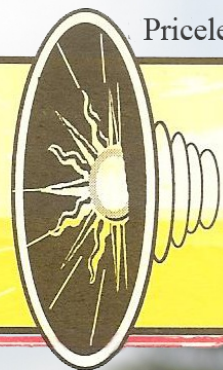


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HRH CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE
(Nkalukwu 1 of Amankalu Igbere)

August 10, 1935 - November 4, 2019

Igbo Legacy



Receiving the staff of office of Amankalu Igbere Autonomous Community from Governor Orji Uzor Kalu at Umuahia. Welcome Nkalu-ukwu by Justice Agbai Ikwechegh at Ikwechegh's country home (Abuoma Nke Nnanyi) Amankalu Igbere



Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke , mother of HRH Eze Charles Iheke
humble trail of the Nkalu-Ukwu throne



**TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED HUSBAND
HRH EZE CHARLES O. IHEKE**

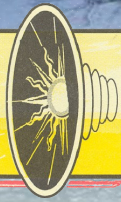
One or the other must grieve.
One or the other must be alone.
When one or the other dies,
That is forever the way.
That is the vow that was sworn
Faithful till death do us part.

So I am the one to grieve. I am the one to be alone. Death is the way of life for every person but on the day of your death, you died in front of me. We were together in the house on 2nd November 2019 that was when the call came. You did not tell me that you were not going to talk to me again. This hard for me to believe but only God knows it all.

Daddy as I called you, I loved you and demonstrated caring attitude to you at all times. No matter the challenges of life which I passed through as your wife, I remember I stood by you when it was good and when it was bad.
We will always miss you.
Fare well my beloved husband.

Ugoeze Comfort Iheke
Wife





BIOGRAPHY

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE
(Nkalu-Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomus Community)

Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke, the Ochiriozuo 1 of Igberere Clan and the Nkalu-Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomous Community was born on the 10th day of August, 1935 to Chief and Chief (Mrs.) Isaac Iheke Onwukwe of Ndi-Awaukwu Royal Family of Umuobasi, Amankalu Igberere Autonomous Community of Bende Local Government Area of Abia State of Nigeria.

His early days in Amankalu Igberere saw him going through the rigorous upbringing of a first male child in a typical Igbo family. He had to start early in life to be involved in farming and community responsibilities as demanded by the time of his youthful days. He stood out as a hard working youth.

His formal education was shared between Church Missionary Society (C.M.S.) school, Kafanchan, in the then Northern Nigeria (now Kaduna State) and Igberere Central School, Onu-Igberere. He was an excellent student. On graduation from school, he took up trading at Afiom, in Abakiliki Area of now Ebonyi State. From Afiom, he moved to Jos (now in Plateau State) where he joined his uncle, Mazi Ukaegbu Onwukwe for more training in the art of trading.

In Jos, his versatile attributes came to the fore. He became very involved in sports, leading to his formation of the Bende United Football Team, which he captained. He was a member of many social clubs including Motor Cycle Owners Club, a great ball-room dancer and a prominent socialite. He was very proficient in the Hausa language.

He fought in the Nigerian/Biafra civil war.

The civil war (1967 – 1970) forced him to relocate to Aba from where he continued his commercial business. While in Aba, his interest in trading changed as he began travelling to Britain to import goods for sale, making Aba his headquarters. He was a successful trader and merchant, an agent of Parbury Henty & Company Ltd. of United Kingdom. He imported Faberge products and various types of luggage and storage containers.

Eze Charles was a patriot, a philanthropist and a great achiever. He loved his people and cared greatly for their welfare. As a founding member of the UCHE EBIRI AGE GRADE, he made the first donation of stationeries for its take-off before the Nige-

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HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke
Nkalu-ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere





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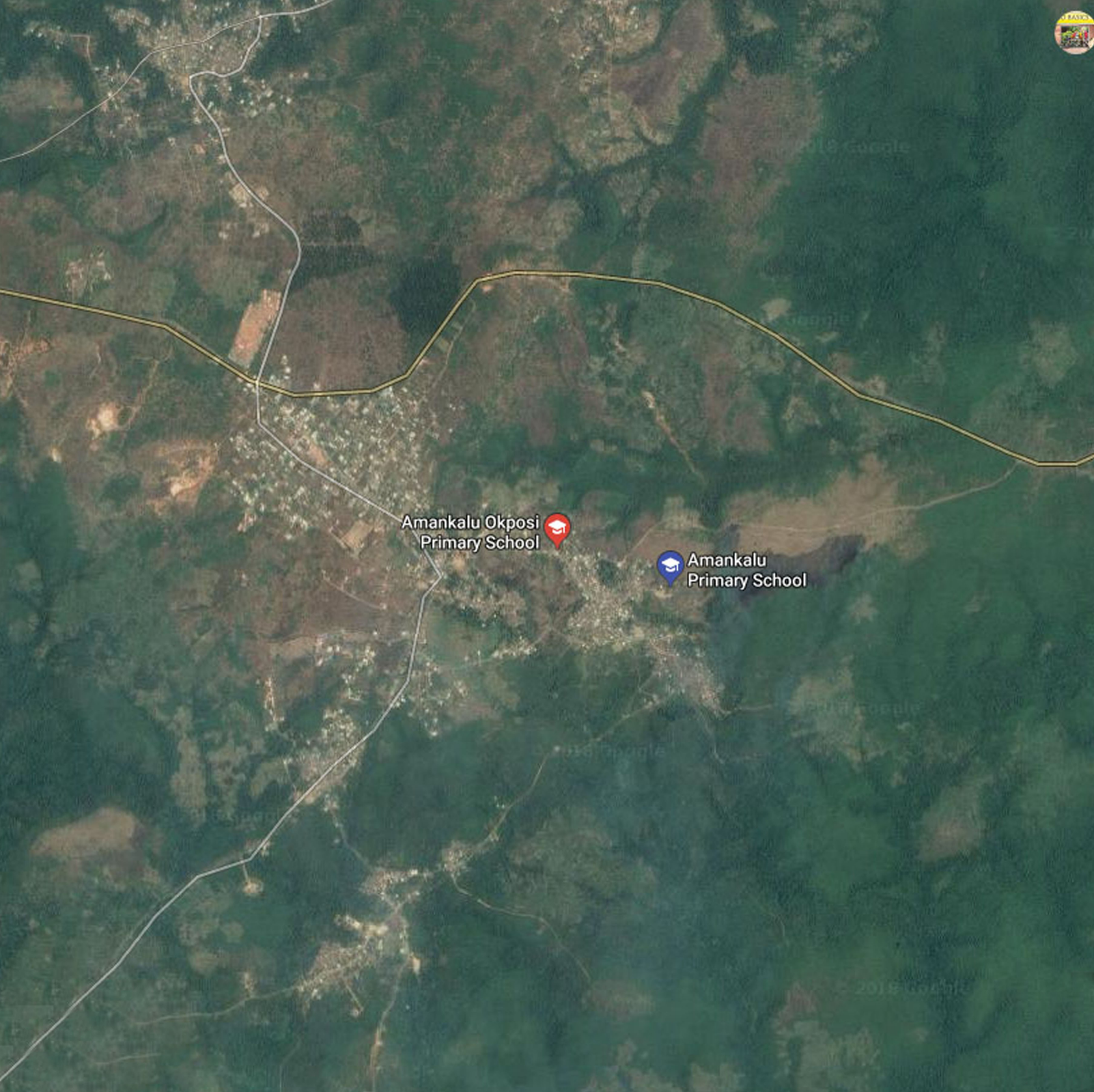
ria/Biafra War. He contributed in no small way to the reorganization of the AGE GRADE at the end of the civil war. Some of his innovative contributions to the social/community existence of his people include but not re-

stricted to.

In 1976 he built what is now his befitting palace and thereafter, embarked on the electrification of Umuobasi Village and the environs, long before National Electricity Power

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Areal view of Amankalu Igbera depicting Amankalu and Okposi Primary Schools, Amankalu, Igbera





Eke Igberere forest, the original settlement of Igberere people



A view of Agwu=ofia forest from LG



Area view of Amankalu showing Amankalu Hall to the left

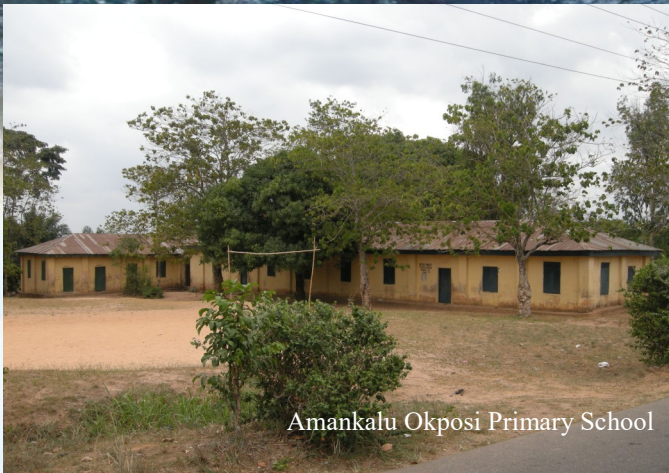


Amankalu Hall under renovation 2019—2020



Above: Amankalu Hall dedicated in 1978. Below is Umuobasi Community Hall built in 1963





