



Callistus Agochukwu

August 22, 2023

Callistus Irolu Agochukwu

3/15/1940 – 8/22/2023

Callistus Irolu Agochukwu, a gentle soul, and lover of humanity passed peacefully from this world to meet our heavenly father on the morning of August 22, 2023. He was 83 years old. He was born in Isiekinisi, Imo State, Nigeria to Agochukwu Eluwarugho and Enyide Uzongu. He was a young scholar who always finished at the top of his class, graduating from St Anthony Isiekinisi Elementary School, followed by Bishop Shanahan for high school. He worked as a lab technician after high school in Lagos, Nigeria and was one of 6 scholars selected to travel abroad to London for additional schooling. Following this, he traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana and attended Xavier Pharmacy School where he graduated in 1975. He was no stranger to hard work, and during this time while completing challenging course work, he also worked as a house servant and persevered despite many adversities and challenges.

He went on to have a successful career as a Doctor of Pharmacy, treating countless patients and impacting the lives of those who he came in contact with including his patients, co-workers and students. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to open his own pharmacy, as well as several gas stations in New Orleans, with his business "MACFA and Associates". His kind, humble nature was felt by every single person he encountered. He loved people and treated everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of status. He retired after 30

years of service as a pharmacist, in 2005. In his retirement, he continued his philanthropy in his native country of Nigeria through many medical missions including those he did with his wife and children.

He was preceded in death by his son, Chinedu Agochukwu, as well as his dear brothers and sisters. He is survived by a loving family, including his wife of 45 years, Lady Angela Agochukwu, and his 4 children – Uzondu Agochukwu, MD, Ifeanyichukwu Agochukwu, Pharm.D, Nnenaya Agochukwu Mmonu, MD, and Nneamaka Agochukwu Nwubah, MD. His death left a vacuum for his additional dear extended family and friends who feel his absence every single day.

Relative and friends of the family are kindly invited to attend a Funeral Service on October 28, 2023, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, located at 7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Arrangements are made by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign and pay tribute via the online guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Callistus Agochukwu.*



October 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Callistus Agochukwu.

October 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ Please 🙏 accept my sincere condolences for your loss of this remarkable man, a beacon to all who were blessed to have known him, a true example of exceptional human achievement, both professional and personal.

Eileen Madrid - October 27, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Callistus Agochukwu.*



October 27, 2023 at 09:29 AM

KJ

“ *Rest in peace Xavierite. Eternal rest granted unto his soul and may the perpetual light shine upon him. To the family you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kevin Joseph - October 24, 2023 at 05:59 PM

“ Tribute to my late father-in-law

There is something about death. It is the one guarantee/promise of life. It is inevitable. But it is also one thing that we all quite honestly, hate. God took you from us without an announcement and without a warning. It was a shock to say the least. We all wondered why? But we can't question God's will.

I came to the United States as a grown man, in my late 20s to marry your daughter. You took me as your own son. In fact, you always treated me with the same regard that a father would treat a child of his own. Settling as an immigrant in the United States was one of the hardest things I have ever done. You helped me settle in so well here. I didn't know how to drive, and you taught me how to drive. You took me into your home in New Orleans. You taught me through your own actions, how to be a great father and husband. I truly learned how a man should love and care for his family from you. You always told me about the nuclear family, and how that comes FIRST before everything. There were countless lessons you taught me.

You didn't know this but you were my therapy when I first arrived here. I was indeed battling with depression caused by culture shock and a completely new environment. Life would have been so much more difficult for me without you in it. I remember how you always were so proud as you brought me around to meet your friends and companions.

You are indeed one of the best human beings I have had the pleasure to meet and to know. I am grateful that our paths crossed. You have touched more lives than you know, and God blessed me to be one of them.

I remember on your last visit to visit us in Nashville, I sat down and told you how much I appreciated you, all you had done and your unwavering support. You smiled with that your signature smile and said "you are a good son. " Your death left a massive void. Your

grandkids, and family will miss you more than we can put into words.

Grandpa, we will continue where you left off, because I know that you would expect nothing less from us. The only regret I have is that I wish we made more memories. Something I know is that we will never feel like it was enough time. I love you, I miss you and you will live forever in my heart.

*Rest in heaven grandpa,
Kevin Nwubah, your son-in-law*

Kevin nwubah - October 17, 2023 at 06:04 PM

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF DR. CALLISTUS AGOCHUKWU

Regrettably, it is beginning to sink in, with time. The reality has started to manifest, and we are now grappling with accepting the passing away of our dear brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend; Sir, Dr. Callistus Agochukwu (Ogana nwayo, Anu enyigu I of New Orleans). We had the privilege of having him in our community, as the oldest statesman, and a leader. He was such a good man, a philanthropist, and an icon. A void has been created, and the community is mourning.

