

<u>Appreciation</u>

### The entire family of the Late **FREDERICK KWAME OFOSU-ANIM**

wish to express their deep appreciation and profound gratitude to all who in diverse ways have supported, comforted, mourned and sympathised with them during their time of loss. May God richly bless you









You will never be forgotten

**Frederick Kwame Ofosu-Anim** 

~ 1984 - 2019 ~

**Burial and Memorial Service** 

10th December, 2019

**Chapel at Transitions** Haatso

## Trder Of Service

#### **Officiating Ministers**

Rev. G. N Odonkor	-	Abeka District Minister
Rev. W. Awere Gyebi		Riis Cong., Nii Oworshika
Rev. Joana Koranteng	4	Immanuel Cong., North Darkuman

#### PART I: Burial & Memorial Service

1. Call to Worship	-	Catechist
2. Processional Hymn	-	PH 310 <i>(1-3)</i>
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13. Sermon/ Creed	-	Rev. Minister
14. Hymn of Meditation	-	PH 789 <i>(1-3)</i>
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17. Announcement		Session Clerk
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Hymns Inn

#### **AT THE GRAVE SIDE**

#### PH 518 (1-2)

 Beso me nsa gyigye me, M'Agyenkwa pa, Wo m'asetena mu nnε yi Ne daa nyinaa Mepε sε metena wo nkyen Minnyaw wo da; Nea wode m'bɛko ho no, mepɛ ara.

 Fa dom ne ahumməbə Kyerε me kwan Ma memfa də ne gyidi Minni w'akyi M'anigyem ne m'amanew Ma menyε komm Mebrε a, ma me ho nnwo Wo wo kokom.

#### FAREWELL HYMN PH 805 *(1-3)*

 Nante yiye: Nnε woafrε wo me ba, Sε bra osoro fi! Yen de, Yesu, wo wu yi yɛ yɛn yaw Nanso Nyame pɛ nti Yensu na yenni nkɔmmɔ ntra so; Na yɛde abotɔase kasɛ Nante yiye.

2. Nante yiye
Wo Nyame ankasa
N'sfrs wo fi fam ha
Ode ne ba asm me ha kakra,
N'afei wagye n'ade
Ende menhaw na minsianka
wo;
Wo kɔ besi yiye ama wo
Nante yiye

3. Nante yiye
Wo kyɛfa so kɛse
Na woanya hɔ nnepa
Wiase ha yɛpere mu nnepa
Nanso nnepa no nka.
Na Onyame no nkutoo nkyɛn
hɔ
N'anigye pa ne anu'nyam wɔ;
Konya mu bi.



#### PART II: At The Graveside

1. Opening Sentence	-	Rev. Minister
2. Hymn	-	PH 518 (1-2)
3. Exhortation	-	Rev. Minister
4. Prayer & Committal	—	Rev. Minister
5. Farewell Hymn		PH. 805
6. Vote of Thanks	-	Family Member
7. Benediction	-	Rev. Minister

#### PH 824 Cont'd

2. Da no, me Yesu, ehe po na mefa?

Odimafo bɛn na obeyye me? Me nnebɔne a ɛdɔɔso pii no, Bɛma magyina w'atemmu no mu dɛn.

3. Nanso minim sɛ wosom bɔneyɛfo, Na won kra wu de, ɛnyɛ w'apɛde Wo wusore mu ma wubu won bem Enti me Yesu, dom hu me mmɔbɔ bi.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN PH 850 (1-3)

