Igweagu Ezugwu of Ukehe and his bosom friend late Chief Simon Ezugwu of Opi became the leading business men and entrepreneur in Nsukka town. Both families were united and related in a manner that the artificial boundary created by our different towns of origin was jettisoned because the family bonding was so strong that we their children grew up assuming we we're blood relations. The intimacy waxed even stronger after the death of our patriarchs and matriarchs to the glory of God.

In retrospecting the trajectories of life and times of Prof Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, it will be instructive to affirm that while he spent the better part of highly successful engineering career at Warwick and later South Bank Universities in UK, the rest of our family local champions like Chief Joel, Igwe Willie, Sunday and Tony my senior brothers and I sustained our family ties and nurtured our brotherhood. Matter of factly, God has always being there for us all as we made our marks in various fields of human endeavours.

Prof Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu by every standard was an accomplished genius and academic wizard who first conquered his age long obsession for having a stint of diaspora ivory tower career and later returned home to serve his fatherland.

The warrior traits that run like a virus in the blood streams of our families came to the fore when Prof joined the Nigerian Airforce as the pioneer Provost of the Airforce Institute of Technology Kaduna. Prof Ezugwu nurtured this centre of excellence from its infancy to its present status for an incredible period spanning over 10 years. The incumbent



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Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Sadiq Baba Abubakar honoured him by naming the institutions library after him.

When it became imperative to bid the civil service goodbye, he retired meritoriously with unblemished records in 2019.

Indeed I make bold to affirm that unlike other erudite Nigerian academia abroad, Prof Ezugwu's think-home- philosophy brought his richly endowed academic prowess back to his beloved country Nigeria. By so doing, the benefits to his family, Enugu State and Nigeria have continued in great preponderance and in an unimaginable dimensions.

Consequently, Prof Ezugwu has phenomenally conquered impressively in both spheres of diaspora and in the national ecosystem.

When Prof Ezugwu broke the news of his retirement from the service of the Nigerian Airforce, DICON Management under my watch did not hesitate to offer him a consultancy appointment in order to tap from his abundant innovative and inventive traits ganered after several decades of professional academic engament. Little wonder that in a very seamless manner, Prof Emma facilitated the registration of DICON Institute of Technology by the National Board for Technical Education and also attracted a strategic R&D support from Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) just at the eve of his demise.

It was precisely on Wednesday 16 September that both of us had 4 different telephone conversations as I briefed him on the outcome of my meeting with Prof Elias Suleiman Bogoro, Executive Secretary TETFUND. During our discussion, I proposed a meeting with him on the next day but he declined the appointment to enable him take his beloved wife to Abuja Airport enrout London for Ginika's wedding. We therefore rescheduled the meeting on Friday 18 September 2020. To my utter shock and surprise, AVM CN Udeagulu, former Commandant AFIT called me up by 09:35 hrs on Thursday morning to break the news of the demise of Prof Emmanuel Ezugwu in early hours of same day.

On behalf of my wife, Children, entire management and staff of the Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria (DICON), I want to express our immense gratitude to the Almighty God for the life and times of Prof Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu. He left immeasurable legacies which the future generation will continue to learn from. It is obvious that Prof Ezugwu belongs to those geniuses whose fountain of knowledge and

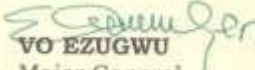


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earthly contributions will always be cherished, especially in the world of engineering and technological innovation.

To the jewel and amazon of Prof Emmanuel OkechukwuEzugwu Dynasty, Mrs Patricia Ezugwu and his adorable children, Ginika, Nnaemeka, Emmanuel Jr and entire members of Ezugwu Family, I urge you all to please take heart and be strong. Prof Emmanuel Ezugwu shared the same name with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May He who is the same yesterday, today and forever proclaim DIVINE MERCY on his soul as he approach the infallible judgement in the hope of Heaven.

Finally, as your candle burns out today, please be assured that my unbroken love and that of my wife Appolonia, Ogonna, Dikachi and Ebube for you will never cease till eternity when we shall meet in God's bosom to part no more.


VO EZUGWU
Major General
Director General



**MAJ GEN VICTOR EZUGWU WITH PROF EMMANUEL EZUGWU
AT THE NIGERIAN AIRFORCE BASE KADUNA RECENTLY**

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30th Sept.2020

Mrs. Patricia Ezugwu/Chief Joel Ezugwu,
[Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu Family]

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

It is with a heavy heart that I write on behalf of my family to condole with you over the sad demise of my bosom friend, Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu on Thursday, 17th September, 2020 in his sleep in Abuja.

The death of Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu (Arapa III) is a colossal loss to the academic world, Enugu State in particular and Nigeria in general. This great lover of his family and friends was also a strong pillar of education whose over all patriotism to his fatherland was manifest in his deeds, utterances and disposition.

As we join you his immediate family members and all his friends and admirers across the globe in mourning this great Nigerian, we hope that his good deeds while alive would console you that he lived a fruitful life. We pray the Almighty God to grant you the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

May his gentle soul rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord.

Prof. Maxwell M. Gidado, SAN
Chief of Staff to the Governor





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Engr. Joel L. D. Ezugwu, Arapa Eze Ogbozalla
79 Enugu Road, Nsukka,
Enugu State,

Dear Engr. Joel Ezugwu (KSM),

A CONDOLENCE LETTER TO PROFESSOR EMMANUEL EZUGWU'S FAMILY

I was shocked, like most other people, to hear about the sudden death of your brother, Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu, who died so suddenly on 17th September, 2020.

On behalf of the Management, Staff and Students of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, I commiserate with you and the entire Ugwu Ezugwu family of Opi, Nsukka over this irreparable loss of a son, brother, husband, father and uncle.

As you may know, I have known Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu for quite some time and I remember him as a brilliant UK - Trained Engineer and an experienced Administrator. He had a remarkable academic career and rose to become a Professor of Engineering Systems London South Bank University, UK. His legacy at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna, where he served as a pioneer and two-term Provost would be difficult to match and surpass.

There is no doubt that his death has left a big void in the Ezugwu family. May I, therefore, join your friends and well - wishers to pray that God would grant you all, especially his beloved wife and children, the fortitude to bear the loss.

May you continue to look up to God for strength, while we all join hands to pray for the repose of Professor Emma Ezugwu's soul.

With sympathy,

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The family of late Prof. Emma Ezugwu
Amatukpa
Ogbozalla-Opi

A TREASURE IS STOLEN – MY TRIBUTE TO LATE PROF. EMMA EZUGWU

My heart ached when on September 17, 2020 the sad news filtered that my friend and brother, Professor Emma Ezugwu passed away in the comfort of his home at Abuja. When I started to write this tribute about late Prof. Emma Ezugwu, I found myself at a loss. For hours, I struggled to find the right words to describe my friend and brother, to tell you about him and to explain why this loss is too tragic.

Emma was a friend, a brother, a man of faith, defender of those in need, a fighter, a brilliant scholar. He had fierce dedication in doing what was right.

Indeed, "the loss of a friend is like that of a limb; time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired" Robert Southey.

Emma's physical presence is gone but the lessons he taught us in life will serve us all well for many years to come. Goodbyes hurt the most when the story was not finished, but we cannot question the Almighty God.

Those he left behind should take solace in the fact that he lived an accomplished life.

On behalf of the Governing Council of ESUT of which he was a member until death, the Management, Staff and Students, I say adieu to my age-grade member of "Ekwueme Age Grade".

PROFESSOR CHARLES U. EZE
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My dear brother,

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

On behalf of my family and the entire staff of Nigeria High Commission New Delhi, India, I write to express my profound condolences on the death of your dear brother Professor Emmanuel Ezeugwu.

2. The late Emma, as he was fondly known by all of us who were privileged to call him our friend, was among the finest that Nsukka has ever produced. His spectacular career both in the University where he taught in London and in the Nigeria Airforce Institute of Technology where as its Rector he recorded such groundbreaking successes speaks volumes about his qualities. I am sure that the heads of those institutions will have more to say about that stellar career in their own tributes.

3. It is as a person that Emma's qualities speak even louder. In spite of his exalted status he remained his cheerful, humble and approachable self to all people, both high and low. He will therefore be sorely missed.

4. May almighty God grant you, his other siblings and his immediate family the fortitude to bear his loss, and may his soul rest in peace.

