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Bowie, Maryland

I am honored to write a birthday tribute to Papa G. A. Agwo's 90th birthday.

First of all, a big thanks to all for joining us to celebrate Papa's birthday.

My family and I are grateful for the opportunity to have spent time with Papa on his visit to Maryland a few years ago. Papa quickly bonded with everyone and was eager to share his thoughts and life experiences. We quickly realized that in his mid eighties, he displayed remarkable strength as he challenged my mother, who was much younger, to long walks around the neighborhood. A grueling foot tour of Washington DC historical sites was a piece of cake to him. On one occasion, he joined the kids on a trampoline.

Papa is also blessed with a curious mind, as he wanted to be part of some challenging chores around the house. He would ask questions and suggest solutions, even, attempting a task himself.

Papa Agwo also exhibited his love for education by pursuing higher education at an advanced age. His love for culture, evidenced by his mini series on Afikpo cultural heritage, Kola nut, igbo proverbs and new yam festival.

Any goal that Papa Agwo sets his mind to he does with passion and dedication! This passion has led to his writing and launching another book last year.

He is also the most caring and understanding. Papa saw to it that my mother and children received gifts before his departure. He also made regular calls thereafter to check in on us.

Papa Agwo you are an embodiment of wisdom, resilience and love for life. We wish you many more years, and look forward to celebrating your 100th.

Congratulations and happy birthday Sir!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aguiyi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aguiyi,

for Delphine, Dame Juliet, Troy, Nathan and Bella Nwachukwu.