### Burial and Thanksgiving Vervice of the Late

# MRS. ANDELINE YINKA AKUMIAH

22ND OCT, 1983 - 5TH DEC. 2021

Saturday, 12th February, 2022 @ Transitions Place Haatso-Atomic Road, Accra Ghana, Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm



MRS. ANDELINE **YINKA AKUMIAH**1983 - 2021

## Officiating Clergies

- 1. Most Rev. Professor Emmanuel Asante
- 2. Rev. Ben Brown-Okoh

## Order Of Service

#### **FILE PAST**

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Hymn (Methodist Hymn No. 140)
- First Scripture Reading (Psalm 90:1-12)
- 4. Introductions
- 5. Song Ministration
- 6. Biography
- 7. Tributes

- 8. Siblings
- 9. Spouse
- 10. Mother
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Research Unit)
- Strong Living Fire Ministry International
- Second Scripture Reading (John 14:1-7)
- 14. Song Ministration
- 15. Sermon
- 16. Offering
- Prayer for Family and Spouse
- 18. Announcement
- 19. Vote of Thanks
- 20. Closing Prayer
- 21. Benediction/Recession

#### **BURIAL SERVICE**

- Opening Prayer
- 2. Song Ministration
- Scripture Reading Prayer
- 4. Presentation of Wreaths
- 5. Vote of Thanks



## BOGRAPHY

OF THE LATE MRS. ANDELINE YINKA AKUMIAH

"Do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God and believe also in me. My father's house has many mansions, if it were not so, I wouldn't have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me and that you may also be where I am" John 14:1-3.

ndeline Yinka Asieduwaa Akumiah affectionately called "Maame Yinka" was born in Accra on October 22, 1983 to the late DCOP Kofi Duodu Akumiah and Madam Victoria Kesewah Ampah, all of Essumeja Asantemanso in the Ashanti Region.

Andeline commenced her education at a tender age of three at St. Andrews Preparatory School, Accra. Due to the nature of her father's work she had her elementary education in different schools; Nazareth Preparatory School at Takoradi, Bolgatanga Preparatory School at Bolgatanga, St. Mary's Preparatory School at Sunyani, Pentecost Preparatory School at Koforidua and finally sat for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) at St. Johns Junior High School.

She gained admission to Aburi Girls Senior Secondary School from 2000 - 2002. Having obtained her Senior Secondary

School Certificate Examination (SSSCE), she was enrolled to pursue a Microsoft Proficiency Program at the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) in 2002.

From 2003 - 2004, Andeline got an appointment with the National Security Council Secretariat to work as an Assistant Desk Officer at the Passport Office.

In 2004, she gained admission to the University of Ghana to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Program in Sociology and successfully graduated in 2008. Whilst at the university, she had a stint with Bahmed Travel and Tours as a part time Administrative Officer. After graduation, Andeline gained full-time employment as a Substantive Administrative Officer with Bahmed Travel and Tours till 2012.



With her quest to achieve further success in life, Andeline applied for and gained admission to the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) where she pursued an MBA in Human Resource Management from 2012 to 2015.

Andeline also had a successful career role with reputable institutions such as Catalyst Learning Limited and Consir Executive Lodge.

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, Andeline joined the Research Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration where she served assiduously at various departments including the External Relation Division. Noticing Andeline's potential, she was sponsored by the Department to pursue a Master of Art in International Affairs and Diplomacy at the University of Ghana, Legon from August 2018 to July, 2019.

She was sent on several official assignments to Monrovia, Liberia in April, 2018 and Munich, Germany in February, 2021. Due to her hard work, she was scheduled to leave the country on another official assignment in London, United Kingdom by 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 but was unable to do so due to her untimely death.

Andeline was brought up in a Christian home and during her early years, attended Kpehe Methodist church with her family. There is no doubt that the Christian values she was brought up with, had a



tremendous impact on her life, dealings and character.

Growing up, she was a member, and later became a Music Director of the Ghana Methodist Students Union of Aburi Girls Secondary School. Her service and membership with the Counselling and Outreach Team of Methodist/Presbyterian Union of University of Ghana, the Association of the Methodist Church Choir in Kpehe and the Ushering Department of Strong Living Fire Ministry International (where she worshipped until her demise), was with much dedication and joy.

