



BURIAL & MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR THE LATE

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**MR. SAMUEL
ASAMOAH BOATENG**

— 1950 - 2019 —



AT THE TRANSITIONS FUNERAL HOME,
HAATSO, ACCRA
ON SATURDAY, 11TH MAY 2019
@ 9:00 AM

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Rev. Percy Offei-Addo (District Minister)

Rev. William Djan Yirenyki (Minister-In-Charge)

Rev. Elizabeth G. Ansa Acquah

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE

SAMUEL KWASI ASAMOAH BOATENG

“Our commission from the Lord Jesus Christ is to make disciples of all nations: and the word ‘disciple’ means learner hence I had to learn from a lot of people around the world in order to put these pieces together to impart peoples’ lives”

SAMUEL KWASI ASAMOAH BOATENG, with other nicknames like, Akwasi, Kwasi Boye, Kwasi Boateng, Boat, Fela, Nana Daakye, and Old Soldier just to mention a few, was born on 23rd April, 1950 at Adonkwanta, near New Tafo, Akim Abuakwa in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

His parents were Osafohene Yaw Henaku, (Opanying Yaw Botwe) and Madam Abena Dede both deceased. His father hailed from Apirede-Akuapim and mother from Ogome-Somanya all in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Kwasi Boye was the third son of Osafohene Yaw Henaku’s third wife and the sixteenth of his children. After the passing of Akwasi’s mother, Madam Amma Odi was asked to take care of him, seeing him through most of his educational life. Boat was baptised at a young age at the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Adonkwanta.

Boat started school at the age of seven at the Presbyterian Primary School, Adonkwanta the very year that his mother died. After completing Primary education he was transferred to New Tafo to join his elder brother, Mr. S.K.O.Owusu who was then working with Workers Brigade to continue his education. He attended the Roman Catholic Middle School and graduated in 1967 after passing his middle school leaving certificate examination.



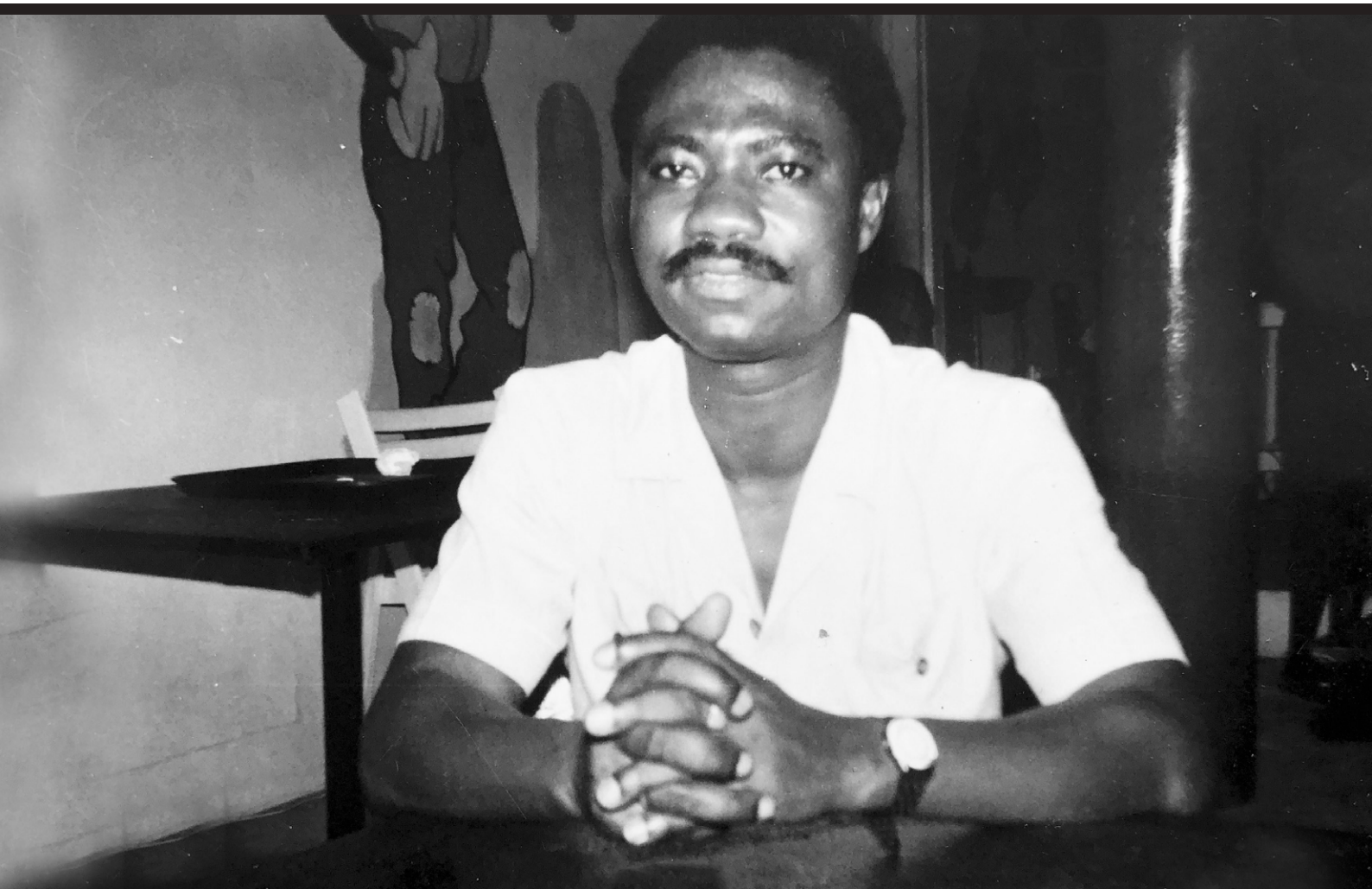
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He continued his secondary education at New Juaben College of Commerce, Koforidua where he again had to stay with his older brother Mr. S.K. Oduro who was then working with ECG. He then moved to stay on his own for the rest of his education after passing the Ghana Business Certificate Examination conducted by WAEC in June 1972. Akwasi owes his educational success to mostly his father and other family members who made sure they monitored his movements from primary, middle, secondary, and professional education. After a short stay with his older brother Mr. W.B. Asamoah who was working with the State Housing Corporation in Accra in August 1972, he started his working life.