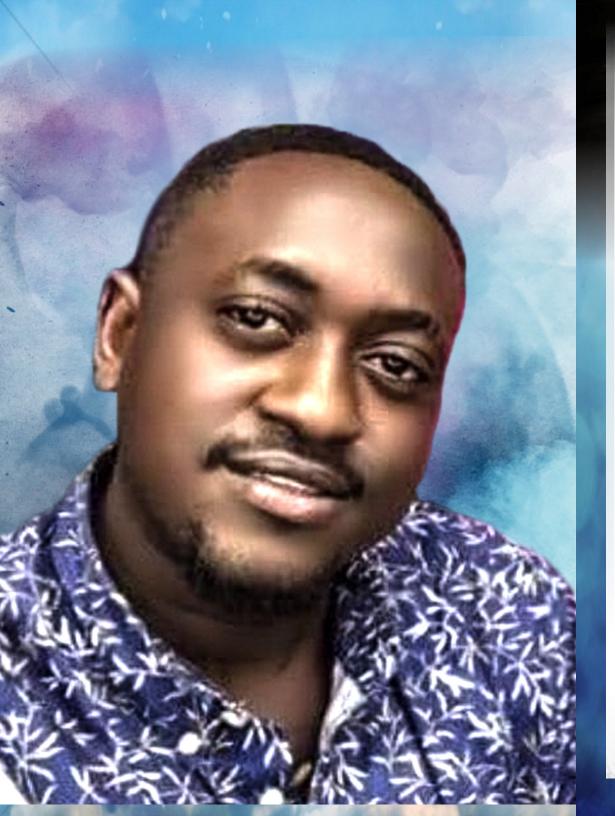
 Soro ho dakorodi ye Sen fam ha nna pa apem Memmata fam ha ade ho? Dabida, afono me Sε obi de anigye pii, Kyε wo wi yi ase a, Soro anigye ma abu Ha de sε awerɛhow

#### PH 850 Cont'd

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2. Fam ha na wugu ahome, Hu amane, haw ne yaw; Na ehu a owu yi wo, ɛmma w'ani nnye ampa Na ɔsoro, wonnim nusu, Na awerɛhow nni nɔ, Na owu rentumi wɔna Wɔte soro hann mu hɔ

3. Anigye bɛtena hɔ daapem; Nyame k'row mu awia Ne n'anuonyam kɛse no. Hɔfo hann ne Guammaa no, Fam ha nnipa bi ntumi nhu Sɛnea ɛhɔ nkwa no te, Na obi nso nhu hɔ papa Ne anigye sɛ ɛte.



#### PH 557 Cont'd

3. Wo na wo ho hia me Wo mu na minya me ho; Meda fam a, ma me so, Sa me yare, hys me den.
Wo ho tew, woys kronkron Na me de, mentes koraa, Na mense w'ahoto k'rom, Bone na ahys me ma.

#### PANEL HYMN PH 555 *(1-2)*

 Yehowa ne me Hwɛfo, Na hwee renhia me.
 Ohwɛ me na ɔyɛn me, De n'adepa kyɛme
 Amanem odwudwo me Kra Na ɔkyerɛ me ne kwan pa

2. Menam wu bon mu po a, Minsuro bone bi.
Na wo na wodi m'akyi, No kyekye me werɛ.
Yehowa, wode wo poma Bɛpam m'atamfo nyinaa'ra

#### HYMN OF MEDITATION PH 789 (1-3)

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- Dhwefo wui dua ho N'ɔde ayi yɛn bɔne:
   Enti sɛ ne nguan wu a, Na wobu won sɛ wɔada
- 2. Wonko se mumo yefo Wonsuro weredifo Wote se akofo a Woawie ko, na woada
- Daa afobu no nhaw won, Woko won fam ha piam Sε wokohome, ansa Na Yesu abenyan won.

#### CLOSING HYMN PH 824 *(1-3)*

 Sε atemmuda kεke no bedu a, Yesu, ma minhu wo sε m'Agyenkwa; Ma menhwehwε wo wo wiase ha Na εda kεse no antu me koma.



#### PH 13 Cont'd

 Halleluya Honhom Kronkron Yeyi w'aye, yeto wo dwom; Wo na wowoo yen fofro Na wode ayidi hye hye yen De yen bo wie yen yam to. Yeka Nyame mana no hwe Eye de se, na osoro Yebewie mee n'anim ho

4. Halleluya yɛn nyankopɔn! Ne nti ara na yɛto dwom Ne din ho tew na ɛso Woyi n'ayɛ ɔsoro ho Yɛbɔ ne din wɔ fam ha nso; Na n'anu'nyam bunkam so Nea ɔyɛ Onu'nyamfo Ne Ədomfo ne yɛn Wura; Munyi n'ayɛ, Halleluya

#### PH 770 (1-3)

 Yεn nnipa mma nkyε ha koraa Yε se rekɔ sε sunsuma Yen sunsuma reware a, Yehu no sε ade resa

#### PH 770 Cont'd

2. Ampa, yɛaba ammɛkyewa! Edɛn nti na ayɛ yɛn sa Efi onipa asehwew; Nyame ne nnipa ntetem

3. Bone ama yeatew yen ho Afi yɛn Agya Nyame ho; Enti yenni ne nkwa bio Owu nko na ɛda yɛn hɔ.

#### PH 557 (1-3)

 Yesu, me Gyefo ne wo, Mereba wo nwini mu; Epo as'rokye rebo, Na asore wo me so Fa me sie m'Agyenkwa Kosi sε egyae huru; Hwε me so wo m'asetenam, Na sε to twa a, gye me kra.