Andeline got married in March, 2019 to Edmund Sackey and they lived happily together until her demise. Despite Andeline's busy work schedule and frequent travels, she always made time for family and friends. It's of no doubt that Andeline was dedicated

to her family. Her leadership and ensuring the comfort of her mother and brother, Kwasi was unquestionable.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, Andeline breathed her last breathe whilst responding to treatment at the 37 Military Hospital. Her demise continues to be a shock to the entire family, her colleagues and friends.

Andeline Yinka Akumiah, you will be dearly missed by your husband, mum, siblings especially Kwasi, the entire family and friends.

Andeline was a gift from God to our family and we thank Him for giving us such a beautiful soul.

Andeline Rest in Peace with the Lord.



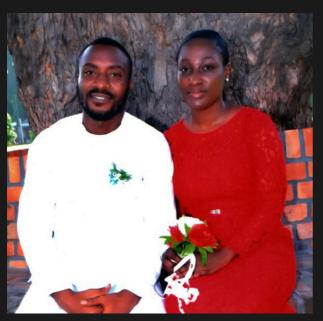






# TRIBUTE BY LUSBANCE MR. EDMUND SACKEY

# To My Lovely Wife





What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. -Psalm 116:12-15

ix years ago, I met a remarkable young woman who was intelligent, knowledgeable, confident, eloquent, beautiful and very humble. Her name was Andeline Yinka Akumiah. She became the love of my life and one of the best gifts God gave me. It was the Lord who brought us together and preserved our union till the end.

We shared a friendship, a bond that no one else can understand. As cliché as it may sound, Andeline you were my everything. My happiest years were those spent with you. You gave me the experience of being clearly understood, truly supported, completely and utterly loved. You inspired me in ways I cannot explain.

You were my number one fan, blowing my trumpet the loudest. When I was worried, you said it would be ok. When I wasn't sure what to do, you figured it out. When

things were difficult you were a pillar. I shall never forget the laughter, the promises and the plans. I miss your presence, your companionship, the jokes, the WhatsApp notification on my phone from you and the joy of going out together with you.

Andeline, I will miss your voice, I will miss that well of wisdom and knowledge I drew on. You were such a devoted Christian and one who loved the things of God. You always told me not to be late to church and always reminded me to pay my tithe and that really had an impact in my life.

Thank you for your endless love that will help me through each day. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. Romans 14: 8.

My only consolation is that you are with the Lord and thank you for the memories that will never fade away.

You're the woman I loved
And I was proud to be your husband
And every day.....in some small way

I will celebrate your life As long as memories last You will stay in my heart Your husband (Edmund)









thank God for my sweet daughter Andeline
She was always encouraging and supportive and reminded us to
trust God despite any difficulties and obstacles
She took great care of her siblings especially Kwasi and was always
there for us

God richly bless her and allow her soul and spirit to Rest in Peace
May God hide her in the shadow of his wings
Where there's no more death, mourning, crying, or pain
We love Andeline but we know that God loves her best
And we believe that she is with God in heaven
And we trust that God will always be there for our family and allow my
sweet Andeline to be a part of the cloud of witnesses cheering for us to
move forward in God's love and comfort! May God comfort us all!

Amen

## TRIBUTE BY **Siblings**

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" – (Romans 8: 37)



NDELINE It feels like years but it has only been weeks, And yet that is still too long.

We miss you every day our dearest sister. The beautiful memories.... We console ourselves with the fact that you are in a better place, Heaven

We still love you the same as if you were still here with us, laughing during the good times and crying during the challenging ones.

We miss being able to call you any time and spend hours talking about everything. As children we were practically joined at the hip, But we grew up and grew apart due to traveling.