Chris Sunday Eze
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High Commissioner



Brigadier-General Frederick Eze (Rtd)

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The family of Prof. Emmanuel Ezeugwu,

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

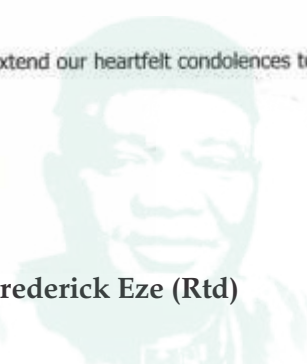
It is with a deep sense of loss that I received the sad news of the demise of Prof Emmanuel Ezeugwu, a loving husband, caring father, brother and a great friend. I got to know this wonderful gentleman soon after he came back to Nigeria. We immediately struck a bond of friendship which I will forever cherish so much. Prof. came across as a dependable friend, a worthy adviser, and a great compatriot. At times like this, words are inadequate to express our feelings. His passing will indeed compel us to reflect on the transient nature of life and man's inevitable mortality.

Prof lived a life worthy of emulation. He was friendly, peaceful, hardworking, focused and disciplined. These attributes endeared him to all strata of the society including the military. He will forever be missed for these qualities. We take solace in the fact that he has gone to be with the Lord.

May the good Lord in His infinite mercy grant the family the fortitude to bear his loss.

On behalf of my family I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Ezeugwu family.

From Brigadier-General Frederick Eze (Rtd)





NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER GENERAL

TRIBUTES TO ENGINEER PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU

1Thessalonians 4:13-14 "Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him-. I draw hope and strength to believe that Prof Emmanuel Ezugwu has gone to the great beyond full of peace, joy, and as a full tilled scholar and philanthropist. Hence, I am not in doubt to believe that Prof came into this world, saw and conquered.

Your academic sojourn continues to attest to your doggedness of purpose. You gave life and human existence a good meaning and made your marks timely and remarkably. You are a carrier of positive change and a warrior of purpose. You never stopped within the confinement of the local shore but added your voice of change across the globe. A motivator and an ideal mentor for the younger generation, how could death just end these stories when I know you have much to tell us.

My brother and friend, our path did not cross by coincidence, it was divine from heaven. The good work of your hands in charity, humanity service, leadership, social integration, that attracted my likes whose utmost wish is alike with yours "to help the next person". I saw the true act of implementing the principle of myself, my neighbor, and my community in all your actions and deeds as the wheel to making life a better place for all of us. Everything about you revolves on service to humanity, total commitment to agreed agenda.

In human thinking, our hearts are broken by your demise but your departure from this world of nothing called earth is the ultimate will of God. We never expected this now since we have a lot of work to do for the service of humanity. Prof, you have always identified with me at all times while in Nigeria. You never missed the birthday celebration of my wife on every 1st of January. My family and I will forever miss you in all your colorful outing with me and for me. Engr. Prof. you showed capacity, good will and extreme magnanimity.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 made it clear that there is a time for everything, a time to be born, and a time to die. God has said now is your time and we cannot question Him. We are consoled by the good work and legacies you left behind, hence triumphant and glorious. We therefore say, May God grant you eternal rest. He will comfort your wife, children, relations and loved ones in this season and beyond.

Rest in Perfect Peace Engineer Professor Emmanuel Okechuchukwu Ezugwu.

Assistant Comptroller General of Immigration
Dominic Obetta Asogwa

A Tribute to my Dear Friend and Professional Colleague

When the shattering news of the passing of my dear friend Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu got to me I was totally flabbergasted. Here was a man so full of life and energy and having such zest for life and an optimistic outlook towards life. The cold hand of death has dealt a terrible blow to us all by snatching Prof. Ezugwu away when we least expected it.

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu was a delectable gentleman with an amiable personality. He always exuded confidence, hope and a can-do attitude. He was a professional engineering academic and an astute administrator. He was always full of ideas about finding solutions to the myriad of problems bedeviling Nigeria. Whenever he had an opportunity, he readily shared his views about how best to move Nigeria forward with regards to technological development.

Prof. Emma's demise leaves a huge vacuum in the academic circles. He wasn't the type to balk in the face of challenges. He actually enjoyed challenges, since he felt they were opportunities to prove his mettle.

My wife Ify and I deeply commiserate with the entire Ezugwu family - his dear wife, children, in-laws and others. We pray God to grant them all the grace and fortitude to bear the painful loss.

*Ven. Prof. Chinedu Nebo,
CON, NPOM, FNSE, FNMS, FMSN, FNAEng.
Former Minister of Power
Former Vice Chancellor of UNN and FUIOYE*

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TRIBUTE TO ENGR. PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU, M.Sc, PhD, C.Eng, FNSE

"An Old Star departs, leaves us here on the shores Gazing heavenward for a new star approaching; The new star appears, foreshadows its going Before a going and coming that goes on forever..."

- Christopher Okigbo, in Path of Thunder.

But Engineer Professor Okechukwu Ezugwu, 1959 - 2020, was not an old star, yet we are gazing heavenward so early, oh just like a meteor, your transient fiery streak passed away, our hearts are still shell shocked, sore, pained and grieving, what an exit, oh Prof, you broke our hearts. But what can we do but to accept that we can't do anything about or change. Like in the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-4: "To everything, there is a season and a time, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance".

Prof. Emma had ran his earthly race so fast, everything so early as if he knew; but God Almighty who knows all, providence and destiny had it all arranged before he came. He was an outstanding student everywhere he stepped his feet; at St. Theresa's Nsukka, Idah Polytechnic, and Warwick University, Coventry UK, he shone like the star he was.

He was an outstanding engineer, researcher, scholar, scientist, inventor, Lecturer, Professor of Engineering Manufacturing at Warwick, Coventry and London South Bank Universities both in United Kingdom. He was a visiting lecturer, external examiner and Professor in so many Universities and Institutions in Europe, USA, Brazil, China, Japan, etc. He was a Roll Royce researcher, consultant and had patents to his name. I recall when I visited him and his family at Coventry in 1986, he was already with a PhD lecturing at Warwick University where I was gazing out if I could see the former Head of State, His Excellency, General Yakubu Gowon, GCFR as a Student then.

Nationally, Prof Emma was the pioneer Provost of the Air Force Institute, Kaduna, 2009 - 2019, a forerunner to the present Air Force University. In his outstanding two terms, he established a highly reputed institution and pioneered so many researches in instrumentation, manufacturing and development of arms and building of drones at the Institute; he secured partnerships and collaborations for the Institute with reputable institutions worldwide.

Yea, "when beggars die there are no comet seen, the heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes". Emma you have ran your earthly race, accomplished so much in a short while, you built an enviable reputation, friendships and network worldwide and across Nigeria, your life is a worthy testimony proud to be shared. Emma, you came, saw, achieved and conquered like the fighter you were, you left trails of legacies and good works.

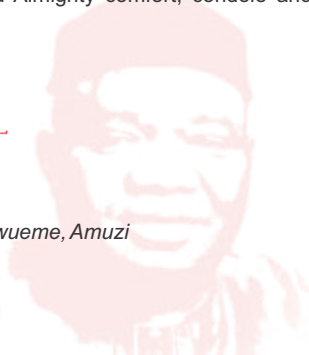
Your memories will be cherished by all whose paths you crossed. You gave so much here but I think the country took too much of you because you were a patriot, you were eager to come help build our country. You were a good husband and father to your girlfriend and Wife, Mrs Patty Ezugwu and your three lovely distinguished Children: Barr. Ginika your Daughter, a Solicitor, Nnaemeka and Obunemeka, your twin Sons, both banker and financial gurus in the UK and USA. You were a people's man, a community man, so eager to help, champion and mentor others. So much to say about you, my dear friend and brother.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to his beloved wife Mrs Patty Ezugwu, his Children, inlaws, the Ezugwu family, Opi Community, Nsukka, the Enugu State and beyond. May God Almighty comfort, condole and console all, Amen.

Adieu and good nite Prof.

Engr. (Dr.) Johnny O. Chukwu

High Chief, Ugochinyere Mba 1 & Dike Ekwueme, Amuzi



Farewell my Chairman

People will forget what you told them but not how you made them feel. This day for me is a sad one because your absence will hurt. From a simple act of kindness picking me up at a London train station in 1996 our friendship progressed to in our extended families. You won't be forgotten as meeting you and relating with you all these years was such a wonderful feeling.