2. Wo nko ne hintabea a Mede me kra msto 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! **Biography of** FREDERICK KWAME OFOSU-ANIM ( CHINO)

Fred Ofosu-Anim was affectionately known and called "Chino" by his peers. This name was given to him by his clasmates at the Mfantsipim School.

He was born on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 1984 to Lt Col Ofosu-Anim(rtd) and Mrs. Comfort Ofosu-Anim at 4BN Medical Reception Station (MRS) in Kumasi.

He started school at the age of six years at Alsyd Academy, Dzorwulu where he had the privilege of being taught by his own grandma, Mrs. Lydia Baafi. Having completed JSS at Alsyd, he was admitted to Mfantsipim School (2000 - 2003). Thereafter, he proceeded to Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management.

Fred did his National Service at the Forestry Commission in Accra. He had great interest in Oil and Gas Management so he decided to pursue his Master's Degree in that course at the Telecom University College affiliated to Coventry University in the United Kingdom.

While waiting to get a permanent job in his field of study, he occupied himself with a couple of temporary jobs until he was recently hired at Ghana Gas Consortium.

Soon after he got this job, he fell sick yet continued working from home up to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 when he was first admitted to 37 Military Hospital. He was in and out of the Hospital a couple of times. Through it all, he was very hopeful of a full recovery and kept a positive attitude, always assuring his Dad not to worry because he was fine. But unfortunately on November 7, 2019, Fred passed away peacefully at 37 Military Hospital. Fred was uniquely remarkable and he touched many lives. Fred was a great mentor who touched the lives of many people from all walks of life. Some of his mentoring stories were revealed after his death. You were amazing Papa.

Human as he was, Fred was concerned that he might have offended few individuals along the way in the past. Therefore he instructed his Dad to make peace with them on his behalf two weeks before his demise.

Fred, you were a very special person on this earth. There's never going to be anyone like you in the family. You will be sorely missed especially on birthdays and other family events.

May the good Lord grant you eternal rest and may His Angels guard you to Paradise till we meet again.

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# Hymns Im

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PH 310 (1-3)

 Kyers me kwan, Gyefo kese, Me fam ha akwantu yim; Meys mmersw, wo ne Tumfo, Fa wo tumi so me mu Wo ne soro aduan pa, Ma memmee snns ne daa

 Bue ahwehwε nsu ti a Daa nkwa nsu sen fi nu ho; Ma ogya ne suwisiw dum Nii m'anim m'akantu mu Osagyefo, Osagyefo Yε m' ahooden ne kyεm

 Menam Yordan sukon so a Merensuro biribi,
 Owuprenu ne daa see mu,
 Fa me sokyee ko Kanaan Ayeyi dwom, ayeyi dwom Na meto mama wo daa.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE PH 13 (1-4)

1. Halleluya yɛn Nyame pa! Yɛkamfo no ne ne nnwuma Yɛyi n'ayɛ da n'ase Mmeresanten ne mfe mpem Atwan dedaw; na obi nnim Da a ne nkwan fii ase. Nea ɔyɛ onu' nyamfo Ne ɔdomfo, munyi n'ayɛ! Ono na oye daa ampa

 Halleluya! Yede nyansa, Anouyam ne aseda Ma onyakopon Guammaa; ono ara n'obaa yen nkyen ode ne mogya ato yen Enti yeyi n'aye daa Oyi yen fi yen nnebonem; Obu yen bem ne mogya nom; De yen fra osoro manfom. He could easily be described as the life of the class and never failed to give a reason to burst out in laughter albeit at certain inappropriate times such as evening prep when the academic site was dead silent, with students busily immersed in studies. One such time was when our Integrated Science teacher, Miss Gyan, cried out his nickname in a shrill voice, "Chino Boat!" to which we would respond with outbursts of laughter at the obvious misnomer committed by her unknowingly. You were indeed the life of the class and always could be trusted to defuse tensions during heated arguments or disagreements between classmates with your witty and humorous remarks and how you would impress upon the introverted ones to come out of their shells with your subtle insidious remarks in a goodnatured way.

