

Burial, Memorial And Thanksgiving Service of the Late



MR. JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH
A.K.A DADDY EKOW / MR. TEE

*In Ever Loving &
Cherished Memory
of*

**MR. JOHN -RICHARD KOW
TAWIAH**

1960-2022



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Order Of Service

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10. Offering - Singing Band/Levite
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5. Hymn - MHB 914

BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE MR. JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH

“If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city” (Hebrews 11:15-16)

The reality is that Mr. John-Richard Kow Tawiah, has run his race and finished his glorious journey. May God Almighty keep his soul in heaven, AMEN.

Some sixty-two (62) years ago, to be precise, on 14th January, 1960, was born at Apam into a very modest family. His parents were Opanyin Kwesi Mpreh and Madam Aba Asempese all of blessed memory.

Mr. John-Richard Kow Tawiah, started his basic education at Apam Methodist A&C School in the year 1966, just two months before Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown in military Coup d'état. He also attended Royal Technical Institute at Nungua to steady Auto Mechanic as a profession.

His work life began with an attachment at the State Transport Corporation Engineering Department. He then moved on to Mechanical Lloyd Engineering section for a few years, resigned. Allu-Work Steel Ltd was his next stop. After some years he then settled to L'Oréal West African Ltd where he spent 18 years before he finally retired.

Mr. John-Richard Kow Tawiah met his wife Martha Araba Egyriba Obresi in the year 1990 and wedded her on the 26th day of March, 2005, four days later eclipse of the Sun occurred in Ghana,

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and are blessed with four (4) awesome male children- JEFFREY, EDWIN, EMMANUEL and IVAN and a daughter DEBORAH.

In his formative year he fellowshiped with the Methodist Church in many circuits and finally joined Asempa Society at Kasoa circuit. He was a staunch member of the Men's fellowship and the church at large.

He was a man of principle and enjoyed being an adviser to all manner of people both young and old. He was also a disciplinarian. Daddy will be remembered for the readiness to assist in anyway he could to solve pressing issue for everyone who sought his attention or help.

Kow Tawiah has paid his dues to his church, society and family and to God be the Glory, he left behind a wife, five (5) children and a large family and friends to mourn him.

You will really be missed.

Da yie

Fare thee well

Rest in Perfect Peace.



EULOGY TO THE LATE JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH BY MRS. MARTHA ARABA EGYRIBA OBRESI TAWIAH (WIDOW)

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace. (Psalm 37:37)

Death remains a mystery to me, but this particular time it came shrouded in deep mystery.

That fateful 28th day of February, 2022 the month with inconsistent days, will never be forgotten in my life. It was the day I lost my precious jewel "RICH" now am to write a wife's tribute, do not expect anything coherent because without your guidance, I am confused.

Not only was "RICH" a wonderful husband, but a wonderful father, grandfather, a brother, best friend, teacher, counsellor, a colleague and so many more. It has been thirty-three (33) years since we got married and when I look back over those years with contentment. You held me like an egg, you treated me like a precious jewel too, you really loved me to the fullest and would not let me be in want, you showered me with love, Oh "RICH", you pampered me, 'Tsrimumedew' a fanti man would say.

You encourage us to be involved in life and this brought out the best in us all, you supported and loved us all and was always there to help us navigate through life challenges.

All my sisters including one and only brother "Kow Essuman 'Osofo" are saying 'thank you'.

I know, you are in heaven and looking down on us with your big smile on your face saying 'forge ahead, make the best of life and I will see you soon' we have worked to do here too.

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Indeed, a very big vacuum that will never be satisfactorily filled has been left in my life, however, I take consolation in all that you will rest in peace till we meet again. It is well with my soul.

I bid you fare well.

Kow enye nyame nko

Nyame mfa wo nsie

Dzi fie kan kotwen hen

Da yie

Rest in Perfect Peace

Amen.



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EULOGY FOR OUR BELOVED FATHER MR. JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH

God in his infinite wisdom created limitations to man's existence, and as king Solomon says in the Book of Ecclesiastes "there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the Heaven a time to be born and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

Word can not express what we would like to say, we feel pain, anguish, distress, emotional and many undesirable feelings, yet are we console by these words: He is 'SLEEPING', He is 'RESTING', He is with the Lord.