Amankalu Okposi Primary School



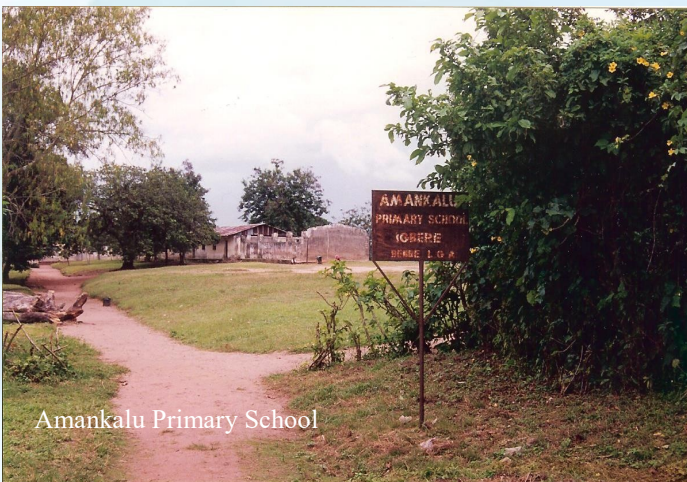
Eze's Palace at Umuobasi



Amankalu Health Center



Presbytoria Prayer House Umuobasi Amankalu



Amankalu Primary School



Okparanu bridge



Ozara Layout



Ogbo nta



Ozara Layout



Mbuba stream



Eze 'n council heading back to the palace after ceremonial outing at LG



Ogbu-efi



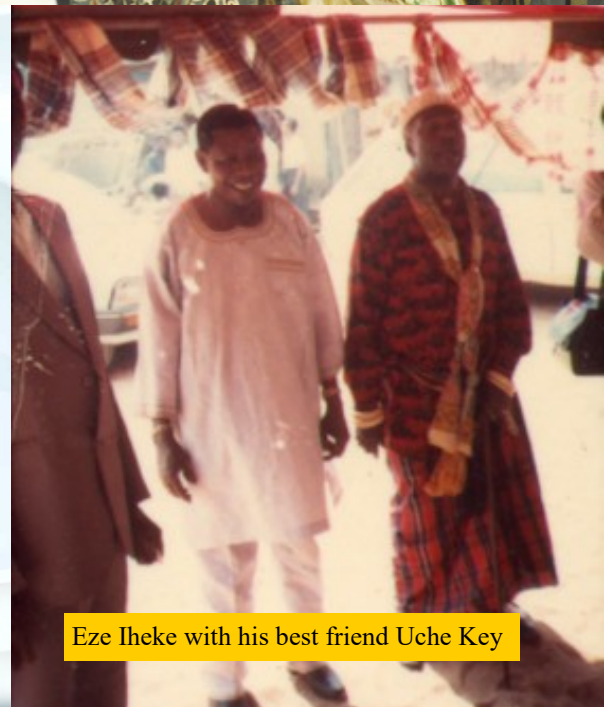
Ogbu Efi On the occasion of the traditional rite Igbu-efi for late Isaac Iheke Onwukwe father of Eze Charles Iheke and siblings



Ochiko Inyom of Igbere



Celebrating Nne's retirement at Olowo Umuobasi



Eze Iheke with his best friend Uche Key



OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, G.C.F.R.
PRESIDENT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

To **Honourable Justice A. Ikwechegh**

Instrument of Conferment of National Honour

In exercise of the powers vested in me under section 1(4) of the National Honours Act, I, **OLUSEGUN OBASANJO**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in recognition of your outstanding virtues and in appreciation of your services to our country, Nigeria, **HEREBY** award to you to have, hold and enjoy the title, dignity and all the privileges of

Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic

GIVEN at Abuja under my Hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

this 18th day of DECEMBER 2001

Olusegun
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, G.C.F.R.
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Justice Agbai & Elder Mrs. Ikwechegh at the reception in Aba Club

"ABUOMA-NNAYI"

When Justice Agbai Ikwecheghi was elevated as a supreme court judge Eze Iheke single handedly organized a befitting reception for this great Igberere son at Aba Sports Club, Aba.



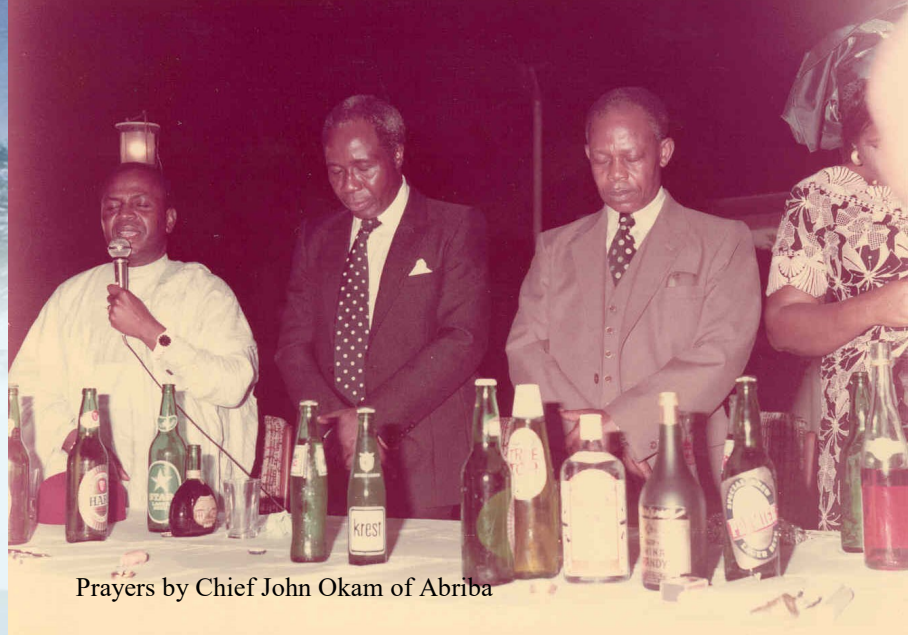
Dr. John I Iboko introducing the convener Eze Iheke at Aba club



Chief P. I. Chukwu popping a toast to Justice Ikwechegh



Mazi Anyaogu Elekwachi Ukonu



Prayers by Chief John Okam of Abriba



Justice Ikwechegh shaking hands with Ndubueze Iheke and others





Chief Mascot Ikwechegh and others



A note of welcome and appreciation by Justice Agbai Ik-



Mrs Ikwechegh shaking hands with the guests



For Justice Ikwechegh A reception at Aba Sports club



Dr. John I. Iboko, MC of the event



Chief Charles Ikeke



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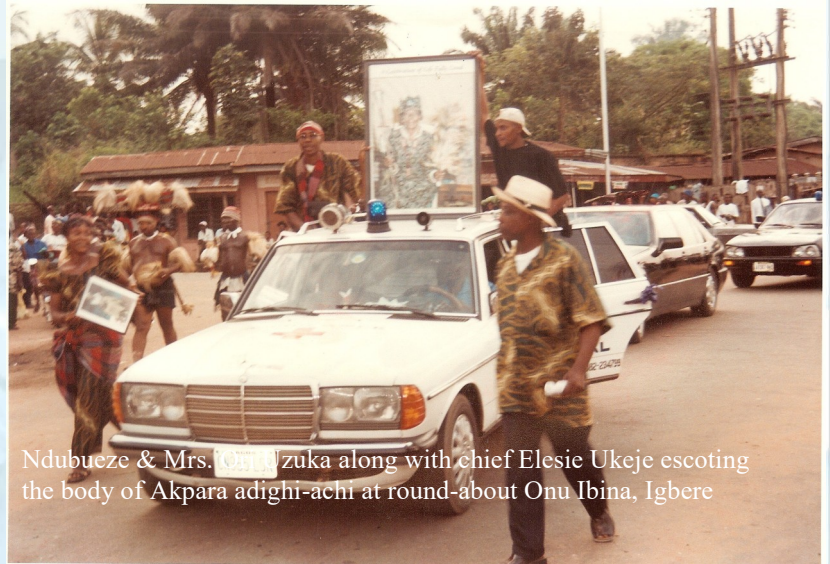
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Igbere community welcoming the body of Ochiko Inyom (Akpara-adighiachi at Igbere junction 1 mile



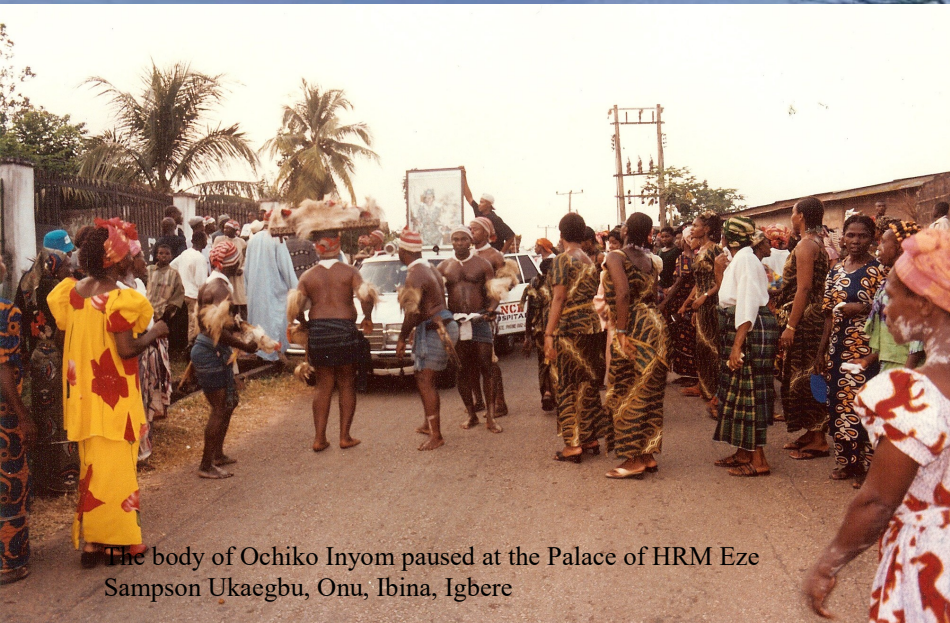
Ndubueze & Mrs. Onu Izuks along with chief Elesie Ukeje escorting the body of Akpara adighi-achi at round-about Onu Ibina, Igbere



