**BIRTHDAY SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone... what an honor to be here with all of you... you **KNOW**...at **MY** age, it’s an honor to be **ANYWHERE**! (**Wait for the laugh**). ... Shakespeare warned, “Brevity is the soul of wit.” Allow me to be **very** witty... and **very** brief...

I know “they” say that as people get older, they tend to get more fussy... particular... difficult... choosy.... **ME**? I started **ages** ago!!! Why miss out on all the fun? (**Wait for the laugh**). I must say that although I limit my choices... I prefer to think of it as “focusing...” and though I’ve been accused of having very particular appetites.... yes, you know I lean towards the **basics**.... I have discovered that the things I love best... the true “meat and potatoes” of life, are my loved ones... my friends.... and that means all of **you**.

My essence is found in the words of Oscar Wilde... “I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.” I’m a lifelong “essentialist,” sometimes to the chagrin of my wife, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and those that might try too hard to please me. I’m a terrible eater.... I savor the simplest.... wow me with meat and potatoes.... you can keep the “crinolines” of life. I do not relate to pop culture or football, but classical music transcends... I respect the “Veritas” in vino... the thrill of the risk... the currency that’s “crypto.” ... but most of all, I treasure the ties that bind, the friendships that feed, the nuances in life that nourish. I stand before you in appreciation and although I may be a picky eater, I **savor** every moment with each one of you! Thank you for your good and kind wishes... let’s celebrate!