

# Programme Outline

## OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Very Rev. Dr. Isaac Ishmael Arthur – Superintendent Minister  
Very Rev. N.A.B. Dwomoh – Supemumerary  
Very Rev. Dr. Abraham Boateng – Minister  
Rev. Dr. Phillis Bernice Kwarteng Donkor – Circuit Minister

## SOCIETY STEWARDS

Sis. Rita Essel  
Sis. Harriet Adutwum  
Bro. Williams Aning

## AT THE ORGAN

Bro. Wilson Kodua Hanson – Choir Director  
Bro. Philip K. Okomeng – Choir Organist  
Bro. Samuel Darkwah – Singing Band Director

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PART ONE – PRE-BURIAL SERVICE

1. Procession – MHB 896
2. Opening Hymn – MHB 411
3. Filing Past Hymns – MHB 511, 608, 199, 578, 517, 478, 528, 948, 548, 437
4. Tributes
5. Hymn – MHB 615
6. Closing Casket

### PART TWO – BURIAL SERVICE

1. Opening Sentences
2. Hymn – MHB 679
3. Prayers
4. Biography and Tributes
5. Scripture Reading – Psalm 90:1-2 and John 14:1-6
6. Anthem – Church Choir
7. Sermon
8. Apostles Creed
9. Offertory – Singing Band
10. Hymn – MHB 831
11. Service of Commemoration and Commendation
12. Concluding Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

13. Presentation / Vote of Thanks
14. Closing Hymn – MHB 830
15. Benediction
16. Dead March in Saul

### GRAVE SIDE

Hymn – MHB 110  
Committal  
Prayers



## BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE GILBERT KWAKU TABI KWATIA

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lords. Romans 14:8 NKJV.

Mr. Gilbert Kwaku Tabi Kwatia was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1960. His father was the late Hon. M.O. Kwatia, former Member of Parliament-New Juaben, and his mother was the late Nana Korkor Daa Mansa II, Adontenhemaa of Akyem Abuakwa Traditional Area and Queenmother of Akyem Kukurantumi.

He started his formal education at Kukurantumi Presbyterian Primary School in September 1966 up to primary two. He joined his mother in Accra and was enrolled at Aggrey Memorial International School at Kanda in Accra. He gained admission to Vakpo Secondary School in Volta Region when he was at Primary six.

After Secondary education he joined his mother in her business, Nana K Enterprise at Accra central. After sometime his mother opened a branch for him to manage.

In 17<sup>th</sup> June 2000 he married his wife, Mrs. Angelina Kwatia (Auntie Baaba). They were blessed with 3 children, Ekow Kwakye, Nana Abena Korkor Kwatia, and Michael Osae Kwatia. All the family came to live at Taifa and joined Taifa Bethel Methodist Church. Socially he was a very active member of the Church.

Early this year, due to an unforeseen episode, he had to undergo some medical procedure. We did not anticipate his demise in this short time but the Lord knows better and His purpose must prevail. Kwaku passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at the age of 63 years.

May you rest in perfect peace.

Amen.

Damirifa Due!!!

Dayie.

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For no one among us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

For if we live, we should live unto the Lord; and if we die, we should die unto the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's

Ram 14:7,8

Daddy 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 was a day I would not like to remember again in my life. It was a day you left us at 'THE BANK HOSPITAL'. After a short illness. An illness we were willing to fight back but to no avail.

This made us sad when we remember the great moment we shared with you in our childhood. As children we saw you as the one who brings the 'lights back' when there is light out. We also enjoyed the stories you told us when you travelled with your mum to London. Not forgetting your working experiences.

Your son Ekow Kwakye says he is grateful for caring and sheltering him.

Your only begotten daughter, Nana Korkor, I say am happy for being my closest paddy through out my life.

Your last 'bady boy' MOK says your strictness has made him a better person.

Hmmm. What can we say Daddy you have left us too early. Your grandchildren have mixed a playmate. Every father day may be a sad day for us. Our plans of honouring you on this day is shuttered. But your last one would be our guidelines. That is to forgive each other when we offend one another and start on a fresh note.

All the same no one can challenged the will of God. Our prayer is that our heavenly father should keep you in the blossom of father Abraham till we meet again. Nante yeyie Daddy.

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Menka den werɛhonyi

Owu edzi m'enim

Hwe m'kyirpaanyi

Na Dama awɔw adzem

Patasu Christ suo mo mu nag ye m'dɔfo n'kra dwodwoodwo.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, henceforth: Yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labour and their work do follow them" Rev. 14:13

KK as I affectionately called my husband was very calm, humble, respectful, soft spoken and loving. When I met my husband, we were just friends, but one thing led to another and we took it to another level. We understood each other so we decided to tie the knot. God blessed us with our children. Recently you fell sick and we were all believing God for your recovering, little did we I know that you were bidding me good-bye. Hmm only God knows why he must take you away at this time. I will put all my trust in his infinite wisdom that he has prepared a better place for you.

"Nyansabuakwa Nyame, Onyim adzi nnyi naara"

Till we meet again KK may the Lord rest your soul in His Bossom.