Akwasi's first employment was with KOWUS MOTORS LTD as an Accounts Clerk attached to the Spare Parts Section of the Workshop working under Mr Bilson and Mr Dafour. The MD, Mr Kwaku Owusu took a liking for Akwasi and at a point in time requested Akwasi to stay with him. With hard work, he moved to the Institute of Chartered Accountants [Ghana] with the help of his friends

he made while working at Kowus Motors namely, Mr. Ben Neizer, Mr J.K. Forson, and Lawyer Faakye among others. He worked for two and half years with Kowus Motors, and ten years with the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana). There is one person who needs special mention again and it is no wonder that Boat named his daughter after him and he is Mr Ben Neizer aka NANA BO.

While working at ICA, Akwasi met Mrs M. Ahlijah who was his boss and later became his Godmother. Around the same time, he registered with the Association of International Accountants, UK for professional examination after writing their entry examination in accountancy. After writing and passing the Final Section One Examination of ICA he got the opportunity to work with DHL GHANA LTD, a multinational courier company for fifteen years. His working life at DHL was a very exciting time in his life since he travelled around the world and met a lot of people from diverse backgrounds like Mr. Alain Perttatier, Max Shaw, Cas Gillen, Paul Collin, Olu Pearce, Richard Komeh and Akwasi Aninakwah.





“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him”.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Boat attended a whole lot of seminars and conferences during his time at DHL which helped enrich his professional life.

In 2000, Akwasi left DHL to become an employer when he joined one of his companies full time, CGA Consult with Paul Collin as Managing Director, a friend he had known for over twenty years. While working and having been trained as a businessman, he registered few companies, namely Crystal Pools, CGA Computers, CGA Consult, Kolloc System, Street IT Ghana Limited and Sun Business Consultants Limited in 2005. Akwasi is married with five children. His wife, Mrs Comfort Asamoah Boateng who he typically calls, Akos, has been his back bone in all his achievements. She has been a real helper, adviser, and encourager in everything.