It is also a happy day because today, we remind ourselves that you have gone for your reward with our merciful Heavenly Father. You loved people and you were respectful and kind to all who had the opportunity to meet you. How you treated people is all you now have as you return to meet your creator. And so, I, who received from your abundant life is a living witness.

As your priest, I have the impetus to pray for you and your family as I celebrate the Holy Mass.



Rest on Prof and keep your beloved Igbo Nska in mind. As our Chairman in UK during our nascent years, I am sure you won't forget us in Heaven.

May the soul of Prof Emmanuel Ezugwu and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

*Rev Fr Emmanuel Ugwuoke
St John's RC Church, Burnley, England*

The Great Man is Dead and I Cry

HON. CHIEF CHARLES DUHU EZUGWU
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TRIBUTE TO AN ERUDITE SCHOLAR- PROFESSOR (ENGR.) EMMANUEL
OKECHUKWU EZUGWU
MSc PhD Chng FIET Fellow STLE FCIM MNSE COREN Reg.
PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

The great man is dead and I cry.
Prof. is a square peg in a square hole whose transition to eternity has inflicted injury to our family and the entire world at large.
HRM. Duhu UgwuEzugwu Ukwuma Dynasty has shaken to foundation but God will see us through.
Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names. And that is why we hold this assembly today to keep the name; to remember, cherish and reflect on the life and times of professor Engr. Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu. Death may claim your body, Prof, but not your name, not your memory, not the shared moments with you – and above all not your soul.
Prof. was my confidant with whom I am well pleased whose impeccable character and humane nature I can vouch for in terms of need.
You are professor with difference, the first professor in Opi Ancient Kingdom, very resourceful, humane, peace loving and amiable gentlemen to the core.
I thank God for your academic success which was a monumental demonstration of God's Grace and Mercy in uncommon proportions.
Prof, without any doubt, you are respected and admired by your professional colleagues, friends and even beyond. This became evident in the way you attend to people from all walks of life.
My late father who is your great grandfather, HRM. Hon. Duhu UgwuEzugwu Ukwuma of the blessed memory (Former member of Eastern House of Chiefs) then East Central State of Nigeria, left for us a legacy of hard work, honesty and sincerity which you upheld till death hence it made you an achiever in academic arena and beyond. You have done us proud in every sphere of life.
You are highly missed by HRM. Hon. Duhu UgwuEzugwu Ukwuma dynasty, AmokeOshigu Lolo, Ekwueme Age Grade of Opi, your colleagues around the globe, to mention but few.
We also miss your funny jokes and good humour, your warm hospitality at all times.
May God receive your soul in his bosom – Amen.

Hon. Chief Charles Duhu Ezugwu *Dr. Dm*
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The Traditional Prime Minister
Fmr. Executive Assistant to the Executive Governor of Enugu State
For and on behalf of HRM. Hon. Duhu UgwuEzugwu Ukwuma Dynasty.

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Tribute to Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu

It was a dark Thursday morning when I got a phone call from an Airforce Officer who informed me of Emmanuel's death. He was also condoling me, knowing that he was a friend and a brother. The phone call didn't make sense. When I recollected myself, I called the Officer to be sure that he was certain of what he was saying. It was then that the weight of the sad news sank in. It still did not make sense. I, therefore, refused to share what I heard with anyone. How can it make sense? I was with Prof. Ezugwu on August 25-26 in Enugu where he chaired an Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT) Council sub-committee meeting.

He was ebullient, efficient, strategic and lucid throughout the meetings. There were no signs of distress. On August 29, he came to visit me at my Nsukka home where we continued our conversation about ESUT, distilling his very creative ideas and the partnerships he thought we could build to elevate and reposition the institution for greater glory. He remained engaging, thoughtful, happy and relaxed. We spoke many times thereafter. He remained enthusiastically rooted in the future and plans for years to come. Death has robbed us of an Iroko.

Prof. Emmanuel Ezugwu started early. He obtained a Ph.D. at the age of 27, a rare feat for an African. He married early and had the good fortune of seeing his children well established. Having washed his hands thoroughly, he had the opportunity to dine with the mighty at an early age. He was an acknowledged and recognized global scholar, teacher, researcher and mentor. In spite of his global status, he remained rooted at home. His ability to

traverse the globe and return to build strong friendships with his secondary school classmates, ordinary people in the village, and his senior brother's friends is unique and appealing. He was able to achieve because he was focused, determined and had no room for lazy thoughts. He built lasting relationships across all classes of people because he was humble, authentic, accommodating, amiable, generous and inspiring.

Emmanuel will be missed because he continued to teach, till his last day, the act of possibilities. He never accepted nor condoned mediocre performance. His drive and passion were infectious. He represented the best in us. Lately, I began to see these emotions expressed as he immersed himself in the work of the ESUT Council where his authoritative voice and wise counsel will be missed. He will be missed because while there are many workers, there are only a few with his level of knowledge, exposure and experience. And there is even fewer willing to use these skills generously for service to humanity.

His legacy is assured through his works, achievements and his brilliant family. We thank God for his compact life of purpose. We take solace that he died a good man with huge lessons for the living. My family and I have lost a great friend, brother and associate. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Osi Ogbu

[Okeosisi Enugu]

Thanking my Special Friend, Mentor and Boss

Some one called me from Nigeria in the early hours of 24 September 2020 to ask if I was aware that Prof EO Ezugwu was dead. I screamed and shouted in total disbelief and shock. I later on confirmed the horrendous news from the wife as real. This, according to further enquiries happened 7 days after I left Nigeria for Turkey on 11 September 2020.

When I got to Turkey, the thoughts of my good friend and mentor came so strong in my mind. It was all about his kindness, love and unreserved support to me and family since the very day we met. I remembered very vividly, one day he told me, 'MG Tsekaa' as he was found of; he said, "your professionalism in the military will take you to places."

I remembered his love and prophetic words. It was in the afternoon, precisely on the 20 September 2020, I sent a whatsapp message to him thanking him for all. I never knew he was already dead. He never read that message of sincere appreciation.

I could not believe my ears about his demise, not because he can't die. No! It was because death took him away from us too early. He was such a nice person that touched so many lives positively and helped changed their bad situations.

I am deeply saddened he didn't read my last message to him, on whatsapp but I am happy that her widow and kids will read it and draw some comfort from that simple message - Prof EO Ezugwu lived a good life and completed his assignment on earth - this is assuredly comforting.

I was found of calling him 'Provost.' Today, he is no moreI will not call him again. Provost, it is with a broken heart and deep sense of emptiness I mourn your sad demise. You were a strong personality that was sent by God to this world for a purpose. Yes,

you came and fulfilled your mission. Before you were born, your days were known by God, not man. It is God's time and no one can question it....you are gone but your spirit lives.

I miss you my friend, brother, boss and mentor. May your gentle soul rest in the perfect peace of the Almighty. Adieu!

MG Tsekaa
Defence Section
Nigerian Embassy
Ankara
Turkey

Prof your Memories will remain in my Heart Forever

Dear Family and Friends of Prof Emmanuel Ezugwu, I read with sadness the passing of a Boss, Brother and Friend, Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu. I was fortunate to have worked with Prof Ezugwu at the London South Bank University, United Kingdom and I later joined him at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Kaduna, Nigeria. Not only have I worked under the leadership of Prof Ezugwu, but also lived with him for several months at AFIT.

Prof Ezugwu was highly knowledgeable, kind and supportive amongst many other positive trademarks. I trust that he is a fulfilled person, given his many international achievements in academia and elsewhere. I stand to state that his passing unto glory is a great loss to humanity but God knows best. I pray that his soul rest in perfect peace and may the Almighty God give the family and friends of Prof Ezugwu the strength to bare his loss.

Regards,
Prof. Titus Olaniyi



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AN IROKO HAS FALLEN – PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU EZUGWU IS NO MORE!

My Elegy for this great man,

Big men have died, Small men have died

But Nigeria is mourning, Emmanuel Ezugwu,

Nigeria's true Professor, is Emmanuel Ezugwu

Nigeria's most friendly, is Emmanuel Ezugwu

Nigeria's true Achiever, is Emmanuel Ezugwu

(Adapted from a Dirge credited to the Rt. Hon. Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe on the death of Nigeria's great statesman, Mazi Mbonu Ojike).