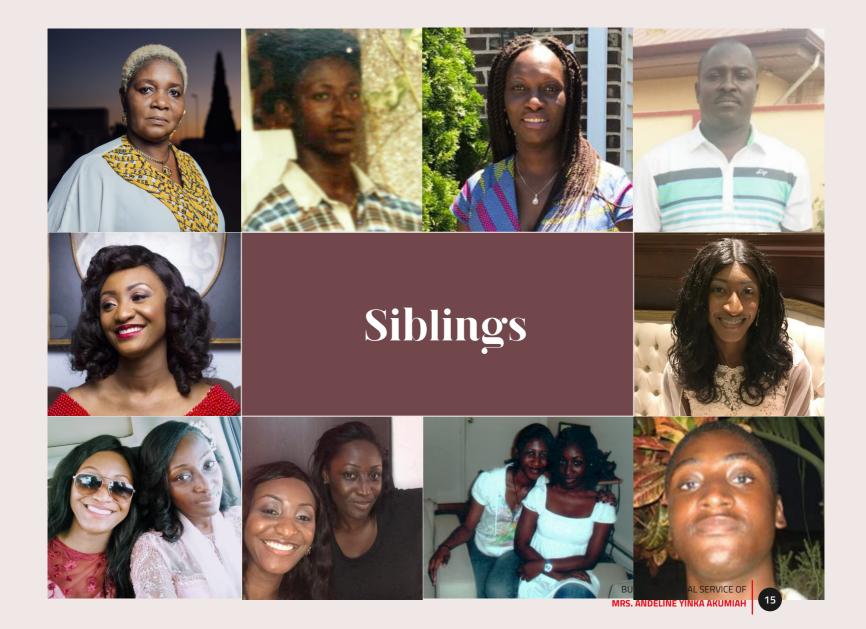
We had our own set of friends and our own set of goals for our lives, but that still didn't change the fact that we were siblings and always kept in touch

There was nothing that we wouldn't do for you and nothing that you wouldn't do for us. It still seems impossible that God was taking you.

You had so much to live for, you had so much to do, And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven it starts anew.

You'll live for all eternity, just as God has promised in His word. And though you've walked through Heaven's gate, we're never far apart,

for every time I think of you Andy our beautiful vibrant sister you're right here, deep within our heart.





he life given us by nature is short, but the memory of a life well spent is eternal (Cicero). Aunty Andelina was an amazing lady. She was amazing and would always remind us her nieces and nephews of how much God loves us and would pray for us whenever we spoke to her.

We had an amazing time living with her and the most memorable aspect of her was her spot on AMERICAN / BRITISH Accent. She always managed to put a smile on our faces whenever I was down and she was a cunning, amazing, intelligent, Godfearing Boss Lady who was about her business.

Even though we weren't in contact every day after we moved, she managed to change us for the better and we are deeply grateful. we call her our 3rd mom because without her we wouldn't be as headstrong as we are. Even though she's not here, we all know that she's in Heaven with Our Father God and is very busy with her angels.

We thank God for the life she lived, and we will love her forever.



# Stars do not struggle to shine In your quietness vou still shone Rest, rest till the morning comes 18

#### TRIBUTE BY

#### **AFUA BOATEMAA YAKOHENE (PHD)**

had the privilege of meeting Andeline in August 2018 when her cohort of students came to pursue their Master of Arts in International Affairs at the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana, Legon.

Being of a quiet nature, I don't think she caught my attention until she was assigned to me for supervision of her dissertation. I do recall the many conversations we had until we comfortably arrived on the topic "Ghana's Drive towards achieving the SDG5: The Case of Parliamentary Gender Representation".

Inasmuch as she was soft spoken, I noticed in our group and individual interactions that Andeline carefully selected her words, portrayed a disciplined mind and attitude, and was ready to learn. Upon hearing of her passing, I have gone through our WhatsApp conversations and my observations have been confirmed.

As a teacher, anytime I receive news about my old and current students, I always expect them to be good. It usually borders on "Doc, I called to let you know I got a job"; "Doc, I called to check on you"; "Doctor YK, I would like to further my studies and would like to use you as my referee". Not once did I anticipate such news!

I will always smile when I recall how you quietly smiled at your colleagues' theatrics in my office. How you offered your opinions without being overbearing. And how you allowed me to give you "pressure" so you could finish your dissertation and graduate successfully.