This tribute is void of some personal notes, to avoid a lengthy note.

I was very shocked when I learnt about his death. Upon the dreadful phone call from his wife, his 'BEKE', I rushed to his house. The paramedics were still at work, and his wife ('Beke'- as he fondly called his wife publicly, anytime time he had the chance to say it loud and clear), was distraught. I felt it. I refused to accept her assertion that her husband was dead. I was desperately hoping that the paramedics will tell me that he was ok. But, unfortunately, the paramedics declared him dead. It was one of my saddest days. In his usual manner he looked peaceful, and he passed away very peacefully. But, that did not make it easy to comprehend.

It was very difficult for me to accept that he has passed away because I had the opportunity to spend a couple days with him, leading to the date of his demise. There was no sign of any unusual illness. We had a wide range of conversations. Several occasions he brought up conversation relating to his demise. But each time he brought up such conversation, I redirected the topic. I reminded him that death does not necessarily befall on someone due to age. I was trying to discourage him from thinking about death. Little did I know; he will be leaving us in few days. Regrettably, in hindsight, I wished I had listened to his story.

I least expected his demise so soon. As a matter fact, eight years ago, he was so ill that I thought he would have been dead. Each time I visited him at the hospital, I had no confidence that I would see him the next time. Even his children came from their various abode, to see him for the last time. He even confirmed that he had the thought that his days were counted. He was very worried to leave his wife for good. But miraculously, that was not the end of his life.

I believe, it is categorically, imperative, to mention that 'Beke', his wife, was instrumental to his survival from the illness. She demonstrated her love to her husband, through her efforts, commitment, and perseverance. In case you don't know, it was after this hospital experience, Chief Agochukwu started calling his wife, 'Beke m' (My

Adorable). He appreciated his second chance in live. I also call it his lagniappe. Even, since after the hospital experience, Lolo Angela Agochukwu continued to ensure that her husband maintains his medical needs and appoints, and she nursed him well at home. The most significant thing about the relationship is that, as they continue to get older in their matrimony, they tend to be cherishing each other the more, and rekindling their precious marriage.

When his time was up, he exited the world in his usual manner. He did it graciously, gently, without bothering anybody. But his wished he had given her a clue. For some of us, it was so painful that a man, who had a lovely family and so many friends, nobody was available to rendering a help to him, when he most needed it. We can only find solace to the fact that, God giveth, and He taketh, there was nothing one could have done.

Furthermore, I will like to remind the Agochukwu family that death is inevitable. When the time comes, you will tell IT, you are not home. Death occurs every day to fellow human beings, we just pray, it does not hit home. Let's find solace to the fact that he was able to spend so much time with us on earth, and he was able to give you the best he could offer, and he was opportune to see some of his grand children. Now your dad is no longer alive, you are expected to take proper care of your mother, for rest of her life. You are all doing fine in this regard, and we hope you will continue to do much better.

'Beke', Mrs. Agochukwu, the Lioness, you did well with taking care of your husband. Your husband magnanimously recognized and appreciated everything you did for him. He expressed his gratitude for what you did for him, publicly, privately, without any reservation. A lot of us are aware that you were instrumental to his longevity. Do not cry too much or get consumed with the loss. Your reward for your kindness is awaiting you.

We pray that you will have the fortitude to bear the loss. Only time will heal! May his gentle soul rest in peace. This tribute is void of some personal relationship, to avoid a lengthy write note.

Accept our condolence. From the Uwaezuoke family in New Orleans

Stephen Uwaezuoke - October 24, 2023 at 05:22 PM

UA

“ You’ve been preparing me my whole life for this moment. I just didn’t think it would come so soon and unexpected. I’ve routinely sought your guidance through life’s journey. You were always available to give guidance, and at times drive me down the right road when I struggled.

We were all so worried back in 2015 that we had lost you. Since that time, our relationship had reached a height we were both proud of. The love and affection we demonstrated towards each other wasn’t something I expected. As the Chief’s eldest son, I assumed it was paramount that strength was my defining characteristic. But your love and affection towards me showed compassion was prudent, and I am grateful for the times you held me...especially now that I don’t get to hold you.

Life without you is different...joy and happiness are harder to feel. I’m grateful for your lessons. Your presence is in my thoughts and actions. You accomplished so much and helped so many. You’ve always been my Hero. I’m often congratulated for what I’ve accomplished in my life. You set the bar so high that in many ways it was expected. Your greatness is the standard I’ve come to live by.

