WHEN THE OBAIGBENAS CELEBRATED THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THEIR Matriarch

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EDITOR’S LETTER

Make today your morning.

Reading Ben Obaigbena’s tribute to his dear mother, I tried to imagine what it was like for the late Princess Margaret Obaigbena to juggle nursing school with the responsibilities of being a mother and a wife. Talk about dedication and resilience. It got me thinking about new beginnings. Some of us entertain the fear of starting all over again. I know I have been there too. We get to the point where we have to make that decision and then tell ourselves, “No, I am too old to go back to school, or it’s too late in life to start that business or generally begin all over again.” My mother has a saying, “Whenever you wake up, that is your morning,” which loosely translates to mean—it’s never too late for new beginnings. Considering a significant life shift in your later years can feel daunting. I can imagine it’s enough to send anyone into an existential crisis. After all, you’ve invested a lot of time and energy getting to where you are. But it would help if you remember: you’re never starting from scratch. And this is true for career shifts and massive changes to your personal life, too. You can lean on your years of experience for self-reinvention. New beginnings can occur at any age. There’s no limit to how much you can grow, learn, and become a better person. There’s no time when you must stop. Any decade of your life provides an opportunity for self-improvement and growth. We all have only one life to live. Drop all the excuses and decide to make today your morning.

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Princess Margaret Obaigbena Returns Home

In a tribute message to the family, President Muhammadu Buhari said, "I commiserate with you, members of your family, and the entire people of Delta State on the loss of your mother, Princess Margaret, a pillar of strength for the family, an accomplished mother and revered community leader, whose absence will be felt far beyond her immediate environment. "The demise of Princess will no doubt create a great vacuum in the community, I, therefore, urge the family to take solace in the understanding that she lived her passion by caring for the distressed and disadvantaged." "Use this opportunity to conclide with the government and people of Edo and Delta States on the loss of the illustrious citizen who contributed immensely to the development of the two states. Her role as special adviser to three governors of Delta State will remain indelible in the annals of the state."

Princess Obaigbena, who passed away after a brief illness on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 87, was born in Enugu on August 16, 1934, to Pa Paul Owakwe and Mrs Grace Osinole Usifoh of Owa Kingdom, Ika North East LGA, Delta State. She was mother to the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of THISDAY Newspapers/ARISE Media Group, Prince Nduka Obaigbena, Prince Benjamin Obaigbena, a retired director at the former Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), as well as Princess Isioma Ukwa, Prince Alan Glory Obaigbena, the late Prince Rotimi Obaigbena, and Princess Oguchalavu Aweke. She is also survived by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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