Mrs. Jenny Eme (Ndije) & Mrs. Ijeoma Obiegwu celebrating their mother Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke (Ochiko-Inyom of Igbere



HRH Eze Charles Iheke and Chief Alexander Iheke (Opiegbe)



The body of Ochiko Inyom paused at the Palace of HRM Eze Sampson Ukaegbu, Onu, Ibina, Igbere



Eze Iheke with his brother Opiegbe and others stand to receive the body of Akpara adighiachi



A demonstration of community cooking utara ji akpu for guests



Eze Iheke leading others to Amankwu for Nne's funeral service

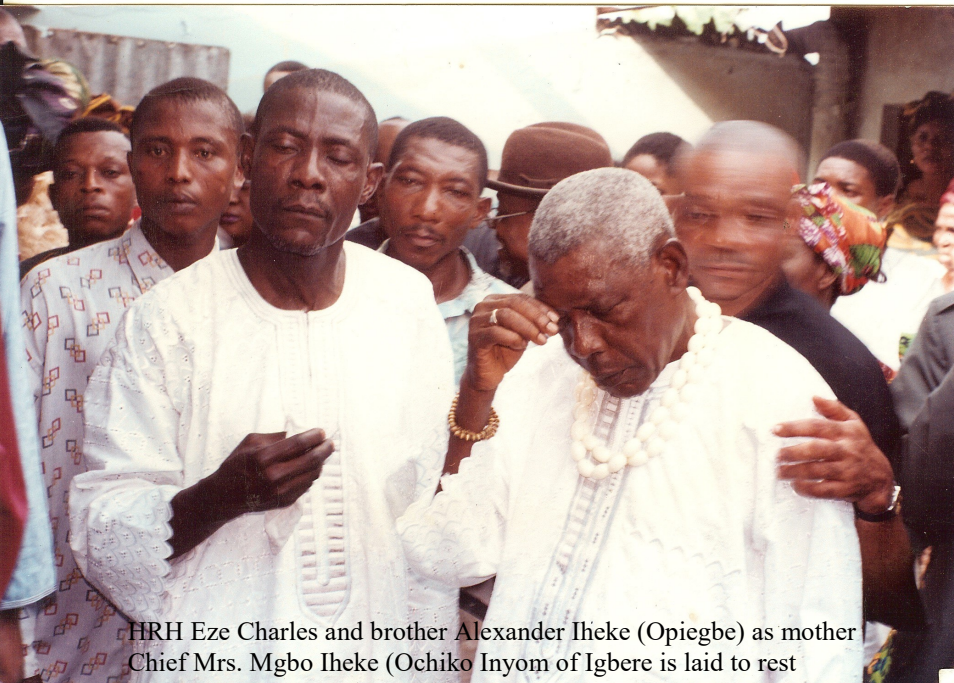




The body of Ochiko Inyom passing the compound of Obidai Imo Iboko at Ndieke, Amankalu Igberere



Queen mother heading home from Amankalu Primary school field



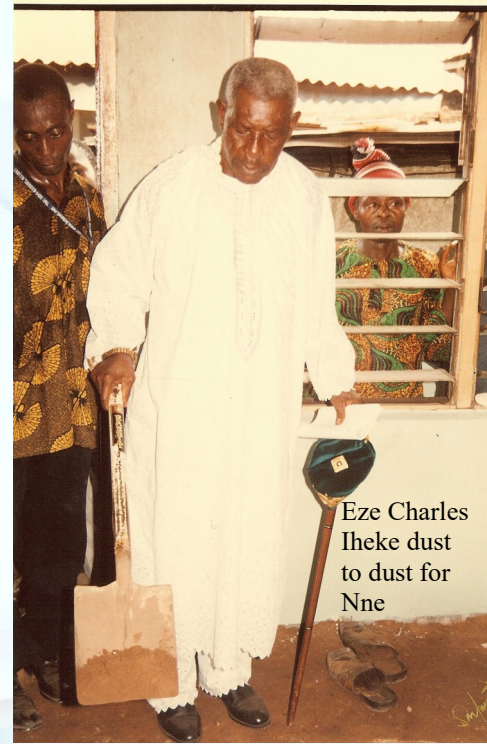
HRH Eze Charles and brother Alexander Ihieke (Opiegbe) as mother Chief Mrs. Mgbo Ihieke (Ochiko Inyom of Igberere is laid to rest



Late Commodor Amadi Ikwechegh dust to dust



Engnr. Iboko Imo Iboko Ashes to ashes



Eze Charles Ihieke dust to dust for Nne

Final Journey Events For A King At His Palace



Chief Mrs. Mgbougo Grace Isaac Iheke 1906 - 2001

Ochiko Inyom 1 of Igberere Nee Akpara-Adighiachi
Nne Ori, Nne Ochonga, The Mother of King HRRH Eze Charles O. Iheke (Nkalukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomous Community, Mother of Alex Nkwere Iheke, Publisher of IGBO BASICS; passed to the Lord on the 22nd April 2001.

Born in Igberere Eastern Nigeria (Abia State Nigeria), her motto was: What one knows will know one. She lived through World War II, the Aba riot of 1929 the hot tax war, and survived the Nigeria/Biafra civil war. She served as a living historian oral tradition. She was a reference point for the age grades in Igberere, a friend of all, Nne oha. The strongest spirits respected her, a gem who could burst from songs to tell a full story.

Event Dates

November 10, 2001

Wake keeping USA style at Odabro African Restaurant Obi Igbo) at 132 South Essex Street in Orange New Jersey, 7pm till

Friday, November 23 Body arrives Umuobasi Amankalu Igberere Lying in State traditional Imu any Abali

Saturday, November 24 Traditional Burial in her house



Madam Mgbougo Iheke was Conferred Chieftaincy title on December 26, 1997 by Igberere Community, the Ebiri of Igberere Samson Ukaegbu and the Council of Chiefs. Mrs. Iheke was indeed a pillar of the Igberere Community in many respects. As a guiding spirit, she has served the community both in advisory capacity and ambassador through her trading activities, community leadership and as a defender of justice. Popularly known as Akpara adighi-achi (the raffia bamboo you cannot restrain) Madam Iheke was a proud mother of six: Eze Charles Iheke (Ochiri-ozua 1 of Igberere), Mrs. Ndije John Eme, Ms. Erimma Iheke, John Ndubueze Iheke, Mrs. Ijeoma Helen Obiegwu, and Alexander Nkwere Iheke, Publisher of IGBO BASICS.

Ikwa Ozu Nwanyi echiri echichi - Burial of a titled woman in Igbo tradition

The mmadu bu n oge odi ndu na egosi otu ndi mmadu ga eji kwaa ya mgbe o nwuru. Ndi Igbo bu ndi na-akwa onye

nwuru anwu nke ukwu. Ezigara la ndi ikwu na ibe na ndi ogo, ozi. Ezi ga kwarala ndi umuada ozi. nAdighi eli nwanji di otua ngwanwa nOhi imecharaya omenala nile kwesiri ekwes. Ndi inyom ga agbakota na ezi umuobasi were soro chee ozu na abali (imu anya abali) Chief Mrs. Mgbougo Isaac Iheke bu onye chiri echichi. N ihi nka, ndi otu ya nile ga agbakota n Umuobasi na agu egwu wee na agba. Ndi umuada ga asa ozu tupu e buru ya gaa ili ya. Nkea bu omenala. Mgbe eji keere i bula ozu, a na ebilita ozu a elu wee kpoo umu nwanji a ka ha gaa taa ozu a isi. O me na ala di mkpa ijiri gosi na umu ahu nile soro bulaa ozu nne ha. A ga agba egbe, i jiri kwuo na ozua amalitelai ije. Ndi mmadu na eburu ite mmiri nwanji a, ngiga oji esi ihe oriri, otu ewu, okuko, nma ekwu ya na otu ite mmal. Ihe ndia bu ihe na eso ozu n azu. A ga agu egwu di iche iche 3 laa na udo echezokwala ozo



HHRH Eze Charles Iheke with Her Excellency Mrs. Ifeoma Uzor Kalu and Opiogbe at Obi Umuobasi Amankalu Igberere for a medical mission





Late Madam
JENNY JOHN
EMENIKE

(aka Ndi-Ije)

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2012.