Chino could even turn romance into comedy back in school, and we saw this play out classically on Valentine's Day. As the "good boys" pontificated about the evils and vices surrounding the day, your humorous responses as you read out the concocted letters from their sweethearts just gave that day a whole different feeling. Chino knew how to push the buttons.

We are still in shock Chino bone! Why so soon, why at this time? We recall how earlier this year you were so instrumental in the anti-depression campaign in honor of your good friend Theophilus Ashun, affectionately called "Papa Bec". You went the extra mile by offering to assist the planning committee's media campaign and also made numerous studio appearances to promote an album he had recorded. We really had great plans Chino!

Your dorm mates say they want to wake up from this bad dream, even the juniors are asking whether this is all a joke!" You no try for we Chino, you no try".

Our hearts are still heavy Chino, but as beneficiaries of John Wesley's legacy, we take solace in the hymn; MHB 601(stanza1) and MHB 832(stanza2)

Give me the wings of faith to rise Within the veil, and see The saints above, how great their joys How bright their glories be

Oh, May thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold

Alleluia, Alleluia

Rest well "bro", rest well! Till we see your smiling face again Chino. Rest!



"Someday everything will make perfect sense, so for now, we laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears and keep reminding ourselves that everything happens for a reason."

We have reached the last stage of the grieving process. As parents, we have accepted that our beloved son Fred, has left us forever. Even if we ask questions, the answers will not come soon. The answers to the puzzle of his death are only known by God. His death has left a painful vacuum in our hearts. Fred's life though short, made our lives complete.

Kwame, your presence raised our spirits. Your laughter and jokes made us happy. You used to call your Mom "C Connie", "Sweet Mama" and "My Beauty Queen" and your Dad "Guy man" or "G man" for short.

Fred had big plans for us in the future. For example he said he was going to build a house for his mother and put her name on it. To his Dad he said "I would buy you a Mercedes Benz and I would be driving you". He said this, only two weeks before his demise.



Fred loved God. In a conversation, when his Mom asked what he had for her, he answered "The love of Christ". He also added "Everything will be alright, trust God for that".

Eulogizing him can take a long time, though he lived for only 35 years. Our dreams are shattered, hopes and dreams that would never be achieved.

> It is unimaginable planning your child's funeral, choosing a coffin, grave site. It feels like a punch in the stomach.

But God is our greatest comforter. God knows how we feel, but he has also given us the strength to go through these difficult times. Meanwhile, we continue to walk by faith.

Kwame, it seems so hard to comprehend that you are no longer with us, but all the happy memories will help us to keep you near. Sometimes life can be unkind when hearts are torn in two, but nothing could

compare to the pain of losing you. But all the love you left behind will forever live on and so until we meet again rest peacefully dear son.

Freddie we shall forever love you.

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But that was not to be, God had a different plan. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, Fred was unfortunately called to eternity. As believers, we mourn our dear brother today with the assurance of resurrection and believing in the words "God is perfect in His ways, we trust Him when He acts".

We thank the Lord and accept His decision to call you to eternity. We love you but God loves you most. Fred, rest in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Tribute by

THE MFANTSIPIM OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (MOBA) 2003 YEAR GROUP

How do you start a tribute about a friend who had an iconic smile always beaming on his face?

Fred Ofosu – Anim may not ring a bell for many of us, Chino Bone however was more than a household name during our stay on the great Kwabotwe hills. It is thus, a sad occasion for us as we gather here today to bid our very own Chino goodbye. It is surreal to say the least, that a friend we all thought would age gracefully with us has bowed out of life so soon.