It is with a very heavy heart and tears in my eyes, that I write this tribute to my great friend and adopted younger brother, Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu, whom I had nicknamed ***Mmili*** (Water) which has no enemy, as also acknowledged in one of Fela's songs – "*Wataaa eno get enemiiii*". An Igbo anecdote ***Mmili na ezoro ora*** is interpreted as unparalleled and indiscriminate generosity which also describes Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu's life.

My brother was an accomplished Metallurgy and Manufacturing Engineer of international repute, extremely hardworking and a great achiever. He was harmless and made friends wherever he went as long as you are ready to have fun with him. No time to frown or fight, much more make an enemy of anyone. It was as if he knew that his life was not going to be too long, and he made an early decision to enjoy himself while he lived.

Robust in physique as he was in mental agility, my brother was full of energy and was tireless, juggling any number of projects at the same time and making good of every one of them, from Southbank University in UK, to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), Kaduna, which he helped put on the map of academia. Thankfully and appropriately, the AFIT Management honoured him by naming the institution's library after his good name.

Professor Emma Ezugwu and I, have been together from our London days until his death. We worked together to establish Abuja Graduate School before moving on to Abuja Metropolitan City Polytechnic and next to our current industrial university project for Enugu State. My loss of Professor Ezugwu is heavy and irreplaceable.

The news of his sudden death caught everybody unawares and was as shocking as it was devastating to all his friends, associates and most especially his family.

Professor Ezugwu was a dependable and worthy friend, a dynamic figure, always warm and sincere with an indefatigable spirit. He was a symbol of excellence, an embodiment of humility and grace, and will always be remembered for his selfless and meritorious services to our dear nation.

As we mourn his tragic and untimely death, we must take solace in the fact that he had distinguished himself in several vistas of life, bequeathing to us and his family a legacy of honour and numerous achievements. His humility, hardwork and exemplary qualities will remain a reference point to many Nigerians. We shall sorely miss him.

I can only hope and pray that his beloved wife, Patricia, (Ugomba) and his wonderful children, Ginika, Nnaemeka and Obumneme Emmanuel will gradually begin to accept and adjust to the most unfortunate reality of Emma's passage to the great beyond, knowing that he will definitely make good friends wherever he is.

My very dear and beloved brother, Emma Ezugwu, we shall continue where we stopped if there is a next life. Enjoy God's company until we meet again. Yours always!

Dr. E nukora Joe Okoli – Executive Vice Chairman



In Memory of Prof. Arapa III of Opi

Writing a tribute to Emma, as I fondly call him, is one of the hardest things I believe I have ever had to do. I made a start several times but stopped as I struggled to fight back the tears. I asked myself repeatedly whether there are any words good enough to speak of my dear friend, Emma, who I prefer to call my brother. Eventually I found some words but realized that they cannot express the pain I, and all those that love him, feel about his untimely loss. Knowing Emma as I do, I feel he would have been overwhelmed by the love of, and the pouring of emotion and grief by, his friends, colleagues, and members of his family.

Emma and I were classmates at St. Theresa's College, Nsukka where we left 44 years ago in 1976. We were to reunite again in 1991 when I joined him in the United Kingdom. He was then a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Warwick and I had arrived to continue my postgraduate training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Since then, we have been inseparable and have been there for each other through thick and thin.

Receiving the devastating news of Emma's loss on Thursday the 17th of September 2020 was too hard to bear. My wife and I were weeping uncontrollably while at the same time hoping that the news was not true. Emma, our last discussion and plan on 22nd August 2020 is now a dream on your part but I will see it to fruition, God willing. Sadly, you never had the opportunity to say anything to anybody as you were snatched away from us at your sleep.

Emma was such a perfect gentleman, he was a very sociable person, he had many friends, he was well liked and respected by his seniors and juniors alike, he was someone you could trust and rely on, someone you could confide in and ask for advice, and someone I consider myself lucky and privileged to have known. If Emma was ever in a situation where he had the choice between 'the right way out' and 'the easy way out', the right way would always be the path he would take. It takes someone of extra special strength and character to say something, to mean it and then to stick by it. That was Emma, personified. His patriotism and desire to help others will be sorely missed forever.

Emma, it is very difficult for me to bid you goodbye. It is even harder for your family but together we must give thanks to God for an accomplished life and celebrate it, our heavy hearts notwithstanding. Emma distinguished himself in Engineering and in Administration. He was a loving and kind husband, father, brother and uncle. He had a lot of plans, some of which have now turned into dreams, but most would be fulfilled by those he left behind. Only God alone knows why he has called Emma to his side at this present time. The Lord will comfort his family and give them the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Adieu Emma.

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My Dear Prof Ezugwu, Friend and Brother

It was with great sadness that I learned only late last night (6th October) of your most untimely passing from this world into the next. Paulette and I are this morning reeling as the enormity of this news begins to take hold. However, my Dear Prof, the sense of grief and loss we feel is nothing as compared to the pain and anguish, which your beloved wife, Patricia and your three cherished offsprings, Ginikanwa, Nnaemeka and Obumneme must be experiencing at this time. We wish to convey our thoughts, sympathy and heartfelt condolences not only to your cherished family unit, but also to the wider and no less significant extended families of the Ezugwu's and the Umeano's.

Dear Prof, your untimely passing will now and henceforth impact all our lives in at least three highly significant ways: it is and will be personally, professionally and internationally felt. For in you, we have lost a man - a stalwart - whose passion for family, professional integrity, thirst for learning and flourishing and whose individual drive to contribute to the technical and academic development of Nigeria and other nations, will not be surpassed.

Dear Prof, as a friend, brother and fellow academic, you will always be missed. May you rest in internal peace.

Dr Leburn Rose (Lee) - aka Chuckwaemeka), Former Head of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Foundation Studies at London South Bank University, UK

From Dr. Leburn Rose, BSc., MSc., PhD, MBA

Tribute to a Man of the People, a Saintly Soul- Prof. E. O Ezugwu

Times without number I tried to pull myself together to get started with this tribute, but for some unknown reasons, I couldn't just do so. I found myself asking so many questions which no one could proffer answers to. But then, it dawned on me that this world is actually like a scene, in which everyone plays his/her role and vacates the stage for the next.

There are people whose departure from this earthly abode, although a huge loss to us mortals, is to the high heavens, a triumphant entrant of a saint. Professor Emma Ezugwu lived a saintly life worthy of emulation. A good man, they say, is known by the content of his character. He was, indeed, a good man, an erudite, distinguished and accomplished Professor who always remained resolute when convinced about any good and just course, and ready to fight to finish, if that is what it will take, to ensure justice prevailed, no matter who was involved.

The world of academics has lost a brilliant scholar, a genius, an academic warrior, a perfectionist, a doyen of Manufacturing Engineering, an academic giant, and a Godly gentleman. Emma, we will miss you, we will miss your wise counsel, we will miss your humane disposition, and we will miss your usual prompt interventions at critical moments.

Fare thee well my bosom friend. The holy angels can't wait to have you in their outstretched arms to take you straight to your creator. Goodbye.

Dr. and Mrs Frank Iloeje

Goodbye Colleague

I remember Emmanuel developed that machining research centre from almost nothing. His research focused on the wear of machine tools in the aerospace industry - cutting edge as one might say! He worked closely with Rolls Royce, and Emmanuel ensured that those contacts carried across to the benefit of the students, and to the development of our engineering programs.

Emmanuel supervised a number of PhD students during that period, and it would be good if you were able to contact them. I am afraid I never got to know them very well, for the machining centre was in a different part of the university. But I recall that they all worked hard and were affable and accommodating - like Emmanuel.

Best wishes,
Geoff.

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Arapa Eze, Arapa Opi, Arapa III

Dear Ezugwu Family,

LETTER OF CONDOLENCES

We wish to commiserate the Family of Ezugwu, the Arapa of Opi, Nsukka for the loss of their son, father, Uncle and Cousin, Late Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu.

Arapa Eze, Arapa Opi, Arapa III, as many of us called him, was a man with large heart. He touched many lives. Arapa Eze was very magnanimous and benevolent with his resources and helped humanity in so many different ways. The Arapa, I know, left indelible memory on anyone who came into contact with him. The legacy and the memory of Professor Ezugwu will continue to live with us until it is our own turn to meet our Maker.

Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu's death has left many of us a large room to ruminate and reflect on what this life is all about. To some of us, life is a walking shadow and that life and death are inseparable part of the same journey. The difference is that one is a continuation of the other. We would probably meet again in the Kingdom of God and to part no more.

Arapa Eze !!!, its your call today. In all circumstances, we give Glory to God, let's celebrate your departure. Our calls will come. The question of "when and how" can only be answered, at the moment, by the Almighty God and nobody else. May the Good Lord grant the entire Ezugwu family the courage and wisdom to bear the loss and to overcome all the consequent challenges.

Adieu Our Distinguished Professor !
Adieu Our dear Friend !!
Adieu Arapa III !!!

Go in peace Prof. and may your soul find favour in the Lord.

*Hon. Dr. Ben Obidigbo
For the OBIDIGBO Family*



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Atque in Peperuum, Frater, Ave Atque Vale

**A Tribute to Prof. Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu M.Sc. Ph.D CEng FIET Fellow STLE FCIM, MNSE
Professor of Engineering Systems**

With great shock and sadness, I write on my friend, mentor, and brother, who from the very first day I met him, took me under his wing. I arrived London a rather naïve young man on the morning of September 27 1990, and headed off to Coventry. On Monday October 1st, I walked through the hallways of the Warwick School of Engineering to a room where was assembled. There, I first met Ben Obidigbo, an affable young Igbo man. After exchanging pleasantries, I asked if he knew Dr. Ezugwu...I had been asked to meet him by my father (Hon. Justice C.J. Okoli). I met the good Doc that morning. That afternoon he took me to Tesco to buy pots and pans, that evening, I was eating dinner at his home. I met his lovely wife Pat, his daughter Ginika^{wa}, and twins Nnaemeka and Obumneme. Soon after on the 9th, I was there for Ginika's birthday. I was a frequent visitor to his home, and his office.

Dr. Ezugwu a senior research fellow at the Warwick Manufacturing Group (WVG), where his work on machining aerospace materials was well regarded, mentored me through my personal and academic travails. He guided me through my MSc in manufacturing systems, after which he created a pathway for my PhD direction in composite materials, funded through the Rover Group ATC (via Dr. Smith). I remember the day he *strongly* advised me for more than 30 minutes ... on how to ensure respect of my peers. It worked to this day. I give that same advice to every Nigerian student who comes my way in Florida.

In 1993, Dr. Ezugwu was successfully headhunted by London Southbank University to stand lead a research program on the machining of aerospace materials. Even from London, he was on my case. When I was not forthcoming, he called my PhD supervisor Dr. Smith to tell him I needed to write a paper. I did, and thanks to him my first research paper became a reality. Dr. Ezugwu's research temerity was quickly rewarded as he was promoted to **Reader** of Advanced Manufacturing only after 3 years in 1996. This was quickly followed by his promotion to **Full Professor** in AY 1998! As I prepared for my interview in August of 1997 (FSU), Professor Ezugwu was right there with me. He got me prepared...presentation slides and all! His mentoring and care never stopped. I learned so much from him that all the students who passthrough me gain in no small measure from my relationship with Prof Ezugwu.

His desire to go home and serve was met when in 2009, he left London Southbank University as the pioneer Director of the Machining Research Center, for the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna as the **Provost**. He will be remembered by his peers as a dedicated and outstanding researcher with over 200 research publications! *h*-index of 26, and over 5400 citations (Mendely); *h*-index 34, 8270 citations (Google Scholar). He was very well known and respected in his research area of Tribology and the general Materials and Manufacturing Engineering community.

Adieu Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu!!! You left much too soon...but God knows best. I will miss your wise counsel, and hearing you call out to me ...Oke-son! Until we meet again... laru na'udo.

Forever and ever, my brother, "hail and farewell".

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Sunset at Dawn

Prof represented all the celestial bodies.

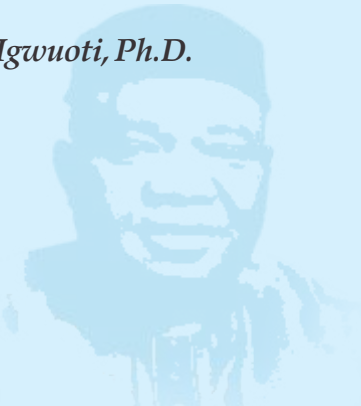
As Sun, he shone so brightly that even the blind was able to see. As Moon, he showed illumination for all to find their way.

As Star, he twinkled ablaze but petered out suddenly when everybody needed him most.

May Christ Jesus admit him into one of the many rooms in His Father's palatial House.

Mmmmh, this world a stage!

Sam Ugwuoti, Ph.D.



Engr (Professor) Emmanuel O. Ezugwu – In Death, Life.

The journey of life for us all presupposes that we acknowledge the inevitability of death. Indeed of all the evidences of life we were taught in school – locomotion, reproduction, reaction to external stimuli, etc., – one that is not often mentioned, or at least discussed as frequently, is death. All living things suffer death. And only living things die. This latter statement may require some elaboration for it can be easily countered that inanimate concepts, ideas, for example, may exist for a while but they do come to an end. Perhaps that is so, though it can be equally rebutted that the *ideas* do live on, irrespective of whether the practices they espouse continue or not. But, either way, that is not the concern of this piece. I am concerned with the finality of death concerning my friend Emma Ezugwu, and the things about him that live on despite the demise of the corporeal body that he inhabited. Yes, Emma passed on in the early hours of the morning of Thursday, 17th September and we can be with him no more. The rational part of me knows and accepts that fact. But there is some part that still communes with him, that knows him yet, that *feels* him. I converse with him yet. Anyone who knows Emma to more than a passing degree will almost always correctly predict his reaction or answers to any given situation. In that manner we do still therefore *feel* him and *hear* him. He therefore *lives*.

It is not my brief, nor do I have any inclination, to proffer his biography here. There are others more properly disposed and equipped to that, though every person can only speak from an aspect of the man. A man of many parts, his story as a loving and caring husband and a doting father to his immediate family, paint but a slide of him; his students, teachers, colleagues in the academic world also know but another side of him only too. Those he met with socially and interacted with in less formal situations also can attest to yet a different aspect of him. Emma was many things to many people. A person of consistent and dependable character and disposition, he was able to interface with a very wide variety of society and remain at home with them all. The consummate intellectual, he was up there at the highest levels of academia: the headship of tertiary institutions of great repute, one of which he nurtured from birth. Emma was the accomplished engineer and as head of the Machining Research Centre of the South Bank University, he was at the literal cutting edge of the metallurgy and machining industry in Europe and the world. I was once privileged to visit with him at the Centre, at a time when he had just won some accolade from the Rolls Royce on account of the research work carried out under him by the Centre for the aeronautics industry. His very busy schedule on that occasion of my trip did not prevent him from making out time to take me to one of his *haunts* in Old Kent Road, London, where he had arranged a *hanging out* for me in welcome to the UK. He made me thoroughly appreciated and insisted on showing me all the Nigerian restaurants and friends of his on that occasion. Ebullient as could be, he was wont to order his favourite ale speaking to the hapless waiters in a pure Nsukka dialect. Right there in the centre of London. And why not, he would ask you, the waiters, according to him, ought to know that *Bia nwokem, nyem Heineken* could only mean a request for the beer.

For me, Emma was a friend and a brother. Freely and easily he related. He sought for, supported and encouraged what later became a torrent of Nsukka and Opi indigenes to the UK and Europe. He was mentor to many of these and I know that not a few are in dire straits on account of his passing. When our daughter was to go and study in the UK, it was to his alma mater, the University of Coventry that she went, and he remained supportive of her stay there. He took us to his home in Croydon to enjoy the cuisine and hospitality of Patty, his dear wife who had been his ever faithful and dependable crutch at his side from Idah days. (Yes I also knew of those days. With his elder brother Joel, we in Nsukka were somehow part of the *Shambala* phenomenon in Idah spearheaded by Emma! If I do not explain this in full, it is because Emma smiles right now and tells me to go easy on the tales of the past. Indeed he lives.)

