## A TRIBUTE TO LATE CHIEF DENIS ANIH (EGBO NWAFOR OGO) OZUO-OMEE 1 OF NOMEH UNATEZE

Uncle Denis your death came to me as a shock!

It is sad to realize that you are gone. We knew that you have been sick, I use to tell you that Iperipe Ndu ka Iperipe onwu mma. You tried your best to twist death. Even at the point of death, your eyes and brain were very active.

You left so many hope unfulfilled, but you have left a visible mark in the family, we will all miss you but will never forget your quite contributions especially in the continuing effort to uphold the unity of the family.

Uncle Denis you are community leader, a retired civil servant, successful farmer.

Uncle, you are a man of peace and to your credit you mediate in several dispute and inter family feuds in the village.

- You are a man who can recount what happened over six decades ago without missing words.
- You are an embodiment of knowledge.
- You are a man who is the custodian of custom, history and archive.

I always ran to you in time of need, for advice and consolation but today what is my resource. You left us more than an orphan.

We missed your deep sense of humor and history and your ability to interact with all not minding the boundaries of age. You relate with all and sundry at their various level except for those who do not have ears for truth.

Uncle Denis, despite your age you have a strong presence of mind, always at alert, calculative, hopeful you are a great motivator an adviser and a data bank.

We thank God for you, for the grace and for his mercies you have gone ahead because your time has come. And when ours come, we shall all meet with you at His feet. When all sorrows shall wipe away, all expectations meet, all hope fulfilled, all prayer answered all puzzles revealed, and joy unspeakable.

Adieu Uncle Denis. Ka Mkpuru Obi gi naaa nke oma. Ka mkpuru obi gi zuo ike na ndukwa. Amen.

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