

Celebration of Life

Godwin
KOFI SOGBAKA

1944 - 2021





Burial & Memorial Service

OF THE LATE

Godwin
KOFI SOGBAKA

A. K. A. SOGBAKA 1

Wednesday 1st September, 2021

9:00am

Transitions Place Haatso - Accra





Officiating Ministers

1. Rev. Nicolas Yeboah
2. Rev. Helious Makafui Dablu
3. Rev. Logan
4. Lady PS Hezba Kanda
5. PS. Kofi Adjei
6. PS. Klakani
7. PS. Kwame Adiaku
8. Rev. Daniel Kporsu

PART 2

1. Invocation
2. Hymn
3. Interment
4. Prayer and Benediction
5. Closing Hymn

Order of Service

1. Procession
2. Welcome and Opening -Officiating Clergy
3. Opening Hymn-
4. Opening Prayer
5. Praise and worship
6. Biography -Family
7. Tributes
8. Hymn
9. Scripture Reading. Psalm 15 1 -5 Sermon.
10. Offering -Dedication and Presentation of Offering
11. Announcements
12. Vote of thanks-Family
13. Closing Prayer and Benediction
14. Closing Hymn.

A Brief Life

HISTORY OF GODWIN KOFI SOGBAKA

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy place? He who walks upright and work righteousness and speaks the truth in his heart, he who does not backbite with his tongue nor does evil to his neighbor, he who honours those who fear the Lord" Psalm 15 1-4.



SUNRISE

Kofi Sogbaka, affectionately called "Sogbaka 1" by his friends, was born on the 30th of November 1944, to the late Vincent Kutu Sogbaka aka Tay cot Tay, of Anloga and Keta and the late Kingsway Sovor aka Kissiway of Kedzi and Keta.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Godwin spent his childhood days at Keta with his parents under strict discipline typical of those times. He was trained to have respect for elders, a training which characterized his earthly sojourn.

EDUCATION

Kofi was baptised in his infancy into the A.M.E Zion Church and was christened Godwin. He had his elementary (Basic) education in the same mission school i.e the Keta A.M.E Zion School which he completed in 1961. He gained admission to Zion College (which was then located at Keta). Godwin had inclination towards technical education. In view of this he left Zion College and went to the Kpandu Technical School for what he earnestly yearned. He successfully completed his technical education earning him a diploma in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (O.TD) He then proceeded to KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE &

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TECHNOLOGY which he again completed successfully in 1972. Always desirous for advanced technical education Godwin proceeded to the Ghana Nautical College in Tema.

WORKING LIFE

After his technical education at Kpandu, Godwin was employed by an Oil Exploration Company. He worked with the said company at Anloga and Avenorpedo, all in the Volta Region, for a short while. His studies at the Ghana Nautical College landed him with a job with the erstwhile Ghana Black Star Line as a 2nd Engineer. Godwin tried his hands on a few other jobs in Lagos, Nigeria before he finally left for the U.S.A in 1978. He spent nearly forty years in the U.S.A. before retiring in 2017. He came back home, and settled at Keta, the land of his birth.

SOCIAL LIFE

At Keta he was well- known because of his generosity. He was known to every Tom, Dick and Harry as Sogbaka 1. He put food on the table for many. He wiped away tears from the eyes of those who approached him for financial assistance. He occasionally distributed maize and rice to the widows and the vulnerable. He valued the people he lived with. He gave up himself out to listen to people who poured out thier hearts to him and he was always ready to offer a helping hand. His greatest achievement was raising achievers. He knew that to invest in property is good but to invest in people is far better. His belief was that there is happiness in giving than in receiving. He would not listen to any ingrate from stopping him

from making others good. He had time with his friends who were the source of happiness. By doing these he knew people would stand by him, honour and defend him. He married the love of his life, Rita Kemevor. He had a happy marriage life with two children and one grandchild. To his wife and children he was a loving and devoted husband and father respectively. To his siblings he was a mentor, a leader and a peacemaker and to his late mother a responsible and supportive son.

SUNSET

He passed away suddenly after a short illness on the 2nd of July 2021. His death was painful and a blow to many people. He left behind a wife, two children and one grandchild. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Our beloved, Adieu! Xede nyui eye na dzudzor le nutifafa me.

Hymn 914-MHB

*God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide you and uphold you.*

*With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*



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Tribute

BY

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

'The days of our years are seventy,if by reason of strength they be eighty years yet their boast is only labour and sorrow for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom'

Our hearts are filled with sorrow beyond description for the loss of our dear brother Kofi Godwin Sogbaka alias 'Sogbaka 1'

In fact your death has come as a surprise to us. Our brother was a disciplinarian who showed much love and compassion to everyone.

We were brought up in Methodist tradition and values. He showed love to everyone.He was affable, jovial and at the same time very serious with everything that he did. He was very dear to us and very generous to all his friends and associates.

Kofi ran an open door house system to who cared for a visit. He also had an aura of goodness around him. He hated confrontation and always a peacemaker. He was kind and he would go further to give helping hand to the needy. He led a selfless life and always not deterred in life.