## TRIBUTE BY SIBLINGS

Our dear brother now that you are gone, you're no longer here to share the bond we had together – a bond of love and care. Yet, something tells us that you are watching over us. We now know that are finally free from the cares of this world.

We miss you very much, and our tears cannot be hidden yet, within our hearts, we feel you will always be by our side. Ever since you went away life has never been the same yet, it comforts us to know that one day we will meet again.

We stand motionless, consumed in grief, and hard to put in words the profound sense of loss that envelopes us. We're gathered here, to mourn and cry. Our questions pointing, at the clear blue sky. Why did you go, why did you leave, life without you is so hard to conceive, yet in the midst of our grief, we find comfort in the beautiful memories that will forever be etched in our hearts.

Our hearts are damaged, and scarred severely. We shall miss you, much more than dearly; for having you in our lives have been a blessing to all of us. Now the time has arrived, for you to rest. We promise to cherish, our memories of you. You shall live in our minds and our hearts, and all that we do.

In closing we would like to share a quote that beautifully encapsulates your spirit, “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Our dear brother lived well, touching our lives in countless ways, leaving a legacy of love and kindness that will continue to inspire us for generations to come.

Rest in peace, dear brother. You will forever be in our hearts.

Da yie our dear brother!

Nyame mfa wo kra nsie yie. Amen.



# Photo Gallery

CHILDREN of THE LATE ODEHYE GILBERT KWAKU TABI KWATIA



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Mike



Abena Korkor

# Photo Gallery

GRAND CHILDREN of THE LATE *ODEHYE*  
GILBERT KWAKU TABI KWATIA



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Kofi Appiah



Kofi and Afiah

IN-LAWS of THE LATE  
*ODEHYE* GILBERT  
KWAKU TABI KWATIA



Gena with her son



Mr. Kwabena Dwomoh

## TRIBUTE BY IN-LAW

In loving memory of Mr. Gilbert Tabi-Kwatia, aka Brother Kwaku, who will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Your kindness, wisdom, and love will be cherished and remembered always.

We're grateful for the time we had with you, and we'll keep your memory alive in our hearts.

Your legacy lives on through the family, and your love will never be forgotten.

A great man who left a lasting impact on all of us. You will be dearly missed.

Our hearts ache with your absence, but we celebrate the incredible person you were.

Your strength in the face of adversity was an inspiration to us all. We will continue to learn from your example.

A man of integrity, honor, and love. Your memory is a treasure we will forever hold dear.

The bond we shared with you was truly special, and it will live on in our hearts.

May your soul find eternal peace, and may your memory be a blessing to us all.

Your life was a gift to everyone who knew you. We are grateful for the time we had with you.

I find comfort in knowing that your suffering has come to an end.

Rest in peace, Mr. Gilbert Tabi-Kwatia.





## TRIBUTE BY BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH – TAIFA

“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.” Romans 14:8

Indeed, words cannot express our sorrow and grief as we pay our last respect in memory of our beloved Mr. Gilbert Tabi Kwatia. Mr. Gilbert Tabi Kwatia transferred to Bethel Methodist Church, Taifa in the year 2000 from Macedonia Methodist Church, Kwashieman with his wife and children.

He was a full member assigned to the Olivet Class with Mrs. Mary Afriyie as the Class Leader. He assisted her till he was appointed the substantive Class Leader and held this position until his untimely demise. His knowledge in the Bible discussions were excellent as he was a good teacher.

Mr. Kwatia was a staunch member in the Men's Fellowship where he joined in the year 2001.

Despite his ill health, Mr. Kwatia was regular to most church activities and occasions. He was generous and supported many of the church activities in cash or in kind. He had been a Patron to SUWMA, Church Choir and the Boys' and Girls' Brigade of the church. He always provided free ornaments to be used by the SUWMA to decorate the church.

Mr. Kwatia, memories of you shall blossom in our hearts forever. You lived exemplary life to the service of God.

Mr. Kwatia the Good Lord who has called you to His side will guard and guide you. He shall keep your soul and make you a beneficiary to His eternal glory where we will meet and sing hymns to the Glory of God.

The church bids you farewell  
May your soul rest in perfect peace  
Da yie!!!



“There are special people in our lives who never leave us, even after they are gone.” “We do not remember days, we remember moments.” “Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.” “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.”

Bro. Gilbert Tabi Kwatia became a member of the Bethel Methodist Church, Taifa in the year 2000 with his family and was assigned to the Olivet Class after leaders meeting. He then enrolled with the Men's Fellowship in the year 2001.

His knowledge in the Bible made him very useful to the association and was dedicated to any duty he was called to with due diligence.

Although Bro. Kwatia was challenged physically, it was not an enough excuse for him to stay back during church activities at Society, Circuit, Diocese and Connexional levels. He attended all Men's Fellowship programmes including funerals and wedding at both far and near places.

He was generous and supported many of the church activities in cash or in kind and regularly paid his dues and contributions accordingly to the association.

His demise after a short illness was a blow to us when it was announced. Indeed, a Brother, Father, Member and a Friend has fallen.

Bro. Kwatia shall always be remembered.

The MF bids you farewell, May your soul rest in perfect peace. Da yie!!!

For Christ: We live!  
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