I’ve modeled my life and calm demeanor after you. When Chinedu left us, you told me I needed to be strong...and take my place as the eldest son. I willingly accepted that responsibility. Despite the heartache and tears, with pride and respect for our forefathers I accept this one.

I’ll always remember our private conversations. I’ll never forget who I am, whose I am, and where I come from. LONG LIVE THE CHIEF!!

Uzundu Agochukwu MD

Uzundu Agochukwu - October 16, 2023 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ A great man.

The death of Chief Agochukwu was extremely shocking and difficult to accept. I understand that “ Life is uncertain and death is certain “ I already knew this but it was extremely difficult to accept in Chief Agochukwu’s case. A man of exceptional qualities. A man that would be patient when patience was required. A man that would assist when assistance was required. A man that would answer anytime he was called.

An Iroko Tree. He sheltered everyone. I remember vividly when a Nigerian family home was burned down. The family lost everything. It was a very difficult time and period for Nigerians in New Orleans community especially the family. The great thing that happened that time was the unparalleled assistance that Chief Agochukwu and his wife rendered to this family. Chief Agochukwu family welcomed this Nigerian family to their home. They provided and cared for this family until their home was repaired. This act of love and kindness illustrated the type of person Chief Agochukwu was. One in a million.

This incredible man and his wife produced four doctors. Three surgeons and a doctor of pharmacy. This could only happen in a family headed by wonderful/incredible man. A thoroughbred. He created a lovely environment with his wife to make this happen. He created a supportive environment with his wife to make this happen. A lot of resources were involved in making this happen. Chief Agochukwu provided those resources with his wife’s assistance. He was extremely hardworking. I mean 24/7 man to make this happen. He was a man of faith and a wonderful father. A can say with no hesitation that Chief Agochukwu was a rare breed. A giant. With all these achievements ,he remained humble. He never made noise. Never boastful. His humility was unmatched.

Chief Agochukwu was a wonderful/loving husband. He loved his wife dearly and cared for her. I know she would miss him a lot. May The Lord be her strength.

Chief, I miss you a lot. My family misses you a lot.

We love ❤️ you.

May your Soul Rest In Peace.

Chief & Lolo Ambrose Osi Mmonu

Chief & Lolo Ambrose Osi Mmonu - October 14, 2023 at 04:28 PM

AM

“ My Darling Uncle,

I still find it difficult to accept that you have left us here on Earth. Remembering your tranquil spirit and caring soul makes me both smile and tearful. I will always remember you as the most loving and lovable husband to Auntie Angela and father to Chinedu, Uzundu, Amaka, Nnenna and Ify. Grandfather, brother, uncle and so much more to so many more. A tender, yet unforgettable presence. I will always remember you quietly standing near the door or patiently sitting on your chair with your smiling eyes eager to receive us for the weekend. I'll remember you gently pushing me to challenge my aspirations. I'll never forget your encouragement and embrace amidst the most painful moment of my life – you were there and will always be. Gaining you in spirit means your light and love live on in us forever. My heart remains heavy, but God knows best and, my darling uncle, we will trust in him. Love you forever and ever. Rest in perfect peace.

Amaris Mohammed



Amaris Mohammed - October 14, 2023 at 12:40 AM

“ TRIBUTE -CHIEF, UNCLE, BIG DADDY CALLISTUS MARSHALL AGOCHUKWU

Isn't it just like you, Uncle Callistus, to make everything so easy for others? This might yet be the easiest tribute to write! It's not because we are not crying or mourning your physical absence from us. It's not because your transition was not only sudden but heartbreaking. Losing you is all that and more. Yet, to celebrate the wonderful person Uncle was is so easy because there are just so many ways to describe your kindness, generosity of heart, calmness in the midst of storms, reason in chaos, smiles during gloomy times, and on and on.

Uncle Callistus was truly a rock for his wife's family. Having lost our own Dad, Dr. Francis Obioha, so early in our lives, God sent Uncle to us through our Big Sister Angela. Uncle Marshall took on that responsibility with wisdom and immeasurable grace. His influence extended to our own husbands and wives as the Obioha family grew. It wasn't too long before my husband, Ambassador Ifeanyi Ifedi, became Uncle Callistus's bosom friend and confidante! Ambassador always owed Chief Agochukwu one because it was Uncle's vote of confidence that allowed Mama to give her final approval for us to marry! If you doubt this, Uncle Marshall said so himself in a Facebook post to me earlier this year at our 33rd wedding anniversary as follows:

“Ogo ngokom @ my beautiful amazing sister-in-law: Congratulations. You didn't disappoint me. I don't regret saying to Mama, "They are in love and young, and they'll surprise us " Bekem and I love you and you are special to our family. 2023 is only a beginning of your successes and dreams accomplished in God's name.”