At her home Town, Ndi-Ukaonu in Ndi-Eke, Amakalu Igbere
Time: 10:00am



Above the children and siblins of Jenny (Ndi-je) at Ndieke. Below is HRH Eze Charkes Iheke Nkalu-ukwu 1, seated with HRH Eze Rowland Abara Ekeoma (Akpondi 1 of Amakpo) Igbere as Mrs Jenny John Emenike (nee Iheke is laid to rest at Ndieke Amankalu Igbere 2012





*Dr. Godwin Onyeike of Lafemme Medicals NY
on a visit to Eze' palace 2012*



Iheke and Iboko extended family after the burial of Ndiye



*Dr. Godwin Onyeike of Lafemme Medicals NY
Addressing the Eze & Council*



And there was five remaining after Ndiye's burial



**Chief Bob Udeagha (Osiriohabiri of Item) welcomed to the palace at
Amankalu Igbera 2012 with Dr. Godwin Onyeike**



*And now we are four remaining l-r Chief Ndubeze John Iheke,
Mrs. Erinma Ukeje, Mrs. Ijeoma Hellen Obiegwu and
Chief Alexander Iheke (Onigbo)*

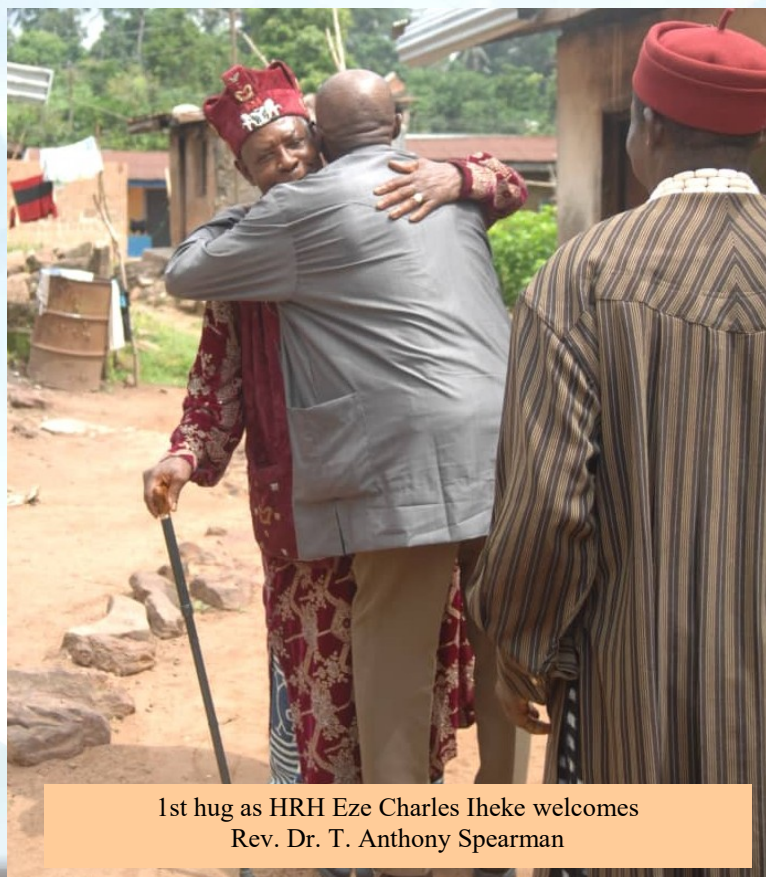


Dr Spearman with one of Nigeria 's besr known musicians-Bongos Ikwue and one of Nigeria' s foremost pediatriicians - Dr Ame Idoko



L-r

Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman with Chief Lemmy Ijioma at the Mbuba Stream for cleansing before being titled Agu Di Na Mba of Amankalu Igberé



1st hug as HRH Eze Charles Iheke welcomes Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman



Dr T Anthony Spearman being dressed traditionally for his installation as Agu Di Na Mba. Amankalu Igberé



Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman at the palace being titled Agu Di Na Mba of Amankalu Igbera, after cleansing at the Mbuba Stream



Dr T Anthony Spearman being dressed traditionally for his installation as Agu Di Na Mba of Amankalu Igbera



Professor Cyril Nwako, Ichie Ezenwude na Abagana being honored with the title of The Mmuta 1 of Amankalu, Igbere Autonomous Community, by H.R.H. Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke, Nkalukwu 1 while Slavco Madzarov of Macedonia and Barrister Ifeanyi Iboko look on admiringly



Chief Slavco Madzarov titled (Okpuzu of Amankalu Igbere) 2006



The American delegation representing Governor Jim McGreevey of New Jersey, paying a courtesy call to the King of Amankalu Igbere. At the King's Palace, pic (1) from 1—r Cyril Nwako, The Mmuta, Alex Iheke, Opiegbe, Chuck Linton (Obidike Ajuluchukwu) Oso-Eze-achi, Iris Carter, Ozioma, and Slavco Madzarov, Okpuzu. Pic © with Eze Charles Iheke

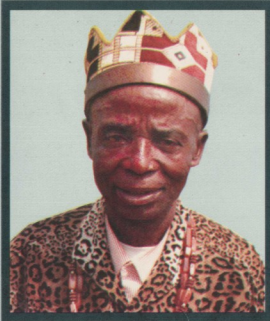


Eze Charles Iheke installing Her Exc. Mrs Frances Ikwehgh as ADA CHINYERE UGO IGBERE

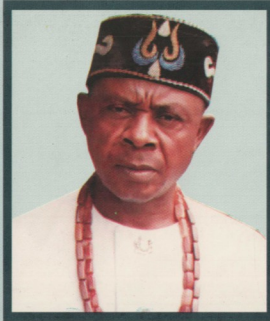




IGBERE EBIRI EZUMEZU



HRH EZE EME O. CHIKE
Okum I of Amayi Igberere Autonomous Community



HRH EZE DR. DAN J. OKENWA (JP)
Amuzu I of Ibinanta



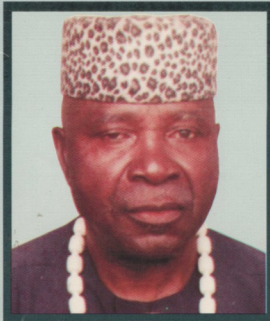
HRH EZE SIR MICHAEL I. UKAOGO (KSM)
Okomoko II of Eziana Igberere Autonomous Community



HRH EZE EME O. OGBU
(a.k.a Decency)
The Ebele Igbo I Umusi Autonomous Community Igberere



HRH EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE
Nkalu-Ukwu I of Amankalu Autonomous Community



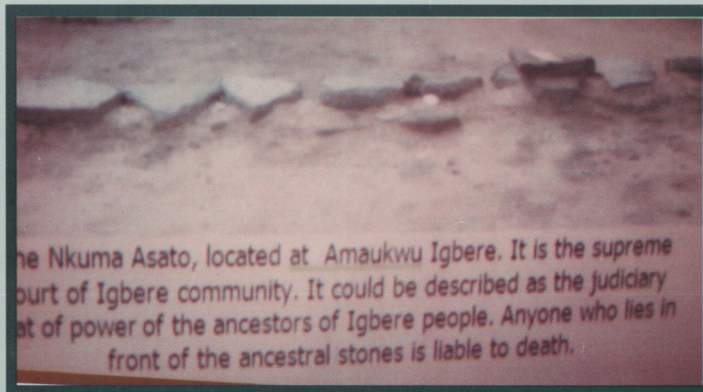
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Ebiri of Amaukwu Ebiri Autonomous Community



HRH EZE ROWLAND ABARA EKEOMA (JP)
Akpondi I of Amauko Igberere



HRH EZE DR. OKORIE JONAH NDUKA
Orji I of Amoji Igberere



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Ebiri Okomoko I of Agbor Autonomous Community



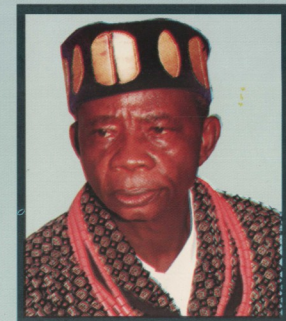
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HRH EZE EJERE UCHE AGU
Olaji I of Ohumola Igberere



HRH EZE JOSEPH UKOAH ANYANTA
Enyi Ezeji I of Ibinaukwu Igberere



HRH EZE OKORIE N. CHUKU (JP)
Ekpuakomini of Okafia Igberere

13 Kings of Igberere Autonomous communities



Ikperikpe ogu War Dancers leading a great man to the venue of event



Traditional Prime ministers and Eze in Council



Eze Iheke on his way to Ezumezu



Kings on their way to Ezumezu



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Authority (NEPA) extended electricity to the entire Igberere Clan. His giant electricity generating plant provided light for the entire Umuobasi Village and the environs during this period. He installed Television Sets for the viewing locals at the Umuobasi Hall powering same from the said generating plant. He hired one Mazi James Ukoha to be the operating manager of these services.

When Justice Agbai Ikwecheghi was elevated as a supreme court judge he single handedly organized a befitting reception for this great Igberere son in Aba. He contributed in building one of the school blocks at Igberere Secondary School and donated a trophy for football activities at the School.

As a sportsman and lover of sporting activities, he was an active member of the ABA SPORTS CLUB and was of the LAWN TENNIS and DARTS sections, which membership dates back to 1977. He donated a trophy for the DARTS section to enhance competition.

He was also an active member of People's Club of Nigeria. He hosted the said Club during the burial of late Chief J.C. Awa in October, 1980.

As a man of his people, he was one of the illustrious sons of the town that were mandated to receive the then Military Administrator Col. Sunday Adenihu, when the later visited

Igberere to commission the AMANKALU IGBERE CIVIC CENTER.

As a Chief launcher during the fund raising ceremony for the construction of Afia Nkwo Ebele of Igberere, in the present permanent site, he contributed generously.