He always mentioned that he owed all these achievements to his immediate family. Akwasi's marital life was very successful and had a really good relationship with his wife's family with special reference to his late mother-in-law. Mama, Akos, Joe, Afua and Kwame as he calls them are his lovely children of love and hope.

All through his life, Akwasi was a devoted Christian and maintained a close relationship with God. He worshipped at the Presbyterian Church, Calvary

Congregation, Apirede-Akuapim where he was later appointed a Presbyter for over ten years.

Boat had special interest in the children's education, worked hard for future development, made lots of friends and built up strong associations for the benefit of mankind. Boat finally came on pension in 2010 and joined the National Pensioners Association [SSNIT] where he later became the Chairperson of Ofankor Branch. Akwasi spent the last couple of years helping to develop real estate for family and friends. Akwasi was always the life of the party. He regularly hanged out with some of his special friends at their place of residence namely Mr A.A. Kwakye, Dr.Charles Fleischer-Djoletto and the late Mr. Rex Machu.

Boat was highly interested in his roots and engaged himself actively in the affairs and well-being of the family. Other lifelong interests included public affairs, financial education, playing golf among others. He was an avid newshound, listening closely to radio and kept his family and friends informed of what was happening worldwide. Akwasi breathed his last and finally passed on to glory on the 15th of February 2019 after a short illness.

May his soul rest eternally in the gracious and everlasting arms of his Maker.



TRIBUTE BY WIFE

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. - Isaiah 55:8-9

Some 35 years ago, during one of my Christmas holiday visits with my mother at Apirede, Boat and I met and became friends. After several times of turning down your proposal and visits i finally accepted through the convictions from your elder sister the late Gladys Asamoah. Two years after, we tied the knot on 2nd January 1986.

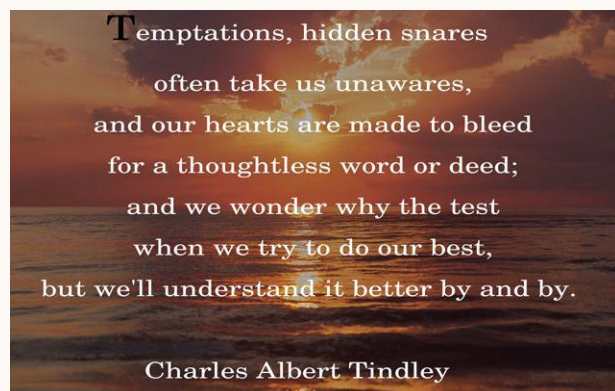
As we were working in different towns, you never missed your regular weekend visits to me at Abura Dunkwa where i was teaching. Barely a year after our marriage, you worked out my transfer to Accra. In fact your good humor and nice relationship with people made you as one of the staff members in every school i taught. Lily Yankee, Maame Police, Cynthia and all my closed associates will really miss you.

During my teaching career, i didn't have to worry about keeping records of documents since you were doing everything for me and the children. Each of us had files updated. We easily retrieve any kind of document we needed. You requested receipts for any transaction we made. Time will not allow me to list the practical aspects of your good companionship, leadership, counselling attitude, organisational spirit, parenthood, friendship, time-consciousness and many more virtues God endowed you with.

This is the moment in our lives when we should live to ponder and laugh over our trials, failures, challenges, successes, achievements and the many blessings of God on us as we were left alone at home; hence you nicknamed us "Mary & Martha". Who will call me several times to spell a word, read a script on your laptop or view a funny thing on your phone? Who will clean and check Afua's car in the morning and open the gate for her to go to work and when she comes back home?

In fact, on my human side, your sudden departure is unfair and a shock but God my creator has taught me to believe that all things work together for good for those who love the Lord (Romans 8:28). You were a man of principles, believing that God first, doing the right thing at the right time, being on time for everything and being truthful in every situation. These have indeed shaped us for a better and a peaceful life. The whole family is in a state of shock. I have really missed a companion. You embraced my mother as your own and stood as a big brother for my family.

I thank God for your life and your numerous good deeds. My prayer is that God gives you peaceful rest until we meet again on the resurrection day. Goodbye.





TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord" - Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

The greatest gift we have ever had comes from God; we call him "Dada". Our dad, to us was our rock and our hero. His presence in our lives was unshakeable. Sorrow fills our hearts this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal. Daddy has silently closed the door of life and departed from us. Our lives will be empty in the many areas that he had so brightened for us.