Chief Sir Callistus Agochukwu Pharm. D, FIMLT KOC, on behalf of Agochukwu Family in Diaspora

Need I say more? Uncle Callistus was always there for all of us

siblings and our children. When Mama passed, then Mazi Obi, then Sis Stella, and then Baby Nia, Uncle remained the steady calming guide.

Uncle Marshall was a Gentle Giant and an amazing and loving Man of God. We are comforted that he bowed out as peacefully as only he and God could have orchestrated. He lives on in our hearts till we meet in Heaven to part no more.

Sister Angela, Uzongu, Amaka & Nne, Ify, let's all be comforted!

Much love,

Dr. Ifeanyi and Dr. Mrs. Rosaire Ifedi - Columbus, Ohio

For Amaris & Ghazali Mohammed; Chinedu Ifedi; Imani & John Hyde; Chisom Ifedi

Rosaire Ifedi - October 13, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ I met Uncle Calistus when Charles and I were getting married in Enugu. Most of the family was there for our wedding and the Twins were our flower girls. Uncle Calistus was just so benevolent. It was so confusing to me when Charles kept calling him Marshal. I asked Charles if that was one of Uncle’s names and he told me about this urban legend of Uncle Calistus being a drill Sargent that whipped the kids into shape. Not my Uncle Calistus. I never believed that of the kind gentle soul who always said I was a special lady.

Uncle actually was capable of many things, being a stern but loving father and a kind-hearted uncle. When I was carrying our second child, Sochi, we visited New Orleans and Uncle brought me Sister Angela’s specially made crayfish to our hotel. He just wanted to make sure we got a taste of New Orleans before we left. He was just that type of caring person. He and Sister Angela have always been that kind loving couple who were always smiling and never had an unkind word to say about anyone. They were both like that. Mirror images of each other and the ultimate role models of our generation as to what a married couple should be. Always together, they went everywhere together.

Hurricane Katrina was a blessing for my family because it brought Uncle and Sister to stay with us for a while. Our kids got to know them well and we all became close. They visited Afam’s school on Grandparent’s Day and Sister became Uju’s sponsor when she was confirmed in the Catholic Church. When the insurance company rebuilt their house, we were all so sorry to see them go but we were now bonded.

Those who were lucky enough to know Uncle knew was always a man of few words, but his word was his bond. He was a family man and we will miss him so much. We just know that Uncle knew how much he was loved because he was also very empathic. Now that he is gone, we will cherish every minute we had with our wonderful Uncle Calistus, AKA Marshal! Love you Uncle!

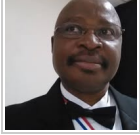
Adaeze Obioha

Adaeze Obioha - October 13, 2023 at 05:07 PM

CM

“ *Well, what Can I uncle Marshal Callistus. I had mentioned on how he was not just receptive when I had recently moved to the U.S, but supportive. That was a very difficult period for me transitioning from graduating from medical school to that vacuum period here in the U.S, where you are not really recognized as a physician. Uncle Callistus, and sister Angela were very encouraging. I am happy that we had spent time together and also when we had to host them after the dreadful Katrina. I can only celebrate his life and not mourn him as Sister Angela carried Uncle Marshall, with both of them not missing a bit. Ultimately at the end of one's life, we can only ask what did he do for humanity. A lot more than we know. We will miss his gentle soul and words of wisdom.*

Charles Obioha MD - October 13, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ TRIBUTE

To Ezigbo Ogom, Nnukwu Ogo

Ezigbo Ogom, Nukwu Ogo. Even though we expected the inevitable which befalls or would have happen to all of us at some point in time, your sudden passing was very unexpected, having attended a birthday party in faraway Boston a few days before. We thank the almighty God for his faithfulness to a life well lived. God called you in the most peaceful manner, knowing your peaceful disposition to life.

Ogom, chief Callistus Agochukwu was an exemplary gentleman to the core, a professional in his field, but who had a gift of passing on very impactful advice in the most subtle way. This is reflected in the interaction with the children, in the manner they address their elders. Chief left a great legacy in the upbringing of his children who have become top class professionals in the medical field.

Marshall gave back to our people and state through the several medical missions which he embarked on in Imo state, to contribute towards the good health of our people. He will surely be missed.

Chief was a wonderful in-law to the Obioha's, a good father and a good husband to our sister. The Obiohas have lost a wonderful in-law, Isiekenesi an illustrious son, and Imo state an asset.