Our relationship with Emma Ezugwu and family was three dimensional, full and fulfilling. We were free to impose on Emma and the family in London all the way from Nigeria for messages and information and contacts and the like. Freely asked, freely given. When occasion demanded, Patty took turns with us in taking care of our ill daughter including spending the night there in the hospital in London where life-saving procedures had been carried out. I had gone to the university with Joel and shared a classroom and hostel with him for years, knowing each other's foibles and mannerisms. At a time when there were very few of us from Opi in the university, just the two of us in the faculty of engineering and a total of six or so as matriculants that year, we, Joel and I, definitely grew close to each other. And so I was a welcome presence at their Enugu road residence where we met with Emma and all his other siblings, under the ever vigilant eyes of their mother who was always more than the handful that growing young men could easily become.

Beyond that I was particularly situated to have called their mother *Mama*. Chairman of the Opi Foreign Women Association, as we playfully christened the group of non-native Opi wives, a group to which my mother, she a Princess from Obimo, belonged, Mrs Ezugwu was a matriarch with a heart of gold. She took my sister, Joy, and I as hers and regaled us, my sister particularly, with tales of old songs and virgins for all occasions. It was not uncommon for her to be on a long telephone call with Joy relating the lyrics and tune of one song or the other. *Onw'o m, onw'o m, A ya d'm onw'o m ek'ri onye?* This popular Nsukka song was one of many relayed between my sister Dr Joy and Mrs Ezugwu, and made popular for it. She took an even more motherly position where we were concerned especially after 1999 when our dear mother passed on, and remained steadfast and insistent at my sonship all through till her end. When she fell terminally ill, Emma called me and informed me so. *Bia, Abonyi, eshi a d'kwa'g Mama*. We all rallied round her and stayed beside her till she went to answer to her maker. We did not mourn, as Christians say, like persons who have no hope. She had fallen ill, we had done much to alleviate her pain and illness and had, even unknowingly, prepared ourselves for the worst. We therefore accepted her death with equanimity. And mourned her in praises.

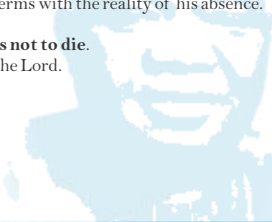
Can I honestly say the same for Emma? Is it sufficient that "it is not how long but how well" a life is lived? How do we not become heart-broken? What do we use to assuage the pain? How long is long enough and how well is well enough? What are the indices of judging whether it was well or not. And dare we judge, really? Who are we, mere mortals, to judge? For on the temporal plane, it would appear that the race was yet unfinished, the job uncompleted. For our friend and brother, the erudite academician and distinguished engineer, it seemed the best was yet to come. On sabbatical leave at the Nigerian Universities Commission, fresh from the Air Force Institute of Technology, AFIT, Kaduna, he was eager, willing and poised for more challenges. I know that he was a research fellow for one of the academic Trust Funds and was poised to begin an assignment for them. We were all awaiting laurels again from him, similar to what he had done at the Air Force Institute, lifting the institution beyond their dreams in verifiable academic standards and getting them in their very first decade of existence to become a degree awarding institution, a feat for which the grateful institution named their Library Block after him. We did not know whether he would once again seek the headship of the university that once sought him and invited him to apply for its headship, an exercise that unfortunately showcased the extent of the departure from the vertical that the spires of the ivory tower had suffered. In that exercise, the laws of simple arithmetic were stood upside down to ensure that Professor (Engineer) Emmanuel Ezugwu did not emerge as the Vice Chancellor for they, the so-called powers that be, were in awe of his credentials and rather than be excited by the potential that he showed, they were afraid that the light from his leadership would shine on their inanities and inadequacies.

How then do we rationalise and accept this sudden death of our champion? How do we help our grief so that we do not grieve like the hopeless? Perhaps the good book will help us. *Hebrews 12:1-2: "[1] Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. [2] Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*

Though there is a wealth of wisdom in the meaning of this and the following verses, the snippet I take, and that is sufficient for me in this circumstance, is the issue of *The race that is set before us*. Life is a race, a heavenly race ultimately. And what is set before us is different for each and every one of us. It is on this premise that I can begin to reconcile that Emma has served and has returned to He who sent him. His own race is over. He has run it well. The trophies of the race he ran are there for us all to see. They are in his family, wife, children, brothers and sisters and others. They are in his friends and students and all who became better persons on account of him. And so I begin to say to He who took Emma to be with him, thank you Lord for the time you gave us to be with him. It was a privilege and of your will and power. We shall forever remember him and be consoled by the life he lived. In our grief, we weep; permit our tears, manifestation of our struggle to come to terms with the reality of his absence.

Emma, to live in the hearts of those you love is not to die.
Fare thee well brother and rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Ik Ugwuogede
For the Ugwuogede family



Hardworking Scholar

Professor Ezugwu was such a hard working scholar and always willing to help his colleagues.

I miss him very much!!

Dawei

Dawei Lu (Dr)

Reader

Larger than Life Man

I remember Emmanuel very well. He was a "larger than life" man, and very polite. I have a lasting impression of him, his wife and children attending a Saturday afternoon barbeque at Arden House in their national costumes. I am very sorry to hear the news and would like to pass on my best wishes to his family.

Mary Black

(former Personal Assistant to

Professor Lord Bhattacharyya, WMG founder)

A High Achieving Student

We were very sad to hear the news of Emmanuel's death. Emmanuel was one of our first PhD students to graduate from Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG), and we were very pleased that he stayed at Warwick for 10 years in total as a student and member of staff. WMG was still a relatively new department at that time, having been founded in 1980, and Emmanuel is remembered with fondness by colleagues who knew him at that time. Unfortunately our founder, Professor Lord Bhattacharyya himself passed away last year, as I am sure he would have remembered Emmanuel very well and would have been very sad to hear the news.

Jane Coleman

Chief Operating Officer, WMG

University of Warwick

Tribute to my Friend and Brother Le Professeur Emma Odogwu

I and Emma met in the seventies through his elder brother Joel, my classmate in Engineering School at UNN. We bonded very fast. During those our undergraduate years, I and Joel would drive to Idah to see Emma and we grooved together. One remarkable trip to Idah was in 1981 when I and Joel visited Idah to principally convey Emma back to Nsukka after his final exams. While we were there, the news of his outstanding academic performance in his exit exams filtered out. He was liked and respected by his classmates and friends and was popularly called EMMA ODOGWU.

Upon our graduation, Emma went for studies in England while I travelled to Brussels for mine. Emma fished me out despite the constraints in communication then. Our friendship blossomed despite our tight academic programmes. I recall his surprise visits to me in Brussels then when he would always take advantage of the 36 bucks promotion return tickets. He would barge into my apartment while I was away and wait to surprise me. We spent time like friends and brothers and exchanged our plans for our future. I was there at his Doctorate convocation in Warwick University back in Summer, 1986.

Emma took up appointment with the Warwick University thereafter while I returned to Nigeria but our friendship continued to grow. His appointment as the pioneer Provost of NAFIT, Kaduna brought him closer home and to us his friends and brothers.

Our brotherly friendship blossomed till he passed away. Emma confided in me on lots of issues like a brother does. We were neighbors in Lokogoma for nearly 9 years before he moved to his Asokoro residence late last year. We worshipped in the same church most times he was in town. Emma chaired my daughter's wedding reception and was close to my family just the way my father and his were close in their days as students back in the 30s.

Coming to terms with Emma's demise is a big challenge for us all but I pray God will console us.

Okechukwu Offie

You were One in a Million

It was a great shock, sadness and extreme difficulty for me to write this tribute on the tragic passing on of my dear friend Prof, Emmanuel Ezugwu. Sadly although you are no longer here, somehow you remain ever near. Emmanuel, you were one in a million, you were a friend of the highest, privileged and lowest in the society. You were a man of substance, an intellectual, a visionary, and a great achiever.

Emmanuel, your tragic and sad passing on came at a time we would have wished to continue to benefit from your wise counsel, empathy, and support. However, our God Almighty in His infinite wisdom knows best why He called you home now. Our memories together at Idah, United Kingdom and United State respectively will forever be treasured within my heart, I remember you with warmest thoughts on how you strived and secured a doctorate degree (Ph.D.) grant from your colleague at South Bank University, London, UK for my cousin to pursue a Ph.D. program at South Bank University, London, UK. Sadly at your demise, my cousin you immensely assisted in his academic pursuit at South Bank University was just made a Professor at South Bank University, London, UK. Emmanuel, you were ever so wonderful.