Since the announcement of your demise on November 7, we, your brothers and to a larger extent our sisters from Wesley Girls High School, are yet to grasp the reality of your absence. Having come to Mfantsipim from Alsyd Academy, Fred Ofosu – Anim will take on a name he will forever be remembered with; Chino Bone. Right from the onset in January 2001, he carried no airs with him but quickly and easily befriended virtually all of his mates and in fact struck respectable acquaintances with our seniors too. Fred was very eager to learn in class and was not afraid to make mistakes.

His classmates remember fondly how in almost every class, his hand would be the first to shoot up when a teacher threw a question to the class even if he didn't have a perfect answer. He would still make a conscious attempt to learn even while attempting to give an appropriate response. Rest assured, Fred is now in the presence of God and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is in the Company of the Saints and Angels and his loved ones that have gone before him, resting in Heavenly Peace. He is looking down at us from Heaven and also praying for us. He is saying, "Love one another." I lost a true brother. Little Naa has lost her Godfather and all of us have lost a good friend.

Chino Sleep well. Aboiiii Yaaw) ojogbann !!!

PRESBY CONGREGATION GHANA (PCG) CONGREGATION NII OWORSHIKA – ABEKA DISTRICT

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1

It is with a heavy heart that we have gathered here to pay our last respect to the memory of our beloved brother Fred Ofosu-Anim, whose mortal remains lie before us today. Death is a journey that all believers shall embark on one day to eternity. As Christians, we must prepare ourselves to meet our Maker at the appointed time.

Fred joined the church in the year 2015 and was very active in the first service. When it came to leading the service, Bible study he contributed immensely in them and many other activities. Our brother was also active on the first service WhatsApp platform. He would always read and comment on devotional posts. He sent messages to encourage members. Fred again would assist in preparing the church for worship when we had a joint service. Whenever Fred met a member, his favourite greeting was "Peace be unto you".

Fred fell sick for some time and as a church, we never ceased to pray for him. He was very hopeful of a quick and full recovery.

Tribute by siblings

#### JUSTICE YAW OFOSU-ANIM

*"Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses – He sets the time for birth and the time for death." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)* 

The greatest gift I have ever experienced on this earth is having you as a brother and a close friend. My Kid brother, you are a person of great sympathy, affable and had love for all. You always made sure that there was peace and unity amongst us.

Freddie, you were a deep thinker and reflected on issues before discussing them. You gave honest advice to us, even to me, your big bro. "Papa," as Daddy called you, believed in the virtues of equity, fairness, honesty and hard work.

You brought all kinds of games home, Ludo, cards, Xbox just to mention a few to entertain ourselves. You were selfless and pure in heart seeking the welfare of others rather than yourself.

I strongly believe that you have finished your work on this earth and flying away to heaven. Moreover everything about you clearly showed that the God Almighty has accepted you into his bosom.

Chino, as I affectionately called you, fare thee well until we meet again Bro!! Nante yie. Onyankopong mfa wo nsie yie.

#### MAAME KESEWAAH OFOSU-ANIM

"God grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change, COURAGE to change the things I can and WISDOM to know the Difference."

Freddie weddie! and he responded Sweetkins or Kesewaah. Our handy man, you had everything figured out... fixing TV remotes, fans, stereo tapes, audio cassettes... the list is endless. My go-to kind of guy... and I, your hermanita spice. You were serviceable and kind too.



You always looked out for me, from picking me up to do my errands, helping with car registrations, insurance. Just a call and you'd be there. So intelligent, you were right there helping me with my graduate dissertation when my supervisor was being difficult.

Big brother, you were always there for us, sacrificing your time and money just so that we would be happy. You believed that family was of utmost importance and stressed we needed to be there for each other. You were funny and full of optimism even till the very end. I'll forever cherish the hugs and kisses I gave you every time I had the chance. I'm glad I told you I loved you every time I got off the phone with you. I'll never forget that talk you gave me in the hospital. You telling me about God's love.

Freddie, I inherited your bible, which was always by your side even in your strive to get better. I'll keep it close to me all the days of my life. My Hero, I love you forever and will miss you so much. Like our family slogan "All for one and One for all". You will always be in our hearts. Continue to rest in the bosom of the Almighty God.

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#### **BERNARD OFOSU-ANIM**

Freddie, it was difficult writing this tribute because it feels all so surreal and I never imagined I would ever have to do this. You were my greatest role model and I remember as kids when I was about the same size as you, I would always wear your fancy clothes and shoes to parties just to look as cool as you.