On behalf of the entire Obioha family of Ndi-Akeme Arondizuogu, we say ije-oma ezigbo-ogo. Marshall, rest in perfect peace.

*Mazi Philip Obioha
Chairman, Obioha Family Meeting*

Azubike Okpalaeze - October 13, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ A TRIBUTE TO OUR SENIOR BROTHER, FRIEND, PATRIARCH OF A DYNASTY, SON OF THE SOIL, SIR DR. CALLISTUS AGOCHUKWU

I write on behalf of the Chigbu Nwosu Oleru family worldwide in expressing our sincerest condolences on the demise of a complete gentleman, Chief Sir Dr. Callistus Agochukwu. Sir Callistus Agochukwu, was a man who worked tirelessly for Nigerians in New Orleans in all facets. There was no chore assigned to him that was too much or demeaning so long as progress, success, and goodness were all intended.

Chief Agochukwu had such a warm smile of love that you could feel it just upon sighting him. It was a pleasure knowing and working with him for the New Orleans community for the last 41 years. We both served as Presidents of all our community-based organizations, spent countless hours, and achieved peace and love. There were tense moments and periods, but brotherhood always took place at the end. You were blessed with wonderful children who have continued to represent themselves, our Nigerian community, and New Orleans Louisiana communities with pride and distinction all over the USA.

To your family, starting with your Bekee, Lady Angela Agochukwu who really took care of you before my eyes and that of others, your children, and yes us your friends and extended family members, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to you and pray the almighty God to accept your soul. You were a good man. We had a very cordial family and a joyous relationship. And to the Entire Chief Sir Dr. Callistus Agochukwu Family in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Isiekenesi we mourn you with them.

Yours Truly,

High Chief Arc Gibson C. Chigbu, KSC

*On behalf of myself and the Entire Chigbu Nwosu Oleru Family
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Azubike Okpalaeze - October 13, 2023 at 11:46 AM

“ Chief Sir Callistus Agochukwu, Pharm D wasn't just a pharmacist by profession; he was a source of inspiration for all who knew him. A man whose presence in our lives was a blessing beyond words.

My father's journey in life was a testament to his unwavering determination and belief in the American dream. Born in Nigeria, he came to the United States with a dream in his heart, and he dedicated himself to turning that dream into a legacy. His story is one of resilience, hard work, and the pursuit of a better life. He wasn't just a father, he was the embodiment of humility, wisdom, kindness, and patience. He was everything love represents and more.

As a pharmacist, he not only provided healthcare services but also provided kindness and compassion to everyone he encountered. His patients didn't just see him as a healthcare professional; they saw him as a friend and confidant. He had the remarkable ability to be both calm and motivated, a balance that many strive for, but few achieve.

One of my father's proudest moments was when he saw his child follow in his footsteps and become a pharmacist. It was his last wish, and when that wish was granted with the passing of my boards, it filled his heart with pride and joy.

We must also remember the brother who left us too soon, a sorrow that my father carried in his heart throughout his life. He knew the pain of loss and the importance of cherishing every moment with loved ones.

Today, I not only mourn the loss of an incredible father, brother, and pharmacist but also celebrate the inspiration he leaves behind. Chief Sir Callistus Agochukwu's legacy is a beacon of hope for all who knew him. His kindness, his calm demeanor, and his unwavering motivation will forever inspire us.

As we prepare for the service on October 28th in New Orleans, Louisiana, let us remember the dreamer who became a legacy-builder. Let us honor his memory by continuing to live with kindness, determination, and love in our hearts.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone for your love and support during this difficult time. Your presence and kind words provide us with strength and comfort.

May my father, Chief Sir Callistus Agochukwu rest in peace, and may his life continue to inspire us all.

Rest in peace dad.

Ifeanyi Agochukwu

Ifeanyi Chandler Agochukwu - October 12, 2023 at 11:55 PM

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“ How do I sum up on paper a relationship that spanned beyond 45 years, including 45 years of marriage. Do I talk about what felt like a relay race, going here and there to bring the children to school, events, and arranging our schedules to make sure someone was with them for 24 hours? Or do I talk about how in that 45 years we never really had a true fight? Yes we had misunderstandings, but these were fleeting and love always conquered.

I guess I have to start somewhere. To start, I have to thank God for the gift of not only a husband, but a friend, who I called “daddy”, and true companion that I had the privilege of spending 45 years of my life with. Whenever I had an opinion, you sat down and listened. You would never disregard any opinion I had, no matter how questionable it was. I suppose you could say it was our combined planning, joint efforts and that synergy we had, that led God to bless us with successful and amazing children.