HRH Eze Iheke was honest and upright in politics. He, alongside others, anchored the then ruling political party, "National Party of Nigeria" Igberere branch, with Shehu Shagari as President and Alex Ekwueme as Vice President.

On reintroduction of political parties in Nigeria 1979, he was very involved as an official of the party member of the ruling National party of Nigeria (NPN) party. He was very much involved with the activities of the then minister of communications Mr. Audu Ogbe and the local organization of the party in old Imo State 1979 –1983

It was for all these accomplishments and good qualities, that made the late Eze of Igberere, H.R.H. Eze Sampson Uwaka Ukaegbu to confer on him in 1987 the Chieftaincy Title of OCHIRIOZUO 1 OF IGBERE.

On this occasion, the entire Igberere clan in Bende Local Government Area, of Abia State Nigeria under the able leadership of His Royal Majesty, Eze Sampson U. Ukaegbu Ebiri II of Igberere, honored 18 of their illustrious

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New and youngest Age grade seated at 2005 Ezumezu, Igberere
stepping up in a match pass formation





Ezumezu 2005 organizing committee



Retiring Age grade seated at 2005 Ezumezu, Igbere



HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke and Igbera Council of Ndieze during the 2005 Ezumezu Igbera as they await the arrival of dignitaries including DIM Chukwuemeka Odimegwu Ojukwu, Vice President Alex Ekwueme, General Ibrahim Babangida, President Mohamadu Buhari, Governor Orji Uzor Kalu, Governor Chris Ngige, Commodore Ebitu Ukigwe and others to the event



Above Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe in handshake with former Vice President of Nigeria, Chief Alex Ekwueme while President Mohamadu Buhari looks on, Below.: HRH Eze Charles Iheke leads the act to honr Chief Alex Ekwueme with Chieftaincy title at the Ezumezu Igbera 2005





HRH Eze Charles Ikeke directs the titling of Chief Alex Ekwue while Governor Orji Uzor Kalu and the Kings do honor to Ekwueme





Age Grades , Igbere Kings and Igbere people and honored guests during the Ezumezu 2005 event





Several Local Governments Authorities of Abia State were represented. Below is the Iheke family of Elizabeth, NJ USA at the Ezumezu Igberere 2005





President Mohamadu Buhari in handshake with former Vice President of Nigeria Chief Alex Ekwueme, while former Governor Chris Ngige of Anambra State and others looks on during Ezumezu Igbera 2005





Chief Alex Iheke family with the Kings at Governor Kalu's country home Neya Camp, during Ezumezu Igbere 2005





HRH Eze Charles Iheke and Igberu council of ndi Eze honore select Igberu sons from the 13 Autonomous communities with chieftaincy titles. Amongst the honorees is Chief Alexander Iheke (Opiegbe) below, who was honored with the title Ugomba 1 of Igberu.Ebiri





12 Igberu sons honored during Ezumezu Igberu 2005 at the palace of HRM Eze Samson U. Ukaegbu Ebiri II of Igberu
 L-r Dr.Oko, Chief Dr. Madukwe Ukaegbu Chief Esse Esse, Engr. Michael C K Awa, Chief Alexander Iheke, Engr Chief Chukwu Oko Esq Chief Smart Ukoha, Chief Jones Udogu and Chief Daniel Eke



L-r Mrs. Ijeoma Obiegwu, Chief John N. Iheke, HRH Eze Charles Iheke, Chief Alex Iheke, Lolo Esther Ogbonnaya, Chief Ogbonnaya, Chief Smart Ukoha, Chief MCK Awa. Stooping: Emmanuel Obiegwu



Welcome home Chief Alex & Lolo Elizabeth Iheke and children at the palace in Umuobasi Amankalu Igbere 2005





Eze Ikeke arrives at Ezumezu Igbera. Below HRH Eze Charles Ikeke, HRH Eze Joseph Anyanta of Ibina Ukwu and Eze Eme Chike





Below HRH Eze Charles Iheke and HRH Eze Engr. John U. Okor Ebiri Okomoko 1 of Agbor Igbere autonomous community along with HRH Eze Joseph Anyanta during Ezumezu 2017





The Kings of Igberere in consultation before presiding at Ezumezu Event Below is HRH Doctor Jonah Okorie Orji 1 of Amoji, HRH Rowland Abara Ekeoma, Akpondi 1 of Amakpo and Eze Charles Ikeke among others





Eze Charles Iheke presenting Kolanut during th launching of Mazi Ukonu's book at Achi Villa Onu Ibina Igbere 2010



L-r HRH Eze Charles Iheke, Chief Alexander Iheke (Opiegbe) & Chief, Mazi Anyaogu Elekwachi Ukonu (Maduoha) during the launching of Mazi Ukonu's book, "Journey From Medicine to Theatre Arts, written by Iheke 2010



Eze Ikeke, Ugoeze Jonah Okorie of Amoji and HRH Dr. Jonah Okorie at the book launch





H. Exc. Commodore Amadi Ikwechegh exchanging greetings with his maternal uncle, Eze Charles Iheke at the Ezumezu event.



Eze Charles Iheke, Her Exc. Mrs. Ikwechegh and Prof. Eme Ekekwe at the Amadi Ikwechegh Memorial Lecture ceremony.



Her Exc. Mrs. Frances Ikwechegh and other Ezes at the memorial event.



Final Journey Events For A King At His Palace



Braking grounds ceremony for a new palace



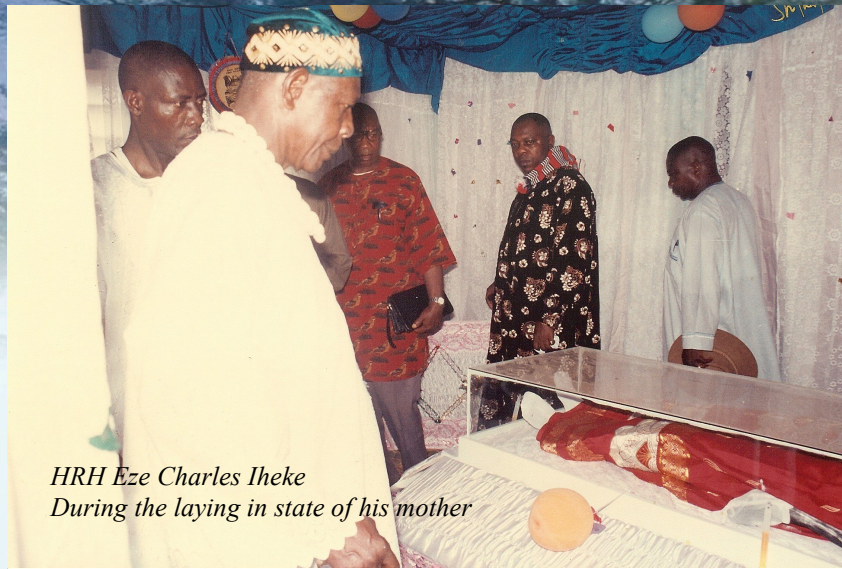


*Late Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke
(Ochiko inyom)*

Iheke Family transition stories in pictures



*Late Mrs. Janny Eme
(Ndije)*



*HRH Eze Charles Iheke
During the laying in state of his mother*



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Late Evidence Ifeanyi Iheke (son of Eze Iheke)



The family of HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke (Nkalukwu 1) of Amankalu Igberé with heavy heart announces the passing of their beloved son, **Evidence Ifeanyi Onwukwe Iheke, (1981-2010)** in London, England. Friends of the Ihekes will gather at the Iheke residence on Saturday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. to console the family at this time of sorrow.

Evidence Ifeanyi Iheke is survived by his father, HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke, his mother Ugoeze Comfort Iheke, and his brother Christian Nnanna Onwukwe Iheke. He leaves behind several aunts and uncles, including Chief Alexander Iheke, Publisher of Igbo Basics, Barrister Ifeanyi Iboko, and Dr. Madukwe Iboko and many cousins and friends who will miss him. The funeral will take place in November 2010. Condolence messages may be sent to the Iheke Family care of Alexander Iheke at igbobasic@aol.com or (908) 527-9605.