We take solace in the fact that Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu lived a fulfilled life on earth, though short and bequeathed worthy legacies on his family, friends, the community, the nation, and beyond.

I convey my family heartfelt condolences and pray that our Almighty God will grant Emmanuel eternal rest and peace in the bosom and give his wife Patty and children Ginika, Nnaemeka and Emmanuel (Jnr) the fortitude to bear the irreplaceable loss.

Adieu, Emmanuel!!!

Engr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Afam Ogonu family

Gone Too Soon!

If writing this is not a tough task, I wonder what is...

I first heard about Professor Emma Ezugwu in 2016 At the time he was battling some health issues... Because I am a Health Success Coach, my approach was to look into getting his body weight fixed using wellness products...

It was a tough regimen...
Yet, Prof followed it through...
Yes, followed the regimen to the letter.
He not only lost the excess weight but became very fit!
All within a short time!

His doctor in the UK was amazed at his health reports the next time he visited. Prof testified that the doctor was so excited he recommended that Prof continued with whatever he was doing...

Somehow, I guess he got very busy along the line...
Yes, because, I noticed he stopped calling for this or that maintenance pack, in the past one year or more

Then that call: Professor Emma Ezugwu is gone... No, not possible! How?!!! Excuse me, please. No, I don't understand! How?

Painful...

Without even giving us a window to help and fight back again...

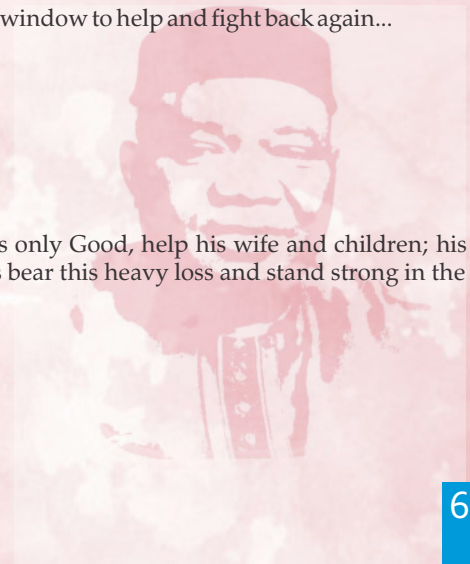
Prof is gone too soon!

Many questions...
Yet, I am speechless...
It is well!

May the Lord, Who does only Good, help his wife and children; his entire family and friends bear this heavy loss and stand strong in the coming days and years...

Farewell Prof!

Diamond Chike-Ogwo



The Exit of a Fine Unassuming Gentleman

Professor Emmanuel Ezegwu's untimely death is a deeply painful one to me and my family. Emma, his lovely wife and family became our family friend's following their relocation from Coventry to London years back. Since then our two families enjoyed a mutually beneficial family friendship which has endured harmoniously to date. Within this time I came to find Prof to be a profound gentlemen who is selflessly kind, caring and hugely dependable.

He was ultimately a fine gentlemen. A good measure of his enviable nature is evident in his ability to demonstrate these qualities in disarming manners. When I processed my application for my LLB program he was not only on hand to offer me valuable advice on how to organise myself for the course, but also wrote a beneficial reference recommending me for the same.

He was a regular comforting voice to me during the 13 years my husband was bedridden with illness. When my husband died, he made a point of duty to be present at the burial from his new base in Nigeria. When I attended a memorial service not too long ago with him, little did I know that it was be our last. In that event he made a point of making sure that he looked after me so kindly collecting and serving me a meal ahead of himself. His humility in doing that was so admirable and hugely impressed me as a demonstrable sign of the modest man that he was.

He excelled eminently in his field of endeavour wherever duty call took him. It is so sad that society has lost such a valuable stickler to academic excellence, at such a prime age. He surely made his mark in the sand of time. My deepest sympathies and prayers are for my dearest friend –his wife and their lovely children at such a difficult time.

May the good lord give them the fortitude to bear his painful irreparable loss. May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

Mrs Patricia Chukwudinma

You were an Uncle, Brother and Guardian to Me

You came into our lives, Eve, Fiona, Kobbie and your little Jesse.

Like a whirlwind - gone too soon; memories shared and better ones still to share with your beautiful children - Ginika, 'Meks and Manny - and of course your longing and wonderful life Partner and wife - Patricia.

Ha ha - how cruel is this - oh Commander go then to your maker and rest well until we all meet on that beautiful shore, what tales we'll share

Eve Mainoo

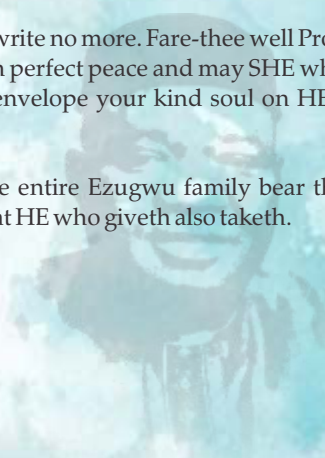
Tribute to a Great Friend

It is with a heavy heart that I mourn the demise of a great friend, a colleague in the immediate past Governing council of ESUT, an intellectual of great repute yet abundant in humility, an amiable soul, a man of great foresight, vigour and vision, a charismatic cum task-oriented leader, a pacifier and an uncompromising devotee of Our Blessed Mother Mary - Late Professor Emmanuel Okechukwu Ezugwu. EMMAN, as I fondly called you, your death is too much for me to bear.

I am still in a big shock and can write no more. Fare-thee well Prof. You were one of the best. Rest in perfect peace and may SHE who you adored dearly as mortal, envelope your kind soul on HER bosom.

May the wife, children and the entire Ezugwu family bear the death honourably. Knowing that HE who giveth also taketh.

*Carol 'kaego Obayi PhD
(Adaafutaihe)*



Adieu, my Good Friend Prof Emma Ezugwu

Little do we knew that the Almighty God was going to call your name.

In life, we loved you dearly, in death we do same.

It broke my heart to lose a friend that I call a brother, having shared a lot in common right from our formative years at the famous St Theresa's College Nsukka, Enugu State to the United Kingdom where we finally consolidated our brotherhood.

How can I forget the beautiful and wonderful memories you left within our esteem social-economic association, Pro-7, in the United Kingdom? As one of the founding members, you brought into group dignity, respect, and excellency.

We will miss you more that words can magnify.

Our family chain is broken, but one day as God call us one by one, the link will be back again.

I pray to Almighty God to give your loved ones, especially your wife, Patricia, your children, and your siblings, the strength and resilience to bear the irreplaceable loss.

Adieu, my good friend, The Erudite Professor of Engineering, Emma Ezugwu
The Arapa III of Opi

*Nze (Barr) Greg Obiweluzo (London)
9th October 2020*

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of the saints" Psalm 116:15*

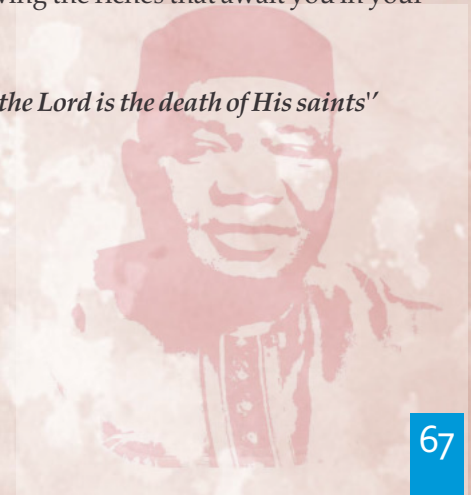
I have the honour and privilege to pay tribute to a very special family friend, Professor Emmanuel Ezugwu. It is hard to put into words how our family felt when we heard the shocking news of your passing on the 17th September 2020.

I remember meeting you and your family for the first time about 25 years ago, at St Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Mitcham, United Kingdom. At the end of the service you chatted with us like we had known you and your family for many years and since then both families have remained friends until this day. You became an uncle to my children and close friend and brother to my late husband who went to be with the Lord in 2019. Thank you for the love you displayed to my family with Godly advice both to the children and to the family as a whole.