Daddy took his parental responsibilities very seriously. He took keen interest in our education and was full of pride anytime we excelled in school. He was a caring and kind father. He was opinionated and principled and it took a near act of God to change his mind once it was made up. Some people who didn't know you thought you were difficult but you lived life by your own principles, with integrity and dignity. To us all, he was a family man; one of a team of two with Mum. There was never a life event, be it a wedding, a christening, a graduation that he wasn't an integral part of, either in person or remotely.

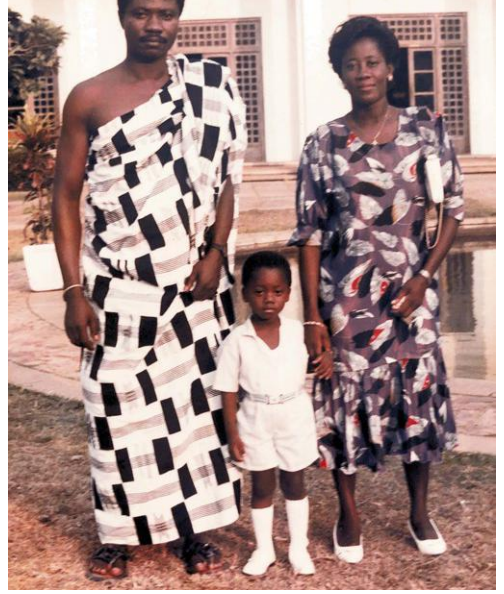
He and Mum have always been there for us in times of crisis and his positive outlook, unending patience and ever-willingness to help meant that a solution was never far away. Thank you for loving and accepting our friends, our spouses and their families. They naturally became an extension of his family as they came into our lives. There was no time we spoke where he didn't ask about them. He also regarded his nephews, nieces and extended descendants as his children. So many of them sought his support, counsel and approval in many areas of their lives. His example has set a high standard for us to live up to. His values and principles will continue through us all. Thank you for being a protective and a very invested father from the time we were infants until this day. Thank you for teaching us the importance of humility, and commitment to excellence. Thank you for stressing the importance of education. We will cherish the moments we shared with you. We miss you terribly and are still in denial that you are gone. We will miss your wise counsel.

Your sudden departure has come to us as a very big surprise. You gave your entire life for us. We only prayed and hoped that you lived long enough for us to say thank you daddy in that special way that we have always wanted to. You denied yourself so much pleasure just to make sure that we were loved in a special way. Why did you have to leave so soon? You left without a word daddy, not even goodbye. But no, we will not despair, we will continue to live your name and make you proud even as you rest peacefully with the Lord. We believe that you were called by your father for a greater reward that you deserve for your good work, a reward that we can never give you.

May God Almighty grant you eternal and well-deserved rest, till we meet again in greater joy and love.



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TRIBUTE BY GRANDCHILDREN

No farewells were uttered, no time to say goodbye, no goodbye hugs. You were gone before we realized and Almighty Father knows why. Your death has created a space in our hearts which can never be filled. We will always cherish the moments spent with you. You taught us kindness, integrity, and generosity.

As we fondly remember, you would always be the first to call us on our birthdays and whenever we came visiting, we would go back with chickens and eggs. Indeed a great vacuum has been created. We just want to say we are grateful for having a grandfather like you. We know you are in the bosom of the Lord Almighty.

Have a perfect rest Grandpa
Grandpa rest in peace.

*And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.
-Anon*



TRIBUTE BY IN-LAWS

We are all travelers on this earth and every journey has an end. So it is with our fellow traveler, the late Samuel Asamoah Boateng. He has come to the end of his journey and surrendered his breath of life to God who gave it to him.

Our late father-in-law Dada as he was affectionately called was truly one of a kind. From the start, he took us as his own children and became our second father. Our relationship grew from then on, and we bonded well any time we chatted on phone or visited him. During our visits we would be treated with meals and drinks.

Dada was always there for us caring and thoughtful. As soon as he learnt that any member of our families has passed on, he would travel together with his family to commiserate with us. This affection and generosity was extended to many including our parents and siblings. Oh Agya Boateng, our hearts are still heavy at your passing and the house will not be the same without you, but we take consolation in the fact that you are with the Lord, free from pain and earthly woes.