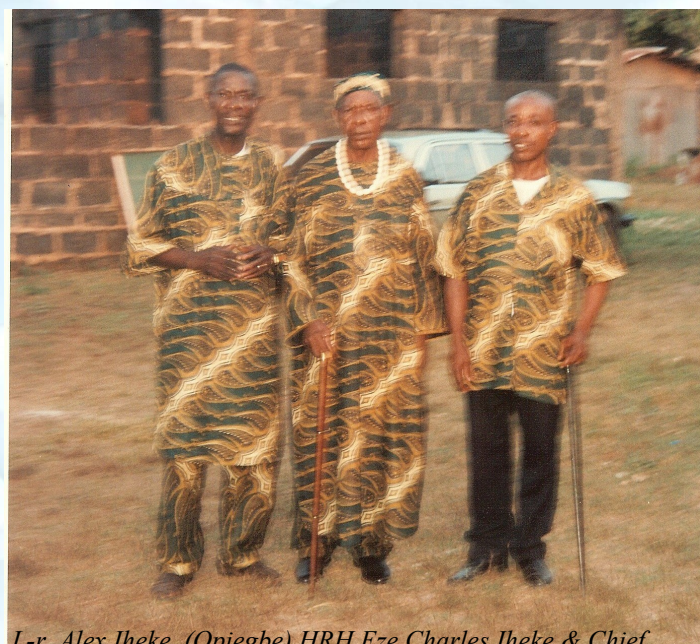
L-r John Dubueze, Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke, (Akpara-adighiachi) Alex Iheke (Opiegbe) Chief Charles O. Iheke Ochiriozuo 1976 send off Opiegbe to Pine Bluff Arkansas USA



L-r Chief Charles Iheke Ochiriozuo., Christia C. Iheke, Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke, Ochikoinyom) & Ugoeze Comfort Iheke



L-r Chief Charles Iheke (Ochiriozuo) Prince Christian Charles Iheke, Chief Mrs. Mgbo Iheke a/k/a Akpara-adighiachi (Ochiko Inyom 1 of Igberere), late Evidence Ifeanyi Iheke, Ugo-Eze Comfort Iheke during the celebration of Akpara-adighiachi's chieftaincy title given by HRM Eze Samson U Ukaegbu Ebiri II of Igberere



L-r Alex Iheke, (Opiegbe) HRH Eze Charles Iheke & Chief John N. Iheke during the burial of Queen mother (Ochikoinyom)



L-r Mrs. Ijeoma Hellen Obiegwu, Mrs. Erinma Ukeje during the burial of Senior Sister Mrs. Jimmy Emenike
Igbo Legacy December 24, 2020

TRIBUTE TO MY DAD

Death is inevitable. There is only one painful truth we have to contend with when we kiss someone dear to us. It is no longer possible to see, hold or communicate with the deceased as when they were with us.

My dad and my king, a role model and a pillar to many.

I recall the last communication I had with you was on a video call. We discussed amongst others, your health challenges and the need for me as your son to continue to take care of you, to reconstruct or renovate the house in Igbere and finally you advised me to get married immediately.

Dad, while I was consistently adhering to our discussions, you did not wait to see my wife. I never knew that my today, it would have been a great vacuum that cannot be filled. You are my mentor and you took care of us. All the same, I promise that your legacies will always be remembered.

Good bye Dad.

Nnanna Isaac Iheke

Son



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sons for various accomplishments and contributions to the Igberere Community. Among the 18 selected from the 13 villages which make up Igberere, was Chief Charles Onwukwe Iheke who was honored with the title Ochiriozuo 1 of Igberere. Other notable Igberere greats includes Elder E.E. Ukaegbu, Mazi Anyaogu Elekwachi Ukonu (Maduoha), Chief P.I. Chukwu, Dr. Jonah Okorie Nduka, now Orji 1 of Amoji Igberere, etc.

His selection and coronation as the NKALU-UKWU 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomous Community was celebrated on the 19th day of December 2000 following the gazzetting of Amankalu Igberere as one of the autonomous communities in Abia State. On this day, he was given the staff of office by the then governor of Abia State of Nigeria, His Excellency Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu (MON).

Eze Charles Iheke stood like a colossus during and after the crisis that engulfed the entire Igberere clan following the killing of Eze Sampson Ukaegbu. He was always alert at any attempt to encroach on any part of Amankalu, Igberere ancestral land. He left a legacy of lasting peace for the people of Amankalu Igberere. Eze Charles Iheke was a good family man and a devout Christian.

He is survived by his lovely wife Ugoeze Comfort Iheke, his son, Christian Charles Onwukwe Iheke, his brothers Chief John Ndubueze Iheke, Chief Alexander Iheke (Opiegbe) of Elizabeth, NJ (Publisher of Igbo Basics Pub-

lications and www.igbobasics.com), his sisters Mrs. Erinma Ukeje, Mrs. Helen Ijeoma Obiegwu and many more members of his extended family.

He is represented in USA by a member of his Royal council Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, (Agu Di Na Mba) of Amankalu Igberere who is President, North Carolina State Conference NAACP.

Eze Iheke is extended in Elizabeth, NJ by the Iheke family Chief Alex Iheke (Member of the Board of Directors of Egenolf Early Childhood Development Center in Elizabeth), his wife and children.



A Zoom Wake Keeping event, December 5, 2020 the new normal



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Requiem Mass For HRH Eze Charles O. Ikeke



Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth, NJ

1096 North Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

Friday, March 20, 2020



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Whatsapp, COF 4 Eze Charles Iheke

*Beloved Brothers and Sisters, (Umunnam n' umunnam)
With gratitude to God for life well-spent in service to humanity,
I, Chief Alexander Iheke announce the passing onto glory of my
eldest brother, HRH, Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke, Nkalu-ukwu 1
of Amankalu, Igbere, Bende LGA, Abia State, Nigeria.*

HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke

August 10, 1935 — November 4, 2019

*Burial will take place on April 18, 2020 at
Amankalu Igbere Abia State, Nigeria.*

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2020

Mass 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church
1096 North Ave, Elizabeth, NJ

Wake

VENUE: Snyder Academy

42 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

TIME: 8:30 PM

A Parking Deck is available right next door

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Hon. Chief Kalu Ndukwe of old Umuahia province

Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President, North Carolina State Conference NAACP (Agu Di Na Mba of Amankalu Igber, Abia State, Nigeria, Member of Eze in Council will grace the gathering along with the local chapter Elizabeth NJ Conference NAACP



HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke
Nkalu-ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igber

On Whatsapp, please Join the
COF 4 Eze Charles Iheke

Final Journey Events For A King



Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman with Chief Lemmy Ijioma at Mbuba stream
Amankalu Igber for cleansing at the river before being titled at the Eze's Palace



Wake

Venue: Snyder Academy

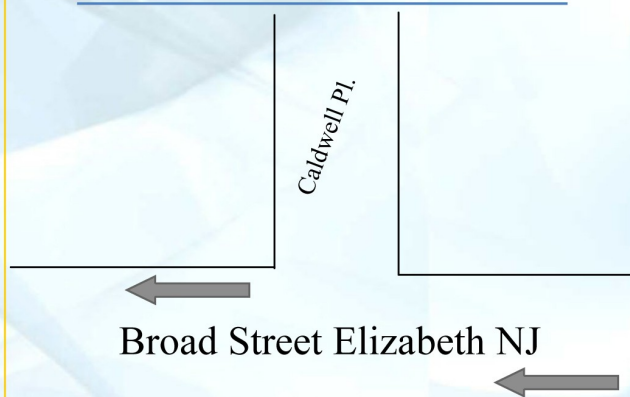
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City Hall Elizabeth, NJ



Opiege and Agudinamba lead a delegation to Elizabeth City Hall to receive a condolence message and commendation from the City of Elizabeth NJ











With Rev. Dr. Anthony Spearman
Agu no na mba of
Amankalu Igbera
& Dr. Harris Enabulela





Patricia Perkins-Auguste,
Councilwoman-At-Large, Elizabeth,
New Jersey









BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** on November 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Comfort Iheke, his son Christian, four siblings including Chief Alexander Iheke (Opiegbe) of Elizabeth, NJ.; and

WHEREAS, HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke is represented in the United States of America by his Kinsman Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, (Agu Di Na Mba) of Amankalu Igberu who is President of the North Carolina State Conference NAACP; and

WHEREAS, he is extended in Elizabeth, New Jersey by the Iheke family Chief Alex Iheke (Member of the Board of Directors of Egenolf Early Childhood Development Center in Elizabeth), his wife and children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** to his family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to his family.



I, **YOLANDA M. ROBERTS**, Municipal Clerk of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution of City Council of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand affixed the seal of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on March 19, 2020.

Yolanda M. Roberts
YOLANDA M. ROBERTS, R.M.C.
MUNICIPAL CLERK
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth would like to commend **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** on his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, he fought in the Nigerian/Biafra Civil War and after returning from his service he became a successful trader and merchant, an agent of Parbury Henty & Company Ltd. of the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, he imported Faberge products and various types of luggage and storage containers; and

WHEREAS, **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** was a member of the Uche Ebiro Age Grade and helped with its reorganization after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970's, he was an original member of the People's Club of Nigeria and a renowned member of Aba Sports Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he was granted the Chieftaincy Title of Ochirozuo 1 of Igberu by the late Eze Sampson Uwaka Ukaegbu in recognition of his civic participation and leadership in various community projects, including the construction of the Amankalu Igberu Civic Center and the electrification of Amankalu Igberu; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the community exalted him to the title of Eze as the Nkalu-Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberu Autonomous Community; and

WHEREAS, **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** was honest and upright in politics and alongside others, anchored the then ruling political party "National Party of Nigeria" Igberu branch, with Shehu Shagari as President and Alex Ekwueme as Vice President; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke** on his many accomplishments; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation, a copy of this Resolution shall be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and that a certified copy be forwarded to his family.



