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Wishing a Happy Heavenly Birthday to Bill Lucy

Dear CBTU Family,

Tomorrow, Nov. 26th, is the birthday of our recently deceased brother, leader and now ancestor, William "Bill" Lucy. He would be celebrating his 91st birthday. His longevity was phenomenal and inspiring. Even as his health challenges mounted, Bill continued to pour his wisdom and warmth into so many lives around the world. He will always be the gold standard for courage, vision and leadership.

As President Emeritus of CBTU, the organization he co-founded in 1972, Bill Lucy's life and legacy is now a sacred gift and responsibility for us, his CBTU family, to uplift -- not only on his birthday but on every opportunity, we get to raise his name. During this week of Thanksgiving, we should give thanks for the blessing of Bill Lucy's life and the lessons of struggle he shared with this generation of activists. He knew adversity could not outlast good and solidarity could endure setbacks. "Keep on pushing," he would say.

So, we send our heavenly birthday wishes to Bill's family. Please keep the Lucy family in your prayers as they endure his absence during this Thanksgiving and the upcoming Christmas holidays.

In solidarity,

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