Rest on dear father, rest peacefully in the Lord till we meet again.

Agya Asamoah Boateng, Damirifa Due, Due Ne Amanehunu.



TRIBUTE BY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA, CALVARY CONGREGATION - APIREDE

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying

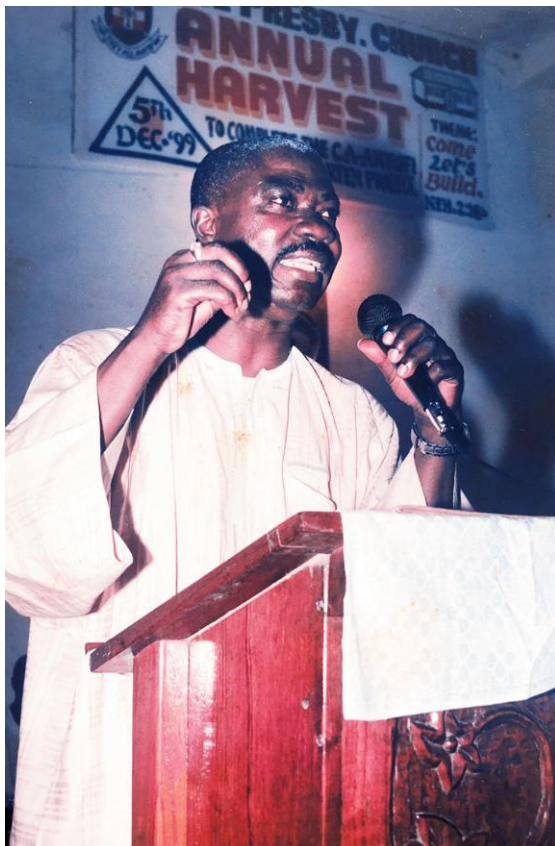
“Write this: Happy are those who from now on die in the service of the Lord! “

*“Yes indeed!”, answers the spirit “they will enjoy rest from their hard work because
the results of their service go with them.” - (Revelation 14:13)*

The late Samuel Asamoah Boateng was a regular fellowship member many years back. His sitting place is where Men’s Fellowship occupies. He preferred to be a full member of the congregation instead of a distant one because he visited home (APIREDE) every weekend. This continued till his last days.

He was nominated and elected as presbyter with other member presbyters. They were elected in the year 2000 during the time of then Minister-in-charge Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth Ansah Acquah who assumed duty in the year 1999. The late Samuel Asamoah Boateng served two terms. The late Samuel Asamoah Boateng (a.k.a Kwasi Boye/ DHL) was an accountant who worked with DHL. He rendered his professional services to the church before and during his term as presbyter and rendered regular accountability to the congregation. He was always present at functions and honored invitations not only from Calvary but other local churches in Apirede.

He was very principled and disciplined. He was someone who did not cover nor hide the truth. If you laid controversial issues before him, he would ask you to go and come back the next time with the truth.



All the family members and affiliates knew him by that character. Kwasi Boye personally with his wife donated pews to the church. He paid his tithe regularly by cash anytime he was in Apirede or did so through the bank when he was not able to visit Apirede. He renewed his membership every year as Presbyterian regulation demands. This year, 2019, he renewed his membership and passed on the following week.

As a church we wished to continue to fellowship with him but the Lord who offered him transit on the earth has taken him away into His Eternal Rest. Our most often chairman of functions has forever departed from us. Our uncle, our mediator and our advisor has left - us forever. His nickname DHL that placards the entire congregation and Apirede as a whole is Today no more.

Though his departure is sudden we are all confident that he is now resting in Glory with the Lord.

May Kwasi Boye, DHL rest in perfect peace, Amen

TRIBUTE BY NATIONAL PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION (SSNIT) OFANKOR DISTRICT

*Then I heard a voice from heaven saying
"Write this: Happy are those who from now on die in the service of the Lord! "
"Yes indeed!", answers the spirit "they will enjoy rest from their hard work because
the results of their service go with them." - (Revelation 14:13)*

It is with grief that the NPA SSNIT Ofankor district and community join mourners in extending their deepest condolences to Mr. Samuel Asamoah-Boateng's family, friends and colleagues for the loss of an illustrious son whose dedication, experience and knowledge contributed immensely to our fast transforming association.