Have I been crying? Yes. As the days go on, God gives me more strength to go on, but I know that I inevitably will continue to feel this pain, because nothing and no one on this earth can take your place in my mind and in my heart. You left a void that will never be filled.

Our journey together on this Earth for 45 years will be forever engraved in my heart and soul. Our fun memories raising our children, traveling, making plans, laughing and talking for hours on end are what has kept me going and has kept my spirit alive.

8 years ago we all thought we had lost you. Everyone thought THAT would be the end. Even your physicians told us this was time to say our goodbyes. But what do we know? God has the FINAL word. He kept you here with us for 8 more years. In that time, there was a happiness we experienced that transcends words and paper. Our relationship blossomed, we shared so much and we traveled together hand in hand. Wherever Callistus was, Angela was always close by.

During this 8 years, we were also blessed with 6 grandchildren that we frequently visited and we spent so much time together. We took so many trips, compliments of our children, that even the people that would assist us at the New Orleans airport, knew us by name.

I want to thank you for giving me the best 45 years of my life. The way you protected me and defended me was indescribable. In your eyes, Angela could do no wrong. You showed so much appreciation for my support during your health challenges. I always told you that I am not complaining, and I was happy to do it. Everything I did, I did with my whole heart.

That same God that gave you to me, and then kept during those 8 more years, also took you peacefully on that day I will never forget on August 22nd. Nna, like I always called you, you will always hold the most revered place in my heart, and you completed my soul. Until we meet again, may you rest in heavenly peace at the bosom of our father.

I am missing you, and I will continue to miss you until I take my last breath.

*Love always,
Angela aka your Beke*

Angela Agochukwu - October 11, 2023 at 08:22 PM

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May his Soul Rest in Peace and May God continue to cover the entire family with peace that surpasses our understanding! May he give you endurance and strength as you continue this journey! Gabriel and Lolo Ekechukwu

Robin Ekechukwu - October 13, 2023 at 06:51 PM

CM

*Beautiful. Well done.
Ambrose*

Chief & Lolo Ambrose Osi Mmonu - October 14, 2023 at 10:32 PM

MM

Angela and family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Marshall. I can still see his smiling face whenever he would come to clinic just waiting for me to fuss at him so that we could laugh afterwards when he would tell me that I give him such a hard time. I love you both and I know that you find comfort in knowing that he is resting in God's arms. May God continue to bless you and give you strength during this difficult time. All my love and prayers. Melanie Coleman Morris

Melanie Morris - October 24, 2023 at 10:51 PM

NN

“Daddy. I wasn't ready. But when is anyone ever ready to lose someone they love ?

Our hearts are so heavy but in that same breath I have SO much gratitude. I had you in my life for 37 years. In my sadness I also remember and smile at the blessing & gift of your life.

As I think of countless memories of you and all you taught me, I keep coming back to one thing - that thing is love. You reminded me daily of all the things the Bible tells us love is in 1 Corinthians.

I remember when I told you about the impact of what you constantly told us had on me growing up.. like one of your quotes “impossibility is in the dictionary of a fool”. (That was always one of my favorite quotes of yours) You were surprised and asked me - did you really remember all of that?! I told you that it was literally what kept me going in times where I wanted to give up.

It's like you had a window into the future and gave me the tools I would need to face many battles, and overcome my fears and challenges. I know that was the Holy Spirit working in and through you.

I will miss your stories. I will miss your signature smile. I will miss how you always called me grandma in memory of your own grandma. I will miss your hugs and warmth, but most of all I will just simply miss how you made me feel.

We always say rest in peace but Daddy I hope you are rejoicing, dancing (and getting some rest too) with your brothers who you always talked about, your mom you missed dearly & your son and our brother, who we all miss. We now have two members of the Agochukwu family playing the trumpet for us in heaven.

Daddy we will all be OK. It would be a lie to say we aren't heart broken at your passing, but I know we will be okay. We are all

surrounded by the love, comfort and peace of God. There isn't anything he can't do. You taught me that.

Until the day I take my last breath, I will always love you & remember you.

Daddy - thank you, for everything.

Rejoice & Rest in heavenly peace,

Amaka aka grandma & always your Oberenwa

Nneamaka Nwubah - October 11, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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“ *Ginika Onyeama lit a candle in memory of Callistus Agochukwu*



Ginika Ogbuoki- Onyeama - October 06, 2023 at 07:28 PM

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“ A Farewell to a wonderful Father, Uncle and pillar of support.