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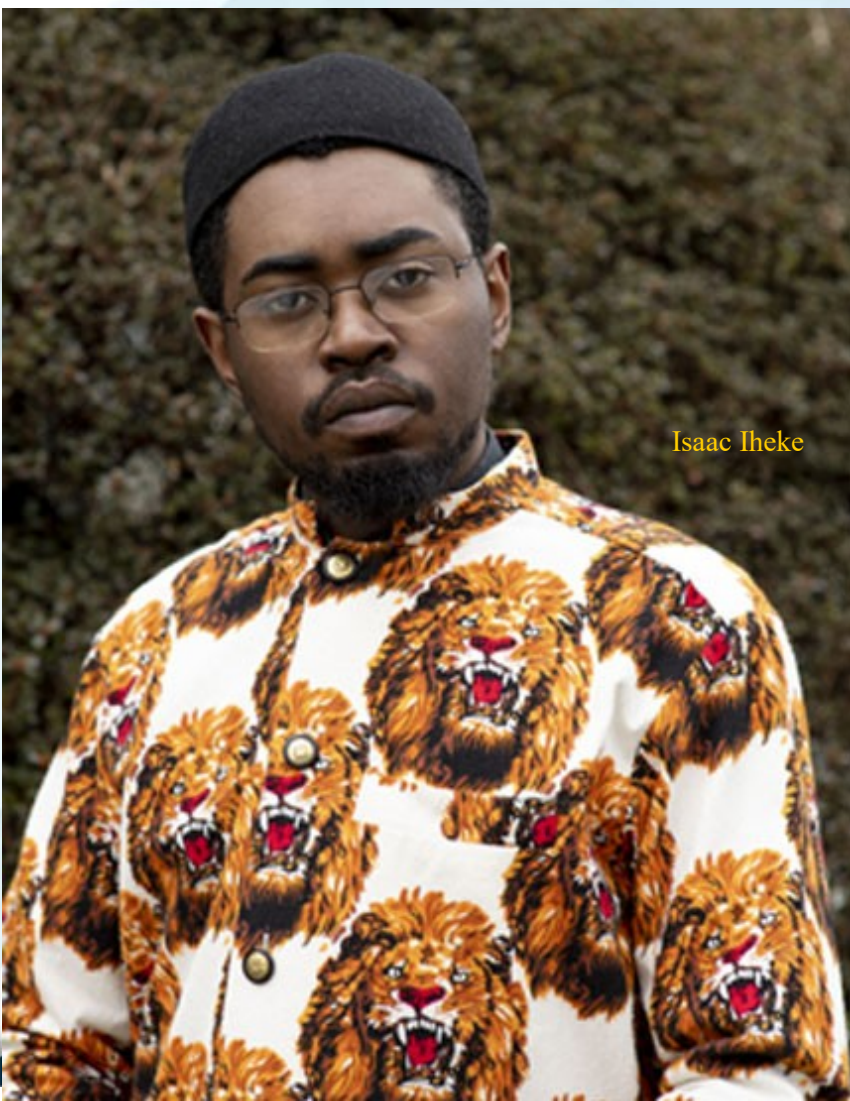






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Lolo Gail Iheke



Isaac Iheke



Chief Mrs. Veronica Anyanwu Iruwa, cor member

Souvenir Water by Amando



Royal Transition

His Royal Highness **Eze Charles ONWUKWE IHEKE**
Nkhalukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberu Auto Comm

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1922 - 2020

The Amankalu Igberu Community Union
in conjunction with the family of
Isaac Iheke Onwukwe
and Nde Awa-Ukwu kindred of Umuobasi
Amankalu Igberu Bendo L.G.A. Abia State Nigeria

Cordially invite YOU to the
Burial Ceremony
of our son, brother, husband, father,
uncle and the Traditional Ruler of
Amankalu Igberu Aut. Comm.

HRH EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE
The Nkhalukwu 1

Date: Thurs. 24th Dec., 2020
Venue: Amankalu Igberu
Primary School field
Time: 10.00am

Telegram

- * Prince Nnanna Isaac Iheke
- * Chief John Ndubueze Iheke
- * Chief Alexander Nkwere Iheke
- * Chief Elesie N. Ukeje
- * Chief M. C. K Awa

RSVP: Mr Ukaegbu Kazi Ibekwe President A I C U Ezeogo Kalu Michael Awa JP Obasiukwu 1 (Traditional Prime Minister) Elder Uwakwe Okoronkwo Chairman Burial Committee Dr. Kingsley Madukwe Iboko Engr. Dr. Iboko Imo Iboko

Dr. & Mrs. Ibaka Imo Ibaka
TRIBUTE FOR HRH EZE CHARLES O. IHEKE
(Nkalu Ukwu I of Amankalu Autonomous Community, Igbere, Abia State)

God kept so many things hidden from mortal human beings. One of such things is the day of ones death. Eze Iheke was close to his God. How do I know ? I know because, although he did not know when exactly he was going to die, he seemed to have known that he was getting close to his departure time. So, somehow it was revealed to him. That explained why he spoke to me about his death so many times. In fact he even told me where he would like to be buried when he died. I counted it an honour and a privilege.

When someone dies, it looks like a joke and people may not feel that something so heavy, significant and irreversible had happened. So it was with HRH Eze Charles O. Iheke, Nkalu Ukwu of Amankalu Igbere Autonomous Community.

Eze C. O Iheke was a very intelligent, Confident, Self-dependant and Courageous Man. For him, there was no impossibility in life. He believed that there was no level which a man could not attain as long as one was determined to get to that level. This was a belief which I shared with him.

I remember in St. Peters Presbyterian Church, Umungasi, Abia, we were always sitting together. After church, we would retire and discussed the Bible, especially what we learnt from the message of the day.

As a traditional ruler, he was in a class of his own. He was highly respected by his colleagues. At some stage, Eze Iheke was the oldest traditional ruler in Igbere.

I was a member of his Eze-in-Council, although he was not the Eze who gave me my Chieftaincy title. It was HRH Eze Sampson Ukaegbu of blessed memory who gave me my first Chieftaincy title in Igbere. Nevertheless, I was quite close to him and discussed very intimately with him.

As we mourn His Royal Highness today, may I plead with his dear wife, Ugoeze Comfort Iheke, his children, his numerous relations, including his Son Nnanna, Chiefs John Iheke and Alex Nkwere (Opiegbe), Elesia, Ijeoma and many others, too numerous to mention here, to take heart and not cry too much. The Eze would like everyone to be peaceful, prayerful and maintain the unity of the family.

I am indeed one of such relations of the Eze and we are here to accord one of our own, a befitting burial. Look at the entire friends and well wishers from all works of life, gathered here today, to mourn the demise of our affectionate traditional ruler. It attests to the fact that he was a very good man in his life time. It also shows that he made great impact in the lives of many people. It was this undeniable impact that gave him his Chieftaincy title, Ochiri Ozuo.

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Life is just brief, but it is how well a person has lived that people remember. For Eze Iheke, people remember the good things he did for his immediate family, Umu Obasi, Amakalu Autonomous Community, Igberere and the entire humanity.

For his Eze-in-Council, may I urge you to be peaceful, without division and acrimony with a smooth succession.

I admonish you to keep the legacy of the late Eze in ensuring the continuous development and prosperity of Amankalu Autonomous Community.

With this, I say, may the soul of Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord Jesus, where he has reserved for all saints.

Adieu HRH Eze C.O. Iheke

Dr. Engr & Mrs. Iboko Imo Iboko



Eze Iheke and Ibimo walking pass Iboko house at Ndieke during Nne's funeral procession



Iboko House at Ndieke Amankalu Igbera

Tribute to late Eze Onwukwe Charles Iheke

Nkalu Ukwu I of Amankalu Igbera

I write this tribute with mixed emotions, deep sorrow and sadness on one hand and gratitude to God on the other for a life well lived. You were a loving, caring brother. Indeed, you meant so much to me personally and to the Iboko family as a whole. I remember like yesterday how you assisted me in particular when the Iboko Family returned to Aba to begin a new life following the end of the Biafran Civil War and I started my Secondary School years again. You made sure I never lacked anything as a young man, providing me with guidance, advice, mentoring and petty Cash for my immediate weekend needs. When I left for the USA in 1998 you were always around for my family providing guidance, advice and support.

Your death did not take me by surprise because I was kept in the know through family communication. I was grateful to God and celebrating knowing that the pain and suffering has come to an end and while alive you had a good comfortable life. You led Amankalu Community Igbera through a period of Unity, cleansing, Peace and Paganry. The Almighty God saw that you were getting tired from the terminal illness that took a toll, a cure was not to be, he put his arms around you and said come with me.

May the almighty keep you resting in perfect peace till resurrection day Amen!

Adieu My brother Eze Onwukwe Charles Iheke, Nkalu Ukwu I of Amankalu Community Igbera.

Chief Dr. Madukwe Imo Iboko, Eze Debia of Okpu Umuobo Aba.

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The Nkalukwu In Council
Eze's Palace
Umuobasi,
Amankalu Igbere,
Amankalu Igbere Autonomous Community,
Igbere

ATTENTION: EZEOGO KALU MICHEAL EBI AWA

The Reverend Council,

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE:

RE: HRH, EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE

I write to express grief and heartfelt sympathy of my family over the death of the Eze of Amankalu Igbere Autonomous Community, HRH, EZE C.O. IHEKE (NKALUKWU I). We sorely mourn our departed Eze, a Colossus of our time.

It is in record that as a pacesetter, he reigned peacefully for a considerable number of years and indeed left a peaceful community. His kind of person is really scarce to get. In spite of obvious challenges faced by our community, his sagaciousness held the centre intact, even till the end. His contributions to the growth of our community remain legendary, to the extent that both his friends and foes alike are on the same page, as far as his peaceful reign is concerned.

Death is a fact. It comes equally to us all and makes us equal when it comes. There is no arguing the fact of death. The certainty of it does not make man welcome death nor does it stop him from a feeling of antipathy towards it. Please take solace that our Eze lived a life worth of emulation.

The reminiscence and humble disposition of our elegant Eze during his life time is encapsulated in the widely accepted statement that, "it is not how long a man or woman lived on earth that is important, but how well."