With heavy hearts and deep sense of sorrow, We have managed eventually to bring ourselves to the reality that Mr Samuel Asamoah- Boateng ,our brother ,colleagues and intimate friend has slipped into eternity and therefore pay this silent and solemn tribute in his memory.

Mr Samuel Asamoah-Boateng joined the association of the NPA. SSNIT Ofankor district on 14th January 2010 as a member and later the members elected Mr. Samuel Asamoah-Boateng as chairperson of the association for four years. Due to his dedication and hardwork the members renewed for further four (4) years period from November 2015 to October, 2018. As our by-laws for our guidance a member shall not be elected to hold office as executive committee for more than two terms so he stepped down on the 31st October , 2018 as chairperson. During his tenure as chairperson, he worked satisfactorily as a result of many years of experience from the association. Mr Samuel Asamoah-Boateng worked hard and made good judgement. He was committed, determined, had good foresight and readily accepted responsibility.

We were shocked to hear of his departure into glory on 15th February, 2019 after a short illness. We may not comprehend as humans why he had to depart this early but the almighty God knows best. Mr Samuel Asamoah-Boateng left an indelible mark in all that he did and was admired by all who encountered him. He was so thoughtful and well-focused on all that was required of him.

The NPA SSNIT Ofankor district will always remember, cherish and treasure the memories of Mr Samuel Asamoah-Boateng for contributing his quota to its growth and development.

Fare thee well brother colleague and friend,
till we meet again, rest in perfect peace,
Amen.



SPECIAL TRIBUTE BY MACHU FAMILY

Today, we pay this glowing tribute as an ample epitaph for your immeasurable contribution to us. How blessed we are, how fortunate we've been that you were a father and also very dear to us. Your unique relationship with us was extraordinary and worth mentioning. Whenever we visited you always had something (in stock) to share with us. You did all within and outside your means to satisfy us.

No farewell words were spoken to us; there was no time to say "good-bye". We were shocked and are still saddened by your sudden death. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. You will be in our hearts forever, our beloved father and Grandpa.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE BY HELENA OFORI-DUODU

Mr. Samuel Asamoah Boateng fondly called Dada was a very disciplined, principled and straightforward man. Everytime we met he was also making sure the right things were done and he never joked with his time. Dada you are going to be sorely missed but we take consolation in the fact that you are with our maker.

Dada da yie, till we meet again!

MEMORIAL IN VIRGINIA, USA



HYMNS

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Yoh. 6:68; Heb. 13:8

- Yesu, wo nkyen na metena daa;
daa na mesom wo nkutoo!
Ade biara rempam me,
mefa wo kwan pa no so.
Wone me nkwa mu nkwa pa no,
me kra mu anuonyam;
senea bobo ma ne baa nkwa,
se woye ma me nso nen.
2. Hena na oye me yiye
sen wo a wodom me daa?
Dom nnepa bebree wo wo mu
ma me a midi hia.
Hena na oma me wera
kyekye sen wo, me Wura a
wode s'ro ne asase so
tumi nyinaa ahye wo nsa?
3. Ehe na mehu saa Wura a
waye nea Yesu yee?
Ode ne mogya ato me
wo owu ne bone mu.
Menye nea ode ne nkwa
ama wu no de ana?
So minnsua mennkyere no
se medi n'akyi ara?
4. Anigye mu ne amanem'
metena wo nkutoo nkyen daa;
mede me honhom, me honam
ne me kra mehye wo nsa.
Nea wope no na meye,
wofre me fi ha a, msko;
se mebata wo ho daa a,
wu po renye me wuna.
5. Ka me ho ewi yi ase,
na se me da ye adu
na se ade ye asa me,
na owu sum ad'ru a,
ende tee wo nsa gu me so
hyira me na se me se:
Me ba, wo fam tena ahi ni,
enti bra betena nkwa pam'
6. Se owu reyi me hu a,
Owura Yesu, ka me ho!
Ye me Hann owu bon sum mu,
na ma daa ade nkye me.
M'ani so reye kusuu a,
beharan ma me honhom,
na mafi ha mak'o honom
se ohoho ko ne k'rom.