Andeline, Rest Well Till We Meet In The Morning.

#### **HER COLLEGUES AT GIMPA**

"The loss of a friend is like that of a limb; time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired" – Robert Southey

e met with Andeline Yinka Akumiah at the GIMPA MBA Human Resource Programme in February 2012 . She didn't play with her academics, always punctual and proved to be one of the most knowledgeable on a lot of subject matters. Considering that she always targeted the best grades, she would mostly participate and ensure that team project work was well done and submitted on time.

There were times we had to stay awake the whole night learning, to prepare ourselves well enough for exams, Although a quiet person by nature, she was very sharp – taking a keen interest in everything but at her own pace. She was also very sociable – being present at most of the private gatherings of the class.

Andeline was a spiritual person, loves to talk about God and takes prayers seriously, she encouraged us to keep to our faith.

After our Graduation in June 2015 it became increasingly difficult to stay in touch due to our varied paths of life – however we kept together via our WhatApp platform and that was where we learnt of this sad event.

Dear Andeline - we are here to celebrate your life, and the measure of its worth, and every single life you touched while you were on this earth. We wish to pay our last respects. That's why we all are here, to thank you for your friendship and all the memories we hold dear.

It's been a privilege to have known you. We were family, not just friends, and we will carry you in spirit until we meet up once again.





## THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21

t was with a heavy heart that the Research Department (RD) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration received the sad news of the passing on of our beloved Sister Ms. Andeline Yinka Akumiah. Indeed, the Department has lost a great colleague and we wish to convey our sincerest condolences to the bereaved family.

Andeline joined the Department on 20th September, 2017, as an Assistant Research Officer (FSO A5) and served assiduously at various sections of the Department, including the External Relation Division. Noticing Andeline's potential, she was sponsored by the Department to pursue a Master of Art in International Affairs at the University of Ghana, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy from August 2018 to July 2019.

She was sent on official assignments to Monrovia, Liberia in April 2018, and Munich, Germany in February 2021. Due to her hard work, she was scheduled to depart by 16th February 2022, to embark on a tour of duty at Ghana's Mission in

London, United Kingdom, but was unable to do so due to her untimely death. Andeline was noted for one thing and those who know her well will agree to the fact that she was a woman of few words and very reserved, but dedicated to her work. She will be remembered for her silky, friendly, and symphonic manners. Andeline was flawless in her dealings, relations, and interactions. She was punctual and never in a hurry to leave the office at the close of work and strived always to accomplish her assigned task.

She made great contributions with the few years she spent with the Department. Her efforts will forever be remembered.

God's beautiful treasure has been returned to Heaven. So as we proceed to say our final farewell, we can say proudly to Andeline- God knows best.

Andeline May God's grace guide you home! The Heavenly Angels await your arrival.

### **ABURI GIRLS, CLASS OF 2002**

ndy, as we affectionately called our sister, was simply a lady per excellence. Right from our entry in the year 2000 to Abugiss to our exit in 2002, Andy was a constant part of our lives. She was quite reserved, but with a beautiful outlook on friendship, as she was always courteous and friendly to all who approached her. She was graceful in all her ways; a very peaceful spirit, and not once did anyone in our group see Andy engaged in any altercation with anybody.

Hush my dear friends, don't say a word 2002 ladies, Our classmate is gone. She is gone to be with her maker. It breaks our hearts to lose one of our own at this time of our lives. We can hardly believe that life would deal us such a blow, and in this manner. Our circle is no longer complete without you, Andy. You made our lives as a year group complete.

The memories we have of you can never be taken away, you were calm and courteous all the time. We don't we recall you ever getting into trouble with Ewura Adu. You were never late for a class or school function and always neatly dressed. You had this aura or happiness around you and you always infected us with your smiles.

When your class got into trouble with Mr Awuni or Mr Kofi Nyarko, they were certain Andeline was not part. Thou we were colleagues, most of us admired your maturity and comportment and eloquence with your daily activities both academically and socially.