It is with great sadness but with total submission to the will of God that we the entire Ogbuokiri family bid you adieu Uncle. You were always gentle, very kind, loving and patient. You were everything the Bible describes as love. We will never forget the love and friendship you shared with our father Chief, Sir, Godwin Ogbuokiri. About this time last year you stood with us in grief and love as we grappled with the loss of our own patriarch. We found so much light, comfort, hope and direction in your wise counsel. I remember wondering how you were able and strong enough to stand guard at Daddy's funeral in your full knighthood regalia. I could tell you were sad on the passing of your dear friend but you stood strong. I am saddened with the news of your passing as we were yet to express our gratitude for all that you have done for the entire Ogbuokiri family. May the good Lord bless and keep you. May his face shine upon you as I have no doubt that you are already resting in the bosom of our lord together with your dear friend till we meet to path no more. May God console your beautiful wife and family. May God help them through this difficult grief journey. Please keep looking down from heaven on your kids and grandkids. Goodnight sir. From Ginika Ogbuokiri-Onyeama on behalf of the Ogbuokiri family .

Ginika Ogbuoki- Onyeama - October 06, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Callistus Agochukwu.

October 03, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Callistus Agochukwu.



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“ When I reflect on the life of Chief Agochukwu, a man I knew over two decades, two words come to my mind: Philanthropist and Humanitarian.

As a philanthropist, he answered the call for help in his New Orleans community, in his hometown (Isiekenisi), in his state (IMO), and beyond his state. Wherever there was a need, he responded. He generously supported ASA Women USA (Anambra state) during their Breast Cancer Awareness Program held less than a year ago. Even in his retirement, he was not tired.

Chief Agochukwu's humanity knew no bounds or boundaries. Chief was simply good, quiet and unassuming. He cared for the indigent and downtrodden.

We lost a Pillar, an Iroko Tree has fallen. Rest In Peace, Chief.

Josephine Okoronkwo-Onor

Josephine Okoronkwo-Onor - September 22, 2023 at 08:37 PM

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“ TRIBUTE TO A CALM AND PEACEFUL LEADER

You may have been gone but your gift still lingers in this world. Chief Sir Agochukwu was a great soul, a good man who made a huge impact in our hearts. He welcomed everyone to his home with such a smile as if there is something special about the person. He carried this air of peace that cannot be described in words. His welcoming smile was matched by a warmth and peaceful assurance. There was a reason he attended the last community culture picnic held by ANNO Women on July 22nd of this year, despite the scorching sun and high humidity. He led the opening prayer and seemed unperturbed by the humidity. He knew the importance of togetherness. He is a hero – he showed us how to live, love and value one another and there is no better gift with which to grace our world. May his beautiful and peaceful soul rest in peace!

EKENTA'S FAMILY

Rita Ekenta - September 22, 2023 at 05:33 PM

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TRIBUTE TO OUR HERO DEE CHIEF DR SIR CALLISTUS AGOCHUKWU BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ISIKENESI USA INC. BY EZINNA CHIEF SIR EMMA NWIKE.

Dee Agochukwu as we fondly called him- depicting one of the highest title of respect juniors can accord their seniors. Dee, Chief, Dr, Marshal, people's person and other accolades. Dee, a husband, a father, grand father, uncle to many, you will be missed seriously. Dee in all ramifications was a well accomplished human being and God blessed him accordingly. He was able to train all His children to an amiable heights, they can attain. The man that gave my administration the necessary supports. He will always call me to thank me on how I was handling Ishii and my level of honesty and transparency. In one of the meetings, he told us, that for the remainder of His life , he will use it to serve Ishii and this he did till death called, you will be missed . Dee a man of honor, integrity, honesty, steadfastness, humble, Equalizer, an inspirator. If he supports you, he will support you to the end as long as you are doing the right thing. Dee, you chaired a lot committees- security, active member of our 2009 medical mission in Isikenesi and Imo State at large. Dee, you single handedly sponsored our convention in New Orleans and meetings. Dee let it be known to you that you made your mark. You have left a huge vacuum that it will be hard to fill. You were the only one that represented Isieke and cared for them too @ National level. You gave your own money to Isieke clan to ensure things are moving on well- you will be missed. May the good Lord grant you peace as you rest on. May the good Lord wear you His crown as you finished the race gallantly. Your demise to the great beyond is not only a colossal loss to your immediate family but to all of us. We mourn your departure . You were a father to us here in USA and you played the role very well. May your soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in perfect peace. Naip si gi lje oma and good night. Chief Sir Ezinna Emma Nwike Akpokuodike Nnanyereugo National president.