*Johann Karl Philipp Spitta, 1801-1839
J.A.M.*

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Heb. 10:35; Dw. 37:37-39

- Obrifo, fa wo ho ma Nyame,
na ma w'ani nna no so daa.
Na obshwe wo na w'amane
ne wo yaw to atwa koraa
Nea n'ani da Tumfo'o so,
wanto n'aban anhwea so
2. Wo dadwen rentumi nnye wo da,
na wo nkomm'o mu wunnya hwee.
Ye komm' taa wo bo twen wo
[Nyame,
na gye di se ebisi yie
Onyame de wo yee ne ba
- na gye di se onnyaw wo da.
3. Wanigye da no se ope a,
na ebeye anigye pa.
Se wudi no nokware nko a,
wo yiyedi remm'o wo da.
Ebia wunnya nhwee kwan
[koraa
na ne gye nam ntam so aba.
4. Wo ho hia wo ma wusu a,
nnwen se ne wera ahi wo.
Na nhwe obi a odi yiye
te se Onyame pe no nko.
Esono nnera, nne ne kyena,
na ewim nye asakrana.

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Dw. 57:2-4; 91; Mat 14:22-33

- Yesu, me Gyefo ne wo,
mereba wo nwini mu;
epo as'rokye reb'o,
na asore wo me so.
Fa me sie, m'Agyenkwa,
kosi se egyae huru;
hwe me so wo m'asetenam,
na se to twa a, gye me kra!
2. Wo nko ne hintabea a
mede me kra meto ho;
wo nko so na m'ani da,
wo nko ne me Boafo.
Mesre wo se nnyaw me nko,
kata m'adagyaw no so,
gyigye me, kyere me kwan,
fa me sie wo nwini mu!
3. Wo na wo ho hia me,
wo mu na minya me ho;
meda fam a, ma me so,
sa me yare, hye me den.
Wo ho tew, woye kronkron,
na me de, mentee koraa,
na mense w'ahoto k'rom,
bone na ahye me ma.
4. Na wo nsam na mihu dom,
fa me bone firi me;
ma wo dom asubonten
mmehoh'ro me ho yiye.
Daa nkwa Asuti ne wo;
mekanom wo nsu no a,
osukom nne me bio,
enti fa ma me saa daa.

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2 Kor. 13:11

- Nante yiye!
Nne wofre wo me ba,
se bra asoro fi!
Yen de, yesu, wo wu yi ye yen yaw
nanso Nyame pe nti,
Yensu na yenni nkomm'o ntra so;
na yede abotoase ka se:
Nante yiye!
2. Nante yiye!
wo Nyame ankasa
n'efre wo fi fam ha.
Ode ne ba afam me ha kakra,
n'afei wagye n'ade.
Ende menham, na minsianka wo;
wo ko besi yiye ama wo.
Nante yiye!
3. Nante yiye!
Wo kyefa so kase,
na woanya ho nnepa.
Wiase ha yepere mu nnepa
nanso nnepa no nka.
Na Onyame no nkutoo nkyen ho
n'anigye pa ne anu'nyam wo;
Konya mu bi!
4. Kodi yen kan!
Wo de, woankye koraa;
na yen nso beba ho.
Yen da bedu, na yefi fam ha bi
ako asoro ho.
Mensom me Wura Yesu yiye
na oboa me gye me tom a,
maba ho bi.
5. Nante yiye!
Osoro ab'fo
afa wo honhom ko.
Afei na yen Yesu, Onyame Ba
bema wo ne daa nkwa.
Wasan wo kra ahi honam mu
se onk'hyen n'ahomeka mu
Kodi yiye.