My siblings and I can truly say Daddy Ekow's spiritual principle of Train up a child he should go and he would not depart from it, has been fulfilled in us. His belief become ours, his value our value and his morals and expectations. He is a passionate father, he loved us dearly, protected us, disciplined us, spent time with us, laughed with us and was there for us through "thick and thin".

He is our role model, our counselor and our hero. Our father extended his passionate love and care to other children that many can vouch for.

The greatness legacies you left us was the fear of the Lord, you encourage us to love God and never denied us the opportunity to attend any Gospel program either in Methodist or out side.

We wish you lived longer, but nevertheless, you have fought a good fight, you have finished the race and kept the faith now the crown of righteousness is in store for you in Heaven.

Daddy use to say:

- ❖ Nwoma Krɔ̀krɔ̀n se dɛ: Hom nyɛ enyosafo dɛ nwɔ, na hom nyɛ krɔ̀n dɛ mbubur.

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- ❖ Had I known is the philosophy of a fool.
- ❖ The people who said Hosana, Hosana, are the same people who said crucify him, crucify him.
- ❖ Jesus I know, Paul I know, but who is man?

All we want to say is

Daddy Ekow, deeply you have shown us how truly fatherly love is "DA YIE "

Since you are with God the father in Heaven ; we now know that we have two fathers watching over us.

We shall also love you, for the rest of our lives.

Da Yie, Da Yie

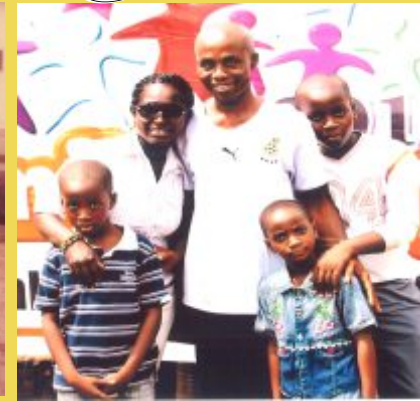
Nyamɛ mfa wo kra nsie

Rest in Perfect Peace.



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Gallery



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GRAND CHILDREN



Tribute By **DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**



Brothers and sisters , I do not want you to uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope, for I believe that Jesus died and rose again and I believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him (1Thessalonian 4: 13-14)

Since your response to your maker's call, it has been difficult for me to come to terms that you are no more. Least did I know that, one week before your demise would be a period myself and your granddaughter would have cherished forever. Indeed no one lives for him/herself, and my Father-in-law did not live for himself but for his maker and family. Daddy Ekow's legacy was that, he was open-minded and inclusive, he was kind, great to be with and always made us feel at home anytime we were with him. he always made us comfortable and welcomed, which came to him naturally.

Daddy Ekow as I also learnt to call him, loved me as his own daughter. I already miss you Daddy especially your continues pronouncing of blessings on Papa and I. He had the spirit of appreciation embedded in his and would always call to express his appreciation for things I might even take for granted.

Daddy Ekow, you were really a good Father to me. I gained a second DAD and not a father-in-law.

Daddy Ekow, your love and memories will forever remain in my heart as I will always miss you.

Fare thee well Daddy,

Da yie

May you rest in the peaceful arms of the Lord.

Amen.

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Tribute By **SON IN-LAW**



Distance was a barrier for you to be part of our daily life, but we enjoyed the little moments we spent anytime we got together. We looked forward to visiting you again and again, but we didn't know you will be gone so soon.

My father-in-law and I got along very quickly because we shared the same day born and eventually gave him a grand son who is also a Thursday born. To our surprise, your daughter and I witnessed the best laughter from your grandson upon our first visit while sitting on your lap.

You always take advantage to induce your advice, knowledge, discipline and experience in life anytime we visit.

My Father-in-law could never keep a frown and he always had a story to share and a way of making you laugh.

You will forever be in our hearts and we know you are in God's Hands now. You were a good Father, Grandfather, and of course a Father -in-law.

I hope you find eternal peace and salvation you deserve.

Rest In Peace till we meet again.