I followed your footsteps from schooling in Alsyd Academy together and later to Mfantsipim School. That's where I inherited your name, "CHINO JNR". I am you and you are me. Moving to Canada was so hard for both of us because of the separation. Though we were miles apart, you still continued to give me the best advice as you would always say, "Family is everything oo, we for hold the Ofosu-Anim name high".



Before I begin the tribute to my beloved friend and brother, Fred Ofosu-Anim, permit me to begin with the following prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we pray for strength during this difficult moment. Teach us the acceptance of what we cannot understand. Teach us to understand what we cannot change. For our lives Dear God, are in your good hands. You give life, and sustain life, and grant eternal life. We thank You Father that our beloved Fred lives in Your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen."

I first met Fred twenty (20) years ago. I was a very confused child who had lost his father at the age of 13. He was there for me through it all. We instantly bonded and destined to become brothers for life. From the very beginning it has been love and respect. I was there for Fred when he needed me and he was always there for me when I needed him.

As most of you would know, Chino had a great sense of humor, he made everyone laugh. He always smiled and had loads of funny stories. He loved bringing happiness and joy to everyone. Freddie would call me sometimes on the phone just to whistle and laugh without saying a word. This is just one of his many ways of checking on me.

Let us always remember, it is not the number of years we live on this

planet that is important but how we live these years and how many people we reach out to and touch their lives.

The quality of life is much more important than the quantity of life and when it comes to the quality of life, we can all say, "Chino lived a full life."





"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the Earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the Sea; Though the waters roar and foam, though the Mountains shake with the swelling thereof." (Psalm 46:1-3)

Words cannot express our shock of your sudden demise. Freddie, you were a young man full of life, love and full of aspirations. My son, you were a mentor, Counsellor, full of love and kindness but you have left us at the time we needed you most.

Words cannot express my appreciation for your love and care showered on me during the time I was in crises. You were always there for me and anytime I wanted to show my appreciation you would say, "Auntie, I did it from the bottom of my heart."

Three years ago at the Royal Palace at Bompata, you read the tribute for my late son "Picco". Least did I know that I would be writing yours in such a short time. Though you are gone, I know your caring and loving Spirit will be with us till the end of time.

Freddie, rest peacefully in the Bosom of the Lord till we unite again.

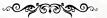
Da yie. Remember our joke. "I go to son".

Ohome da so wo ho ma yen Me kra a woabre, bra behyen Wo fam ha mpokyer3 dennen mu Wo wia befi ama wo....., (PHB 811)



Big bro, it deeply saddens my heart that you are no longer with us physically, but I know you will continue to be with us in Spirit. The six weeks I spent with you this year would be most cherished because we both had an amazing time together. It almost seems like yesterday when we parted ways at the end of May because the memories are still fresh in my mind and I hold them close to my heart.

We believe you are our Guardian Angel and you will be watching over us from Heaven. I love you so much my dear big brother. Rest thee well in the Lord.



#### EDNA BOATEMAAH OFOSU-ANIM

Bombolito as you would call me, my Saturday born mate Kwame, I will truly miss you. I remember your being there for me always as a big brother and asking me "Herh which boy is that, is that your jorley?" you knew all the good spots for waakye and wouldn't mind driving from Accra to Kumasi to get it for me.

You sat with me through visa interviews, passport applications and reminding me not to be on my phone whilst waiting with you. You wanted me instead to talk to you, Freddie. I remember our last conversation when you said you were so proud of me. Therefore promise you now, I will never disappoint you. God knows how I miss and cherish the bond we shared.

You lived an exemplary life and I can only imagine how much God will be rewarding you for the selfless life lived. You never stopped telling me how much you loved me and I know nothing has changed. You have believed in the Ofosu-Anim legacy and I promise you will be so proud to see what your baby sis would accomplish in the coming years. Mummy and Daddy are good for life because I know it's what you would have wanted.

As for Maame and Nana Sei who are my Captain 1 and Captain 2 respectively now lol, I will listen to them and give them the needed respect, don't worry.

I smile now as I am writing this because I know it's what you would have wanted.

Da yie Kwame, never a goodbye because you live on in each of us. I love you, my big Bro.





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