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Aso. 27:22-26

- Yesu nko na me ne no tu kwan yi,
me ne no di ahyemfiri daa.
Yesu nko n'kyere me kwan pa so;
:/: ono mu na menya nhyira pa. /: /:
2. Kwan mu mmepow so ene abon mu,
sare so ne po so, mmaa nyinaa,
okita me nsa ma menam dwoodwo,
:/: ode me rek'o soro fi pa. /: /:
3. Ade sa, na mekoda a, owen me,
na mesore a, m'adamfo ni!
Se anka mefom a, ogyigye me,
:/: nantebram san behye me den. /: /:
4. Yesu nko na mehwe no me kwan so;
oye m'aduan, m'anonne po;

HYMNS

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Adi. 21:3-4

- Gyidifo tenabea pa
wɔ nea wɔn Agyenkwa a
wɔn ani da no so wɔ;
wɔn fi pa wɔ soro hɔ.
- Oyi kɔ, na oyi kɔ
kɔhyen soro man mu hɔ;
wommisa yɛn ansa sɛ
wɔkɔ a, eye ana?
 - Sɛ yɛn Wura yɛ no saa a,
anka yebese no dɛn?

yede nusu srɛ no sɛ:
Ma oyi nkyɛ ha kakra!

- Onim ade nyinaa 'ra,
na sɛ ɛba yɛn so saa a,
ɛsɛ yɛn sɛ yɛyɛ komm
na yɛhome wɔ n'akrum!
- Wɔn a wogyaw yɛn mu pii
ma yɛn ani gyina de,
nanso Agyenkwa kɛsɛ,
wo nsa hyia yɛn ara.

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Dw. 39:13; 119:19; Heb. 13:14

- Ohɔho ne mamfrani
na meyɛ wɔ fam ha.
M'asase mmɛn ha baabi,
minni fi pa wɔ ha.
Ohaw, ɔbrɛ, amane
na yede tu ha kwan;
n'ɔsoro hɔ na Nyame
bɛma mahome sann.
- So mamfi me mmofraase
manhyia haw ne brɛ,
ahoguan ne amane,
ɔko ne ɔpere?
Mannya nea me kɔn dɔ,
m'ani anwie gye;
enti mema m'anan so
na mentena ha menkyɛ
 - Eha amane kwan no,
bebree adi so kan;
Onyame adiyifo.
ne ne man mu mpanyin.
Boasetɔ ne gyidi
na wɔde tuu wɔn kwan;
na wɔn akyi na medi
wɔ nkwa ne wu nyinaam.
 - Kae Abraham akwantu,
na kae ne nhyira bi!
Ohɔho ne mamfrani.
na sua no yɛ bi

Atamfo no, di wɔn so,
amane no fa mu!
Osraani pa nokwafo
bedi nkonim dabaa.

- Ende meremia so
makodu kwan n'ase.
Nea sesɛ masɔɛ yi,
ɛnyɛ me fi no nen.
Onyankopɔn kuro no,
soro Yerusalem,
hann ne ɔdɔ kuro no,
m'ahotɔ fi no nen!
- Ehɔ na m'ani gyina,
'hɔ tena na meregye.
Awurade, bra begya me,
na minhu kwan yiye!
Bra bɛma m'anw'ramanbɔ
na me brɛ dɔm to ntwa!
Befa me ha brɛ kwan so
konya hɔ anika.
- Ehɔ na mɛtena daapem,
menyɛ hɔho bio.
Me ne w'ahotew mma no
bɛtena daa homem hɔ.
M'ani bepɔ akwantum
ɔhaw ne brɛ no so;
me yaw beka akyiri;
me ho benya ato.

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- Sɛ atemmuda kɛsɛ no bedu a,
Yesu, ma minhu wo sɛ m'Agyenkwa;
ma menhwɛhɛ wo wɔ wiase ha,
na ɛda kɛsɛ no antu me koma.
- Da no, me Yesu, ɛhe po na mɛfa?
Odimafɔ bɛn na obegyɛ me?
Me nneɔne a ɛdɔso pii no,
bɛma magyina w'atammu no mu dɛn”?
 - Nanso minim sɛ wodom bɔneyɛfo,

na wɔn kra wu de, ɛnyɛ w'apɛde.
Wo wusɔre mu na wubu wɔn bem,
enti me Yesu, dom hu me mmɔbɔ bi.
Ehna mede nnam mɛkɔ Nyame anim;
me Wura Yesu bedi ama me.
Ne trenee na ɔde befura me,
na mɛtena ne nkyɛn wɔ ne daa nkwa no mu

Nky. 1: G. Stern, 191.

Nky. 2-4: Wilfred Emmanuel Okae Anti, 1914-200



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savoured much,
God friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time to you seemed brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free*