As Christians, we are aware that no matter the age, the death of a loved one especially a caring, loving and excellent father and Eze would always leave an indelibly scar. Do convey our deepest condolences to his immediate family including the Ugoeze, the son, brothers and sisters.

We pray that the family and our Community will also demonstrate valid immortalization of him by sustaining those virtues that endeared him to the hearts of those Eze C.O. IHEKE, encountered.

For this, we urge you to take heart.

May the soul of the departed Eze continue to rest in peace. Amen.

ELDER (BARRISTER) UCHE SUNDAY AWA



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To Family of

His Royal Highness, Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke

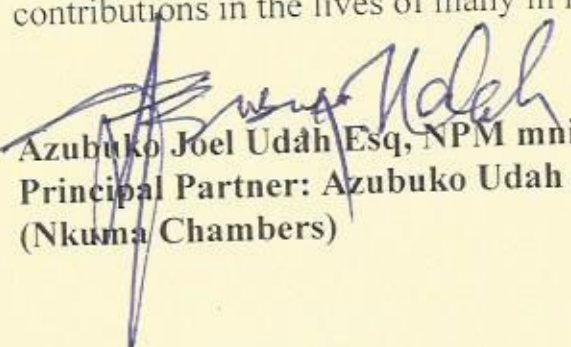
(Nkalu-Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomus Community)

I received the news of the death of Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke, the Ochiriozuo 1 of Igberere Clan and the Nkalu-Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Igberere Autonomus Community with a sunken heart! His call to glory came at the ripe age of 85 years.

A very renown Aba based business man, and a Biafran Army war veteran, His Royal Majesty's Store/office -- Iheke & Brothers Trading Company was located at the famous landmark 38/40 Asa Road Aba where P. I. C Eduaopican and Ononiwu Standard Tailors amongst others were located.

Eze Charles was a patriot, a philanthropist and a great achiever. He loved his people and cared greatly for their welfare. He was on the 19th day of December 2000 given the staff of office as the NKALU-UKWU 1 of Amankalu Igberere by the then governor of Abia State of Nigeria, His Excellency Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu (MON). He was a good family man and a devout Christian.

On behalf of my family, I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke's Family and all his loved ones he has left behind. Let all of us take solace in the fact that he lived a good life and made very impactful contributions in the lives of many in his community and even beyond.


Azubuko Joel Uдах Esq, NPM mni DIG (Rtd)
Principal Partner: Azubuko Uдах & Co.
(Nkuma Chambers)

ELDER AMADI AWA

(AKA N' AKPA AKU IGBERE)

Elu-Uzo, Amankalu, Igbere, Bende LGA, Abia State

Chief John Iheke,
Umuobasi,
Amankalu Igbere.

Dear Brother,

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of my family, I write to express our heart—felt condolences on the demise of your elder brother, HRH, EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE (NKALUKWU 1). It is instructive to note that HRH was the next Elder to me alive in our NDIA AWAKWU KINDRED, UMUOBASI, AMANKALU IGBERE. That demonstrates that I am equally deeply affected by his death.

I am aware that no death is easy to bear. however. I urge the family to accept what has happened as an inevitable fate that will befall all mortals. It is the good memories of those we lose that keep their spirits alive in us. Our dear Eze, my brother, could rightly be said to have lived a fulfilled life. He was a great Community leader, who served his people conscientiously and diligently, and dies as a respected Eze.

I therefore, join you, you siblings, the Ugoeze (the dear wife) and his son, as we all celebrate the life and times of this great and accomplished Eze who positively impacted the lives of many people during his sojourn here on earth. May his meek and gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

ELDER AMADI AWA



Elder Amadi Awa with Eze Charles Iheke at Nne's Chieftaincy celebration

THE LION ON RETREAT

HRH EZE CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE

A Tribute By Akpondi

CHARLES ONWUKWE IHEKE was born on 10th August, 1937 in the family of Pa Isaac and Ngbo Iheke of Umuobasi Amankalu Igbere. On that same day, three youths met at the sleepy village of Amaiyi on the invitation of their leader, Arisa Kalu Ogwe then a student of the Normal College, Hope Waddle Training Institute (HWTI) Calabar. The three were doing the final touch on the programme for the inauguration on December 31st 1937, of Nzuko Odinma Igbere, better known as Igbere Welfare Union (IWU).

Both events have turned out to become the fulcrum of Unity and development of Amankalu and of Igbere. From 19th December, 2000 to 5th November, 2019, Eze Charles was effectively the Traditional Ruler of Amankalu Igbere Autonomous Community. On the other hand, Igbere Welfare Union has remained the socio-cultural and development Umbrella of all our Town Unions. And by the special Grace of God, any further contemplation to challenge this unity, bequeathed to us by our ancestors, and deemed to have been redefined and constitutionalized on 10th August 1937, will be doomed on arrival.

Between 1996 - 1999, chiefship argument in Amankalu, turned ugly and ended in a major crisis which engulfed the entire clan. The Clan Head, HRM Eze Sampson Uwaka Ukaegbu, the Ebiri II of Igbere was killed. Arrests were made by the Police; several houses were torched by irate Youths of the town. A number of persons were displaced and made persona non grata in Igbere. And before they could be charged to court, the Government did on 26th September, 2000 set up a Panel of inquiry under the headship of Justice S.N. Imo of the Abia State High Court. The panel met in the Open, with all parties in conflict present and made copious statements, in the end, the Report was submitted to government but consigned to limbo.

Why was there a dispute over a matter that has long been settled by Amankalu people themselves? No one can say. Consider that back on 27th October, 1972, under the Chairmanship of that Great Son of the Community Pa. Moses Eze Ukaoha and the secretary, Mr. J.O. Uche, both of blessed memory, the Minutes of the meeting of Amankalu Community of same date settled "The Village Head Issue".

What did Eze Charles do during the crisis?

The answer is nothing! He took a leave of absence. Let us refer to Moses in the Bible. At birth, Moses was stowed away in the papyrus marshes of the great River Nile. Same way God wanted Charles out of the turbulence. God anointed him Eze of a United Amankalu and when he was finally so proclaimed, the antagonists quickly retreated to sheath their Swords.

Charles was a man of peace, a true son of the land. Therefore, to associate him with cowardice is to expose one's ignorance of the essential Charlie, born of princely equipage, a most forgiving persona who met life's many challenges cheerfully and courageously. He did many things differently. He was gregarious, liberal minded, made friends easily but when offended or adjudged guilty, Charles Onwukwe Ikeke would be the first to seek normalcy to forget a wrong and face the future. *He was, throughout his life, engaged in honest occupations. He was a petty trader, taxi driver, shop keeper. Importer, Exporter and general contractor.* And because he was human, he made many mistakes; though sophisticated, he was also naïve and careless. He was the best man, at that time, to be the Eze of Amankalu in disquietude. He loved his people, and proud of his heritage. He came to make peace and left behind nothing but peace.

The roar of the lion has ceased to terrify though the grunts persist and until we get to hear no more the whimper, the gate keeper must remain alert. Ndi Igberere, be vigilant!

We all will miss Eze Charles Onwukwe Ikeke.

May God grant him eternal rest.

HRH Eze Dr. Rowland A. Ekeoma JP GDT
Akpondi of Amakpo Igberere



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TRIBUTE TO HRH EZE CHARLES O. IHEKE **(NKALU UKWU 1)**

It is with a heart full of grief but with gratitude to the Almighty God for an accomplished life, that I write to sympathise, condole and console you, members of your family, the Eze-in-Council, and the entire Amankalu Community on the passing away of **HRH Eze Charles O. Iheke**, the Nkalu Ukwu 1 of Amankalu Community, Igberere.

HRH Eze Charles O. Iheke, was a highly successful businessman, before becoming a traditional ruler. He was a great community leader, whose footprints in the development of Amankalu in particular and Igberere in general are there for everybody to see. As a traditional ruler, he took steps to bring peace to Amankalu Community. He was a Statesman who was very passionate about development in Igberere, and contributed his quota to the well-being of Igberere. We give glory to the Almighty GOD for the fruitful and accomplished life he lived.

On behalf of the Family of late Sir Amadi O. Uche and late Hon. Justice (Mrs) Christiana I. Uche (Rtd) of Ndi-Isika, Elu-Isegbu, Amankalu Igberere, I convey to you our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and pray to the Almighty God to comfort you, all members of your family, the Eze-in-Council and the entire Amankalu Community, and give you all the fortitude to bear this loss.

May his soul rest in peace.

Yours truly,

Chief Chris Uche, SAN.

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Although Eze Charles Iheke did not live to see this progress, we believe that this road will be completed as a result of promise made at the palace by Senator Orji Uzor Kalu, a son of the soil with origins from Umuobasi Amankalu Igbera



APPRECIATION

*The family of late
HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke and the
entire Iheke family of
Umuobasi Amankalu, Igbere, Bende LGA of
Abia State, Nigeria expresses deepest and sincere
appreciation to family members, in-laws, friends,
professional colleagues, clergy and well wishers
who have commiserated with us in this time of
grief and celebration.*

*Your prayers, visits, phone calls, text messages,
letters, words of comfort and financial support
have been a source of strength to our family*

*May the almighty God bless and abide with you
all*

Amen.

*Chief John Ndubueze Iheke
For the family*



**Imagine The Ikoro Sound
when Iroko tree falls**

Iheke's Legacy is



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