You were charismatic, compassionate, respectfully humble and God fearing in nature. How I wish you would have lived longer to fully enjoy the fruits of your labour. But I take solace in the Lord knowing the riches that await you in your transition to glory.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"
Psalm 116:15 NKJV*

*Mrs Patricia Ogeh
and family*



Uncle , you are indeed a Rare Gem

Dearest Uncle Prof, where do I start or what do I say, Hmmmm I don't know what else to say except that I was extremely fortunate to have you as my uncle and now that you are gone, I miss you Dearly .

Just know we all love you and will miss you deeply. I remember how you cared for my sons Chimdi and Kosisochukwu who were both delivered while I was in London under your accommodation and care.

Your Calm and Loving wife misses you immensely and so does Ginika , Nnaemeka and Obum . The big question asked by Ginika is how do we survive with out Dad? Hmmmm all I can say is Always do all he stood for and represents .

Uncle , you are indeed a rare gem as it said, you bonded with my husband even though he is not an Nsuka Man and we became family , there was no celebration without you in attendance.

Your role in our life made you our son's GOD Father at baptism. I can't get your voice out of my head , your particular style of reference is all I hear ""Maadam Luulu""

All the great people we connected with because of you are in great disbelief but committed to honour your special friendship which you showed the world .

Rest in peace, in the arms of the Angels, as they carry you to heaven. Adieu uncle.. Adieu my Prof , We miss you greatly!

Sir Emeka and Dr. Barr. (Mrs.) Lulu Mbaneme (KSJI)

Tribute to a Seasoned Scholar and Friend

It is indeed an uphill task asking me to do a tribute on you. Your demise is one of the hardest realities I have to live with. You bowed out when your presence meant the world to your associates and friends who were true friends indeed. The few months I shared with you gave me the opportunity to reshape and sharpen my worldview. You were simply an epitome of humility and industry.

A glance at your *resume* leaves me with great expectations and hopes that Igbo land / Nigeria at large is indeed blessed with extra ordinary Homo sapien.

You were such a detribalized Nigerian, no wonder you would always refer to me as your younger brother with such a deep sense of humility and respect. A unique disposition that makes one believes that you were too clean for such a cruel society like ours.

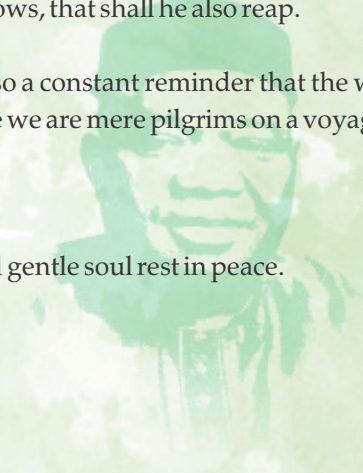
This is never a moment to question the suddenness of your departure however those who were indeed your true friends shall be comforted with the words of Apostle Paul In Galatians 6:7 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

Your departure is also a constant reminder that the world is not our home; hence we are mere pilgrims on a voyage.

Adieu
Prof.

May your lovely and gentle soul rest in peace.

Chike Ubani





BRIG-GEN JOJ OKOLOAGU (Rtd) fss, mss, Dss
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12TH OCTOBER, 2020.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF PROFESSOR EMMANUEL O. EZUGWU

IMMEDIATE PAST PROVOST, THE NIGERIAN AIRFORCE (NAF), INSTITUTE OF
 TECHNOLOGY, KADUNA.

1. I hardly know how and where to start but suffice it to say that I write on behalf of my humble self and the Okoloagu family of Ukehe in Igbo-etiti L.G.A, Enugu State to condole the Ezugwu Ukwuma family of Ogbozara Community in Opi, Nsukka L.G.A., Enugu State. A lot of good things have been said and will still be said about the life and times of Prof. E. O. Ezugwu, albeit a very short one, but I will make do with a few comments about him.
2. I make bold to submit that the late Professor Emmanuel was a precocious child right from infancy to adulthood. His academic prowess and excellence spanned from his days in the secondary school through his times in the tertiary institutions. A rare gem by all standards who became a Professor of Systems Engineering in his early thirties. This was an achievement backed up with a strong character, knowledge and integrity. All these good qualities drew him to my attention and I took a special liking of him as a promising youth from my Nsukka Cultural Zone. It was like Emmanuel had a premonition of a short life on earth and made a conscientious effort to achieve a lot for himself and for his family within a span of just 60 years. He was like a son to me and like it was said in the Holy Bible, he was my son in whom I am very pleased. Need I say more!!!
3. I am certainly very heart broken but I give God Almighty all the glory for his very short but eventful life on earth. Continue to sleep on my good son and friend at the bosom of your Creator. Adieu Professor Emmanuel.

Emmanuel Okoloagu - Gen O

JOJ OKOLOAGU
 Brigadier - General (Rtd)
 For the Family

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CHAPLAINCY (RC)

Holy Family Catholic Church
Nigerian Air Force Base
PMB 0244
Asokoro Abuja

Reference:

Mrs Patricia Ezeugwu
NAF Valley Estate Asokoro
ABUJA


14 October 2020

Dear Madam,

FAREWELL PROF OKECHUKWU EMMANUEL EZEUGWU

"BLESSED INDEED," SAYS THE SPIRIT, "THAT THEY MAY REST IN THEIR LABORS, FOR THEIR DEEDS FOLLOW THEM" (REVELATION 14:13)

1. With deep sense of sorrow, but with faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I write to condole you and your children over the demise of your husband. I met him once in my life and he left a memorable mark on me of which other people are testifying too. Away from friends is bitter but not to return is painful, but our hope in the resurrection gives us hope that we shall meet to part no more. Be assured of my prayers for him and your family.
2. We commend **Okechukwu** to God as well as give thanks for his life. May God accompany every moment of his final journey home. Keep in mind that, 'the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is His faithfulness' (Lamentations 3:21)
3. May Mary, Most Holy, Mother of Sorrows Intercede for him.


Emeka Ofordum Francis
Rev Fr (Wing Commander)
Chaplain RC

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The family of Professor (Engr.) Emmanuel O. Ezugwu have been inundated with heart-warming, incredibly touching tributes received from every decade of his life. THANK YOU for taking the time to eloquently express your feelings as to the character of our father and how he impacted on your life.

We grossly underestimated the number of pages we would require for this brochure and regrettably have been unable to capture everyone's tribute, which we are deeply sorry and express our sincere apologies.

Please rest assured that ALL tributes, (those received and yet to be written) can be found at the website www.forevermissed.com/profemmanuel-okechuzugwu/tributes online in perpetuity, where Dad's legacy will be forever immortalised by all.

Thank you and God Bless.

Ecclesiastes 3 KJV

- 1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

May you have a Blessed and Fruitful Life.

Ginikanwa, Nnaemeka & Emmanuel (Jnr) Ezugwu
On behalf of the Family

A portrait of Prof Emmanuel O. Ezugwu, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a black cap and a patterned traditional African garment. The image is overlaid with a blue tint.

Thank You

We the entire members of Prof Emmanuel O. Ezugwu together with our In-Laws and other relations, express our thanks to God for giving us a Beloved Husband, Remarkable Father, Loyal Brother, Special Uncle, Esteemed Colleague, Nurturing Boss, Impactful Philanthropist and all that he was to You; whom the Almighty God has called to Himself.

We appreciate Rev Dr. Godfrey Igwebuike Onah Catholic Bishop of Nsukka Diocese the Parish Priest, and all the Priests here with us; for their pastoral care and officiating during the funeral Mass.

Our profound appreciation to all Friends and Well-Wishers who have supported us, cried and wept with us, and disrupted their lives to be here with us from all over the world to really bare witness in saying Goodbye to Daddy, Prof, Emma, Arapa (III). For those who are not here with us physically, we know you are here with us Emotionally and Spiritually and THANK YOU for loving us from afar. Of course, a Special Thanks goes to the might and speed of action from those who participated in the various Committees, we could not have done this burial without you. Thanking Prof Angel's for their wonderful guidance, shielding, prayers and unconditional love for our family, words are inadequate to express our love for you.

May God give us the strength to bear this enormous loss. May God bless and grant you all a safe journey back to your respective destinations.

- Ezugwu Family

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