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TRIBUTE BY ASEMPA METHODIST CHURCH - BROTHER JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH

" And Jesus said to Mary I am the resurrection and the life; He that believes in me, though he was dead yet he shall live"

A caring, loving, religious and hardworking man has called to his maker Tawiah.

Bro. Tawiah joined Asempa Methodist church in the year 2012 and was in Brother Nkum's class. He joined the Men's Fellowship and was very active in the fellowship and all church programs. Even in his ill health he tried to attend church services and made his contributions towards the growth of the physical and spiritual growth of the church. Bro. Tawiah loved the work of the Lord and so used his available resources in uplifting the work of God.

Yes indeed, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" ***Philippians 1:21***. We believe as a church that, God has taken you to a more peaceful place than on this earth.

Fare thee well Papa

May the almighty God keep you in his bosom till we meet again.

Da yie, Damirifa due.

TRIBUTE BY ASEMPA METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO OUR LATE BROTHER JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH

And Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though he may die, he shall live". (John 11:25).

The words of a Philosopher go like this

"The sun rises and sets

The moon comes and disappears

The flowers blossom and wither

The tides rise and fall, and

***man, a creation in the Creator's own image is
born today and dies tomorrow"***

Nobody can eliminate death. It is inevitable. If we look at the lifeless body of our dear Brother today, there is a painful experience to us and the entire congregation because he breathed his last whilst pursuing his own medication.

Our late Brother joined the Fellowship in November 2012 after relocating from Nungua. He attended meetings and programmes as expected.

Quietly, he has left us never to be seen again. But we do not think of him as gone. Rather we say that he has been invited to the Celestial party which he could not refuse to respond. Yes, he could not stay another day to love, to work, to play with and direct colleagues.

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We say not in grief that he is no more, but we say in thankfulness to God that he was with us. And as we part company with our Brother, our prayer is found in MHB 110 (CAN 29) by our own Charles Wesley.

Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my savior hide
Till the storm of life be past
Safe into the heaven guide
O receive my soul at last

Rest in Perfect Peace
For Christ, We Live!!!

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Hymn

MHB 608

1. CAPTAIN of Israel's host, and Guide
Of all who seek the land above,
Beneath Thy shadow we abide,
The cloud of Thy protecting love;
Our strength, Thy grace; our rule,
Thy word; Our end, the glory of the Lord.
2. By Thine unerring Spirit led,
We shall not in the desert stray;
We shall not full direction need,
Nor miss our providential way;
As far from danger as from fear,
While love, almighty love, is near.

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MHB 948

1. ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to Its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay In all around I see ;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still. If Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee :
In life. In death, O Lord, abide with me.

MHB 878

1. O GOD, our help In ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home :
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence Is sure.
3. Before the hills In order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
And lost In following years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
7. O God, our help In ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Amen.

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MHB 578

1. A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:
2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may It all my powers engage
To do my Master's will
3. Arm me with Jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O Thy servant. Lord, prepare
A strict account to give
4. Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, If I my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

MHB 914

1. GOD be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you :
God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again,
Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you :
God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you :
God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you :
God be with you till we meet again.

MHB 896

1. NOW praise we great and famous men,
The fathers, named In story;
And praise the Lord who now as then
Reveals In man His glory.
2. Praise we the wise and brave and strong,
Who graced their generation;
Who helped the right, and fought
the wrong, And made our folk a nation.
3. Praise we the great of heart and mind,
The singers sweetly gifted,
Whose music like a mighty wind
The souls of men uplifted.
4. Praise we the peaceful men of skill
Who builded homes of beauty,
And, rich in art, made richer still
The brotherhood of duty.
5. Praise we the glorious names we know;
And they - whose names have perished,
Lost in the haze of long ago
In silent love be cherished.
6. In peace their sacred ashes rest,
Fulfilled their day's endeavour;
They blest the earth, and they are blest
Of God and man, for ever.
7. So praise we great and famous men,
The fathers, named in story;
And praise the Lord who now as then
Reveals in man His glory.

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The entire family of the Late
MR. JOHN-RICHARD KOW TAWIAH

*wishes to express their profound gratitude
to friends well-wishes and love ones for your
compassion and support during this time
of great sorrow.*

May God Almighty Richly Bless You