His motto was 'Nil Desparandum' meaning 'Never Despair'.

During difficult times in the family he was steadfast and available to offer workable solution. He kept no malice, his words were always of wisdom and encouraging. He was also supportive especially in business.

We mourn today because we have lost our dear brother.

All your exploits,glories,toils have come to an end unexpectedly.

We will miss you but will remember and live with the legacy you left down with us

You have fought a good fight and you have finished your race.

*May God be with you till we meet again
Rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord. Fare thee well.*

Tribute

BY

NEPHEWS AND NIECES

God saw that he was getting tired,

A cure was not to be.

*So He put His arms around him
and whispered, "Come with Me."*

With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,

And saw him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,

We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes "The Best".

~Anonymous

Uncle Godwin as we call him, upon his retirement when he came back to settle home he took the name SOGBAKA I and that was what he was known before death took him away from us.

Uncle had a happy disposition, his laughter could be heard afar, warming everyones heart that came near him. He was a cheerful giver with a caring heart. Always ready to help solve our problems

He's strict, straight forward and a no nonsense man. But when you get closer to him, you'll find out how lovely and caring he is. Just to say he is a lovable person. Just do the right thing and you're in his good books.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 2 says There is a time (A) for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

2. a time to be born and a time to die, our uncle's time has ended with us in the land of the living. We shall dearly miss your Deep Lourd voice that put as in check when we know we doing the wrong thing.

We know you are at a better place, may you rest in the bosom of our dear Lord. Amen

A Recognition For

MY BELOVE FATHER, ROLE MODEL,

A EDUCATOR AND MY OWN CONSULTANT

BY SIR DELA WOEDI

"Today we are assembled to recall who in life was an incredible individual, whose memory will go with us everlastingly through his lessons and the minutes we had the chance to share next to him. This is an extremely tragic day, we are here to say the last farewell to who in life was A TRUE LEGEND. I give my earnest sympathies to his loved ones, who are here, and I request that God accept his spirit in His brilliance. "

"Most importantly, I need to stretch out my sympathies to the family members of our dear companion who has left us.

We as a whole vibrate a profound distress for this second that we are going through, however we additionally realize that in spite of the fact that he is presently not in this world, he will keep on going with us in soul, Allow me to keep his magnificent memory as an incredible fortune in my souls and honour his memory for the duration of my life. I ought to recall all that he showed me and endeavour to be better individuals as per his craving. I request that the Lord give him endless rest and have him in His magnificence. "

"On this day we are available to respect and bid farewell to an extraordinary individual. Our dear (Sogbaka 1, Showboy, Bossu, Daddy) who has made an extremely profound imprint on our souls because of his consideration, trustworthiness or

more all, to his constancy. He was an extraordinary illustration of battle and surviving. Likewise he instructed me that notwithstanding the size of the issues, always be steadfast. I guarantee to recollect you and keep you present. God, with much confidence and expectation, I request that you keep him in your superb manor and we wish one day we will meet him again in your essence."

Today, misery is attacking our hearts and we feel a profound aggravation, however gradually we will figure out how to adapt to it until the second in which we will recall him with much love or more all with tremendous appreciation for such countless excellent minutes he gave us, for all that he accomplished for us and particularly for what he showed us, both with his words and with his model. That is the reason it is hard for us to comprehend and acknowledge his will. Anyway we have the guarantee of interminable life, of grand brilliance and in the event that we follow the case of SOGBAKA 1, we would all be able to meet again in paradise. you will keep on living in our souls and as long as we recollect you, we will feel your presence.

May God give you unceasing rest and favour you with his wonder. "

Our Father, please take care of your son, bless his soul and let your perpetual light illuminate him forever.

Hymn I

O FOR a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

See all your sins on Jesus laid: The Lamb of God was slain, His soul was once an offering made For every soul of man.

Hymn II

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

It is well with my soul!

It is well, it is well with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,

Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

Hymns

Hymn III

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Hymns

Hymn IV

God sent his son
They called him Jesus
He came to love
Heal and forgive
He bled and died
To buy my pardon
An empty grave
Is there to prove
My savior lives

And because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, All fear is gone
Because I know, He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives

And then one day, I'll cross the river
And I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then
As death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know he reigns

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, All fear is gone
Because I know, He holds the future

And life is worth the living
Just because he lives

Hymn V

I hear Thy welcome voice,
That calls me, Lord, to Thee
For cleansing in Thy precious blood
That flowed on Calvary.

Refrain:

I am coming, Lord!
Coming now to Thee!
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood
That flowed on Calvary.

Though coming weak and vile,
Thou dost my strength assure;
Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,
Till spotless all and pure.

Refrain:

'Tis Jesus calls me on
To perfect faith and love,
To perfect hope, and peace, and trust,
For earth and heaven above. Refrain



Appreciation

The entire family of the Late
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wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for
all your kindness, support and prayers at this difficult time.

May the Good Lord bless you all.