Chief Sir Ezinna Emma Nwike - October 03, 2023 at 02:43 AM



TRIBUTE To My Wedding Godparent: Chief/Sir Callistus Agochukwu, Pharm. D.

In the tapestry of life, some threads stand out, shining brighter and weaving a more significant pattern than others. Such was the thread represented by my Wedding Godparent Chief/Sir Callistus Agochukwu, Pharm. D. It's said that a wedding is not just a union of two individuals, but also a joining of two families and their collective histories. When we chose you as our wedding Godparents, it wasn't just for the formality of the role. It was a testament to your place in our hearts, a nod to the wisdom you've imparted, and the love you've always shown to us, but also the New Orleans community at large. You were not just a guardian of our vows, but a guardian of our growth, aspirations, and dreams. Your faith in us, even when we doubted ourselves, was the wind beneath our wings. You celebrated our triumphs and held us during our storms, always reminding us of the power of love, commitment, and unity. Your presence at our wedding was a blessing, and your memory was a treasure. As we journey through life, holding on to each other, we also hold tight to the wisdom and love you showered upon us.

Your demeanor and laughter were the soundtrack of many family gatherings. Your stories, told with such fervor and passion, taught us about love, sacrifice, respect, and the importance of family. Your life was a masterclass in service, grace, resilience, and unwavering dedication. As my family and I remember you today, we are not lost in the depths of sorrow. Instead, we celebrate a life incredibly lived and shared with us and with so many. We are reminded of the kindness you showed, the lessons you taught, the memories we crafted, and the bonds we shared. It is now that I completely understand why I was pressed to make that memorable visit to spend some time with you and some of my other friends in early July 2023. I now dubbed that trip "Our Last Supper.", as attested in this picture.

But beyond the titles, roles, and responsibilities, you were a beacon of light, a pillar of strength, and a reservoir of wisdom. Scouting through my archives the other day, I stumbled on ANNO NEWS, a publication that was initiated under your leadership as the President of the "Association of Nigerians in New Orleans" (ANNO), 1997 - 1998 publication. It quickly reminded me of your dedicated and selfless services to the Nigerian and Ndilgbo communities. It is simply both outstanding and enriching.

Chief/Sir Callistus Agochukwu may the Angel of God lead You to the Lord and may the Good Lord Bless and Keep you until we meet again. Rest in the peace of the Lord.

Dr./Sir Azubike Okpalaeze (KOC) & The Okpalaeze Family in the

USA/Nigeria

Azubike Okpalaeze - October 11, 2023 at 09:12 PM

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A Tribute to Sir Callistus Agochukwu, Pharm D

In the realm of family, some individuals stand out as shining stars, and Sir Callistus Agochukwu, Pharm D, was undoubtedly one of them. As our beloved in-law, his presence was a source of inspiration, warmth, and joy. Today, we pay tribute to the remarkable man who left an indelible mark on many lives.

Sir Callistus Agochukwu was a man of many dimensions, and each facet of his personality was a treasure trove of goodness. His gentle and jovial demeanor was a hallmark of his character. Our fondest memories of Sir Callistus include many trips to New Orleans and, most recently, the precious time Ogundu spent with him in May of this year. Ezuma enjoyed riding with Sir Callistus to the Murtala Mohamed Airport in Lagos, where we parted ways and again at his beloved wife's retirement event last year. The memories we forged during these periods will forever be etched in our hearts.

Sir Callistus's influence extended far beyond his immediate family. He was a pillar of support for countless individuals in his extended family and community. His generosity knew no bounds, and he lent a helping hand without expecting anything in return. He was a man of principles and values, and his integrity was unwavering.

His gentle and calm demeanor was the source of strength many leaned on during challenging times. He was a steady hand and a reassuring voice in moments of crisis. He had a unique ability to see the silver lining in even the darkest of clouds, and his optimism was contagious.

Sir Callistus was more than just a beloved in-law; he was a friend. His legacy is a tapestry of love, laughter, wisdom, and tradition. His memory lives on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As we bid our final farewell to this extraordinary man, we take solace in the knowledge that his spirit will continue to inspire us to be better, to cherish our traditions, and to greet life's challenges with a smile. Sir Callistus Agochukwu, you will forever remain in our hearts, a beacon of love and light, guiding us through life's journey. Your memory will be cherished, and your legacy of generosity, which you have passed on to your wonderful children, will endure through generations. Rest in peace, beloved Sir Callistus, for you have left an indelible mark on our lives, and we are eternally grateful for having had you in our midst.

Ogundu and Ezuma Ngwu

Ogundu and Ezuma Ngwu - October 14, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Callistus Agochukwu*.



September 21, 2023 at 01:00 AM