We looked forward to growing old and being grandmothers together, we imagined how our faces will change when we got wrinkles, but alas that's all we can do: We can only imagine. You were friendly and polite with your teachers and colleagues, and we will carry that memory with us always.

We received the news of your demise with shock thinking it was a mistake but with time, the reality dawned on us. We know friendship transcends beyond death. The memories we have of you will never be forgotten.

Andy, we will always be thinking of you., We know you may be gone from where we can see, But in our hearts, you will always be with us.

Rest well, our sister.
Rest well, Andy.
Rest in the bossom of our Lord.
Till we meet again....
Bepow so Hann...Nyame Ne Hene.

#### STRONG LIVING FIRE MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL,

#### DANSOMAN KEEP-FIT DOWN

And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from now on: Yes, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. - (Revelation 14:13)

t is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we pay tribute to our daughter, sister, and friend; Mrs. Andeline Akumiah Sackey whom we affectionately called Sister Andy.

We have indeed lost a huge and mighty tree. Sister Andeline was versatile and could easily fit into any department of the Church when called to do so. She joined the church about eleven years ago. She was a very dedicated Usher, punctual in service, present at departmental meetings, and church activities.

She is only absent from church when she undertakes a work-related assignment, outside Accra. Sister Andy was a strong believer in God, soft-spoken, virtuous, well mannered, disciplined, caring, loving, honest, reserved yet approachable, very helpful, and supportive.

In 2017, She gladly accepted the request to be part of the announcers in church aside from her ushering duties; which she did wholeheartedly and handled both with commitment and dedication. Sister Andy, the Strong Living Fire Ministry

family will miss you greatly. The Announcers and the Ushering departments will deeply miss you, but we encourage ourselves in the fact that you are not lost but in a better place in the bosom of our Maker.

The book of Psalms 116:15 reads: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." May you enter into the rest and joy of the Lord with your good works on earth following you with rewards that cannot be measured.

And May the host of angels in Heaven celebrate your homecoming because you have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, and you have kept the faith. *2 Tim* **4:7** 

We are so much grateful to God for giving you to us for a reason and a season.

You Shall forever be in our hearts.

Fare thee well Mrs. Andeline Akumiah Sackey, till we meet again, we say

Rest Peacefully in the bosom of our Heavenly Father.

#### BY FRIENDS FROM UG - LEGON

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live" (John 11:25)

December 2021 with much disbelief and dismay. We have still not recovered from the shock and doubt we ever will. You were not just a course mate or room mate but a great friend and dear sister. We spent four memorable years together on the university of Ghana campus and memories of those years will remain with us forever. And for those of us who were your hostel mates we have even fonder memories of the times we spent together in the room, cooking, washing and watching TV series on weekends. Though you were very quiet and had a reserved outlook, you were a fun-loving person and very wonderful to be with. Maame, how can we forget the birthday parties at the hostel and the beach trips we took together.

e received the news of your passing on 6th

You were a well-rounded person who took your studies seriously whiles participating in other campus activities. One very admirable quality you possessed was your peace-loving and calm nature. A woman of few words. You hardly offended anybody and quickly made peace at the slightest sign of conflict, even when you were clearly not at fault. You were also very kind-hearted and eager to help at every opportunity.

After school you still kept in touch and visited some of us at home and workplace. We shared our after-school life experiences and

encouraged each other during difficult times. You were both calm and strong, a rare combination that we drew much inspiration from.

In March 2020, we happily joined you for your wedding and we were looking forward to many more wonderful years together as friends.

Maame, we are heart- broken, and our tears cannot cease. We keep asking why? But we take consolation in the fact that you loved God and spent most of your life in His presence. You are a priceless gift God gave to us and he has received you back into his bosom. We know we shall meet you again on the resurrection morning and spend eternity together.

Fare thee well our Andeline, our Maame, Our sister and dear friend "da yie"Rest peacefully in the bosom of the Lord! We miss you dearly.





## Hymns

#### **AMAZING GRACE**

- Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

### HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

#### **AND CAN IT BE**

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;

'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest. 1. And can it be that I should gain

An int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!

### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

- "Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
- 2. "Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is

Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside