



CEREBRATING THE LIFE OF

MRS.

DORIS OKPOTI MENSAH

29TH JULY 1954 - 14TH OCTOBER 2023



BURIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE DEACONESS DORIS OKPOTI MENSAH

AT TRANSITIONS PLACE, HAATSO- ATOMIC ROAD

8AM, ON SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY, 2024

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Biography



BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE MRS DORIS OKPOTI MENSAH

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...

Mrs. Doris Okpoti-Mensah, born on July 29, 1954, in Asuboi, Eastern Region, was the cherished daughter of the late Opanyin Isaac Owusu Okraku and Madam Afua Sika from Akropong Akuapem and Brekusu Akuapem, respectively. She was named Akosua Odi after her father's Aunt. Born as the first child in her family, Doris exemplified virtues that would shape her journey as a devoted wife, nurturing mother, and compassionate sister. She was a woman of unwavering faith, profound love, and boundless compassion.

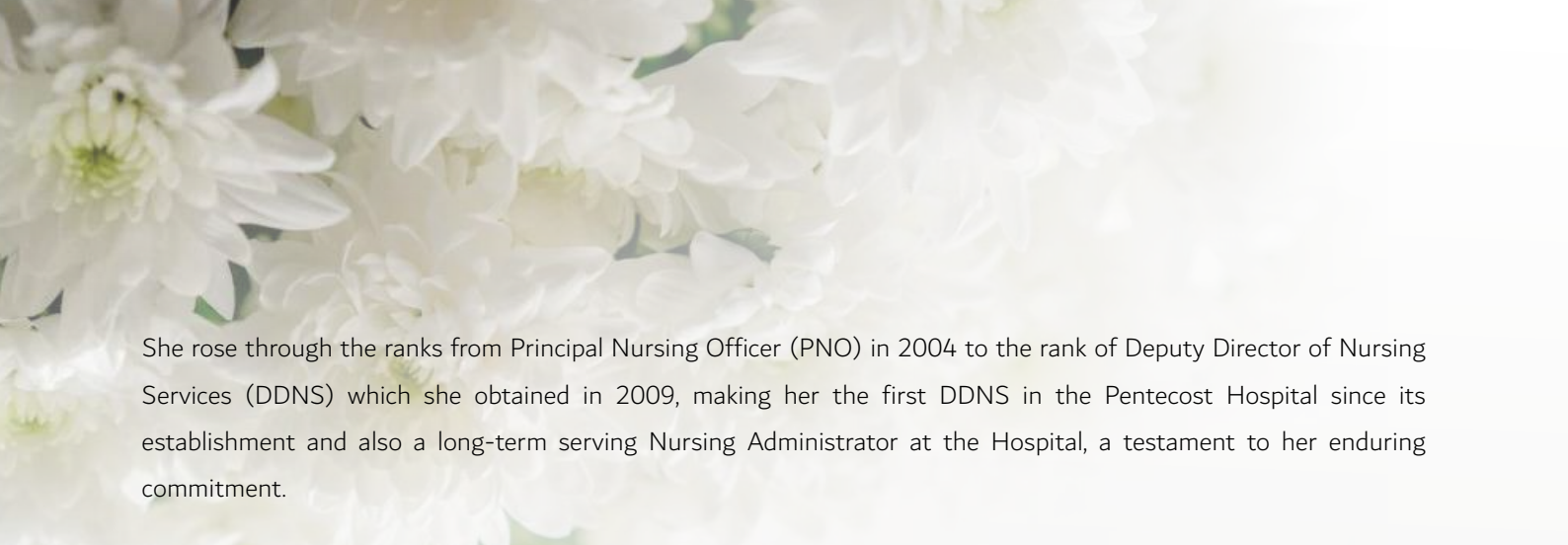
Doris's early years were marked by a commitment to education and an insatiable thirst for knowledge. Her educational foundation was laid at Asuabena LA for primary school and Kemp Methodist Primary School at Aburi for middle school, spanning from 1962 to 1970. She continued her academic journey at Ofori Panin Secondary School, Kukurantumi, earning her an 'O' Level Certificate in 1976. After which she relocated to Burma Camp to live with her Uncle, the late WO1 Ohene Asante, younger brother of Opanyin Isaac Owusu Okraku, her father.

With the help of WO1 Asante, Doris joined the workforce at the Base Ordinance Depot at Burma Camp after completing her 'O' Levels. However, her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse, fueled by her passion for caring for others, led her to enroll at the Korle-Bu Nurses Training College in 1978 where she seamlessly blended her intellectual capabilities with a genuine passion for healthcare. In 1981, the same year she married Mr. William Okpoti-Mensah, Doris graduated as a State Registered Nurse. Her passion for the profession was made evident whenever she visited her village as she was readily available to assist with medical care or needs of people such that they affectionately called her "doctor", not knowing the difference between a doctor and a nurse.

Her commitment to healthcare deepened as she pursued midwifery training at Korle-Bu from 1983 to 1984. Doris served in various units at Korle-bu Teaching Hospital, particularly excelling in the operating room as an orthopedic nurse. Her journey continued in October 1997 when she joined Alpha Medical Center, now Pentecost Hospital, as a Nursing Officer and in-charge of orthopedics theatre. She was permanently appointed on 1st January 1998 after a successful interview at the Head Office C.O.P La.

Doris's contributions were pivotal as she progressed through the ranks from Nursing Officer to Senior Nursing Officer by the year 2000. She had the opportunity to pursue a Health Management Course at CORAT Africa Nairobi, Kenya. From where she went on to do Peri-Operative Nursing Training at Korle-bu to obtain her advanced Diploma Certificate (PON) in 2001-2002. She was a selfless Administrator from 2004 to 2014, the year she retired.





She rose through the ranks from Principal Nursing Officer (PNO) in 2004 to the rank of Deputy Director of Nursing Services (DDNS) which she obtained in 2009, making her the first DDNS in the Pentecost Hospital since its establishment and also a long-term serving Nursing Administrator at the Hospital, a testament to her enduring commitment.

Beyond her professional achievements, Mrs. Doris Okpoti-Mensah epitomized motherhood, teaching, counseling, friendship, and role modeling. Her untiring abilities and reliance on God guided her through challenges, leading to remarkable results. Doris played a pivotal role in staff development and the provision of quality healthcare, culminating in Pentecost Hospital securing the top position in the 2013 Greater Accra Region Peer Review competition. She was also appointed a District PENTSOS board member of the Pentecost Preparatory School from 2006 to 2014.

Affectionately known as "Matron" by her staff, Doris was approachable, receptive to new ideas, and possessed the interpersonal skills essential for achieving group targets. "A visionary leader", "hardworking", "versatile", "reliable" were some virtues that were easily associated with her as she excelled as an event organizer, remained patient-oriented, and demonstrated exceptional listening skills.

Doris fully accepted Christ at the Korle-bu Assembly, Mamprobi district and was subsequently baptized into the church of Pentecost in 1992. She was a very active member of the church and was ordained a deaconess of the church of Pentecost at the Emmanuel assembly, Redco district (then Koona District) in 2011. A role she held till her untimely death. She also held the position of local secretary of the Women's Ministry for Emmanuel Assembly from 2011 to 2016 and was appointed as a district marriage counselor in 2012. Doris served with dedication until her untimely passing.

Mrs. Doris Okpoti-Mensah and her husband, Mr. William Okpoti-Mensah, were blessed with five children—four sons and a daughter. A devoted follower of Christ, Doris placed a premium on spirituality and instilled in her children a deep reverence for God. She made certain that her household was a haven for faith, guiding her loved ones with patience, wisdom, and an unshakable commitment to the truth. Known for her selflessness, Doris was a beacon of empathy and compassion. Her benevolence extended beyond her immediate family, as she generously supported others, even in moments of personal challenge. Doris was a woman of peace, always seeking harmony in every aspect of her life.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, we find solace in the knowledge that she has transitioned to a realm of eternal peace and joy. Doris's life was a testament to the transformative power of love, faith, and unwavering commitment to others.

Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah, a virtuous woman, a loving mother, and a cherished sister, has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her. Her memory lives on in the hearts of those who were touched by her kindness, inspired by her wisdom, and uplifted by her abiding love.

May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.



Tributes



TRIBUTE BY WIDOWER

MR WILLIAM OKPOTI-MENSAH

In Loving Memory of My wife

We remember and honor a wonderful woman, Mrs. Doris Mensah Okpoti, whose kindness and love enriched our lives.

I had my first encounter with Doris in 1977 at a church service. This encounter left me with a lasting memory of her that birthed our union. She was resourceful, she could attain whatever she set her mind to; she was kind, respectful, supportive, and determined. Doris would always want to lend a helping hand to whoever she met while graciously ministering the love of God to them. Doris was a virtuous woman and the model wife. I count myself blessed to have encountered her and her warm love and care in the 41 years of our marriage.

Doris was an amazing wife and mother—a loving and caring person who always put her family first. She took care of our children with so much love, making our home a happy place. Her generosity and helpful nature made her a true partner in every sense.



Doris was forgiving and always showed us unconditional love. She taught us the importance of family and was there for us. Her love was a steady force that helped us through good times and bad.

A woman of strong faith, Doris walked closely with God. Her prayers and devotion to her Christian beliefs were an inspiration to us all. She encouraged us to take our relationship with God seriously, and her faith was a guiding light in our lives.

News of her death filled my heart with so much void and pain. Nothing prepared me to face the harsh reality of her sudden demise. Doris was the best partner to do life with and I am grateful to have encountered her and have her as my wife.

The bible says in Romans 14:8 (KJV), **“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”.**

In this very difficult and hard time, I find solace in the fact that Doris is at rest with God our father.

May Doris Okpoti Mensah rest in peace, and may we find comfort in the beautiful memories we shared with her.

With heartfelt condolences,

Mr. William Okpoti Mensah

Widower

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

REGINALD , SAMUEL, DENNIS, ISAAC and ABIGAIL

In Loving Memory of Our Cherished Mom

Today, as we fondly remember our dearest mom, Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah, we reflect on the profound impact she had on our lives and the legacy of love, faith, and compassion she leaves behind.

Where do we begin?

It's challenging to encapsulate a lifetime of emotions and gratitude in just a few minutes.

Never have we, nor will we ever, meet someone as special as our mother. We have never known a woman to be such an anchor for so many people. We have never known a woman to face so many trials and tribulations and continue on with a smile. We have never known a woman to always see the good in people, and always put the thoughts and needs of others above her own continually.

Our mom believed in us, even when we doubted ourselves. She instilled in us the belief that settling for mediocrity is never an option. She loved us more than we ever thought possible.

She not only gave us the courage, ambition, and emotional strength to try but also provided the backbone, support, and care not to fear failure.





She instilled in us her values, dreams, her understanding of the way life was, is and most importantly, should be, that is a life built on Christ. She ensured that each of us was saved and baptized. Mom's commitment to our spiritual growth went beyond Sunday services.

In moments when we couldn't make it to church, she would return, carrying the message from the service, encouraging us to be steadfast in our Christian walk.

Beyond our immediate family, Mom's compassion extended to others. She generously supported those in need, even in moments when she faced pressing needs herself. She always made sacrifices to see others do well. Her selflessness was a shining example of Christ's love in action.



She was our prayer warrior, counselor, confidant, motivation, role model, and best friend. No topic was too trivial to discuss with our "Old Girl". With her profound insights, she was always open to giving us counsel and directed us anytime we felt uncertain about the necessary steps to take at every point in time. She was that sound ear and good counsel that could be banked on always. She was truly our everything.

These questions continue to linger in my minds;

Why now?

Why her?

What could we have done differently?

Most importantly, why did this have to happen?

In this time of uncertainty, we recall a scripture she often quoted: "Give thanks in all things for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 thessalonians 5:18"

We may not always comprehend or agree, but we find solace in the belief that God's will is always good, though it may not always be easy to accept. As we mourn her departure, we express gratitude to God for her life, knowing that what she gave us is everlasting. We are who we are now because of you, mom, products of your prayers, encouragement, correction and dedication.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, let us carry forward the lessons she bestowed upon us: The love, faith, compassion, kindness, and unwavering determination that defined her existence.

May her memory be a guiding light in our lives, and may we honour her legacy by living each day with the same passion and love that she so beautifully demonstrated throughout her remarkable life.

Rest in peace, Mom; you are forever in our hearts!



TRIBUTE BY FAMILY

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Sister and Daughter

With heavy hearts, we gather to celebrate the life of our dear sister, Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah, whose presence graced our lives with love, wisdom, and unwavering respect.

Doris, the firstborn and selfless sister, was not only known for her caring nature but also for being a bright student, exceptionally good with her books. Her intellectual prowess shone brightly, and her commitment to education was both inspiring and commendable.

Doris always preferred her books over farming, showcasing her dedication to academic excellence. Her love for learning and academic achievements set her apart. She was not only a diligent student but also someone who valued the pursuit of knowledge. Her dedication to her studies was evident in her achievements, serving as a testament to her brilliance and hard work which eventually led her to pursue a career in nursing and midwifery.

In addition to her academic achievements, Doris's respect for everyone, especially the elderly, was truly remarkable. This was an undeniable virtue that was easily identified with Doris by all who came into contact with her. Her kindness and consideration were universal, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of crossing paths with her.

Peace was not just a word in Doris's vocabulary; it was a way of life. She was a lover of peace, and her gentle demeanor created an atmosphere of harmony wherever she went. Even in situations where one might expect frustration or anger, Doris remained steadfast in her commitment to peace. Her ability to maintain composure and approach challenges with a calm mind was truly admirable.

Family

Doris was a woman who never acted on impulse. Her thoughtful and deliberate approach to life was evident in every aspect of her being. She was a critical planner, always considering the details before taking any action. Whether it was in her personal relationships or in the face of challenges, Doris exemplified a rare combination of patience and strategic thinking.

In times of difficulty, Doris stood as a beacon of strength and resilience. Her commitment to planning and thoughtful action served as an inspiration to us all. Her legacy of respect, love, peaceful living, academic excellence, and dedication to healthcare will forever remain etched in our hearts.

As we bid farewell to our dear sister, may her gentle soul find eternal peace, and may we carry forward the lessons she taught us—of academic excellence, respect, peace, and the power of thoughtful planning.

May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Family

TRIBUTE BY DAUGHTER IN-LAW

CHARLENE MILLS-MENSAH

In the embrace of our grief, we gather here today to celebrate the extraordinary life of a truly remarkable woman—my mother-in-law. A humble servant of the Lord, she walked this earthly realm with an unparalleled strength, boundless love, and an unwavering faith in Christ.

When Sam first shared with his mother his intentions to marry me, her only inquiry was whether I had a personal relationship with Christ. A testament to her unwavering commitment to ensuring that her son's life partner shared the same faith. It is a sentiment I carry with me always.

Sam often remarks that his mother is the best Christian he knows, attributing her greatness to her ability to walk in love, even towards her enemies. It's a profound statement, one that resonates deeply, especially in a world where many struggle to extend love to those closest to them, let alone their adversaries. I was blessed to witness this love firsthand as she warmly embraced me into her family, extending open arms and unwavering support as we built our own.

Her love made me feel not like an in-law, but a cherished daughter. Our frequent conversations were filled with laughter, and her joy knew no bounds when I shared pictures and videos of her beloved grandchildren.

The loss of Mummy has been both shocking and painful, yet amidst the sorrow, I find solace in the words of 1 Corinthians 15:55: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Losing a loved one, especially one who is saved, is undeniably heart-wrenching, yet the pain is tempered by the assurance that they are present with us in spirit. Mummy, disciplined and steadfast in her faith (Colossians 2:5), now witnesses our journey from a heavenly place.

As I reflect on the myriad of things we could have done together and the countless ways I could have honoured you on Earth, I am comforted by the understanding that no earthly gesture compares to the heavenly rewards you now enjoy.

Daily, I miss you, and my instinct to share our children's remarkable moments with you persists. I find solace in the knowledge that you now witness these events live from the heavens above.

Thank you, Mummy, for the foundation of faith upon which you raised my husband, and by extension, my now brothers and sister. I am committed to continuing this legacy, raising your grandchildren on the same bedrock of faith, hope, and love found only in Christ Jesus.

Although the chain of our family appears broken with your passing, we take comfort in the belief that, as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Rest well, dear Mummy. Until we meet again, we will hold close the cherished memories, prayers, warmth, support, and love you showered upon us.

TRIBUTE BY CHURCH

THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST, REDCO CENTRAL ASSEMBLY, REDCO DISTRICT

To the late Deaconess Doris Okpoti Mensah

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him” (NIV).

Deaconess Doris Okpoti Mensah converted and baptized in the Church of Pentecost on 1st April, 1992 by Rev. J. Yaw Acquah at Dansoman. She started worshipping with the Emmanuel Assembly in 2009.

Deaconess Doris Okpoti Mensah was very unique and had special gifts to which she used well in the body of Christ for the blessings of the saints. She was a good teacher of the word of God as she did this regularly during bible study sessions. Her ability to give clear understanding on difficult issues deserves commendation as she will cite examples and give illustrations to make things clearer. She liked reading and could read well the word of God with clarity and understanding.

Mama Okpoti as she was affectionately called, gave her life as a sacrifice to the Lord, church and ordinary people. As a professional nurse who rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Director of Nursing Services, she gave her all to the Lord, church and everyone as she was not selective in her dealings. She found her profession as a duty to God as she intertwined them with the things of God. She was involved with all health committees at the local and district levels. She was always attached to all health committees at Easter and Christmas conventions and executed her work dutifully. Because of her active service, she was also selected to become a local women's ministry executive member in the year 2011. All these were done during her active years at work and even more after her retirement from active service.

Her care, sense of humanity and love for the weak, sick and vulnerable through medical advice has helped save countless number of lives. She was a good counselor and so was part of the district marriage counseling committee. Her outstanding work in counseling would-be couples made her the preferred choice in most cases.

The fruit of the spirit could be easily seen in her as she showed so much of it in her love for others either rich or poor. Her patience, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness, kindness and self-control are real hallmarks of a true Christian. She was very respectful, calm and had a good temperament. Most importantly, she feared God as she was obedient to the word of God and church leadership. Even though she had a quiet disposition, one thing that she did cheerfully and willingly was her sense of caring as she would often find out about the well-being of others who were absent to church through calls or visits.

She was a disciplined and well organized person as she regularly attended church service and on time and participated in all activities of the Church which are worth emulating. She paid her tithes and offerings faithfully and even sent it through someone whenever she could not make it to church.

We know the Lord loves and cherishes faithful people and so has prepared for her a special place in paradise. She will be fondly remembered by her calmness and smiles. As humans, taking away our sorrows is very difficult but we look up to God for comfort for we know that Deaconess Doris Okpoti Mensah is alive in Christ. She will forever remain special in our hearts.

May her soul rest well in the Lord!

Awurade nfa Maa Doris kra nsie yie!

TRIBUTE BY

PENTECOST HOSPITAL, MADINA

A Tribute to Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah, a symbol of compassion and wisdom, graced Pentecost Hospital in January 1998. Starting as a Nursing Officer in charge of Theatre, she climbed the professional ladder, eventually reaching the esteemed position of Deputy Director of Nursing Services. Affectionately, we all knew her as Matron. Her journey was characterized by a rich tapestry of kindness, which continued until her retirement in December 2014.

Mrs. Okpoti Mensah, a vibrant and gentle spirit, played a maternal role for many. She generously shared her wealth of experience with everyone she encountered. In her capacity, she provided guidance to both staff and clients, leaving an enduring mark on the many hearts she touched.

DDNS Doris wasn't just a boss; she was an exceptional leader at Pentecost Hospital, Madina. Her adept organizational skills and unwavering commitment elevated the Nursing department to greater heights.

In her role as a Mentor, she surpassed mere management responsibilities; she embodied humility. She took joy in others' success, fostering a collaborative team spirit that became the heartbeat of Pentecost Hospital in Madina.

In her role as a coach, she uplifted Nurses and Midwives, ensuring fairness and unity. Her team-oriented approach created a positive working environment throughout the hospital.

In essence, DDNS Doris was an outstanding leader, transforming Pentecost Hospital into a more cohesive and improved workplace with her composed, kind, and excellent leadership.

Even in retirement, Matron Doris remained dedicated to the pulse of the nursing department. Her pivotal role in elevating the hospital to its current status and forging collaborations in the region, placing the hospital in the first position for the Peer Review in 2014, speaks volumes of her enduring dedication.

Though her physical presence is no longer with us, the impact of Matron Doris lives on in the hearts she touched and the institutions she enriched. Her graceful guidance steered the Nursing department and Pentecost Hospital, Madina, with insight and grace. In this time of mourning, we celebrate the significant footprint she leaves—a legacy of leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication to the well-being of others.

As we bid farewell, may the legacy of Mrs. Doris Okpoti Mensah inspire and guide us in our ongoing pursuit of healthcare excellence.

MAY YOUR GENTLE SOUL REST WELL.

Work

Gallery







SONGS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

IN THE SWEET BY AND BY

1 There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain:

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more-
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
[Refrain]

3 To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.
[Refrain]

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1 Guide me O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

[Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

[Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

[Refrain]

SONGS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

WŌBEHWIM YEN AFA MUNUNKUM YI MU

1. WŌbehwim yen afa mununkum yi mu
Ako yen Agya nkyen wŌ soro hŋnom
Yen koma betŌ yen yam
WŌbema yen akwaaba
Yen koma betŌ yen yam
WŌbema yen akwaaba

2. Sɛ yɛpue Kristo anim wŌ soro hŋ a
Yɛbenya anuonyam ahenkyew pii
Abofo beto yen nnwom
Na wŌama yen akwaaba
Abofo beto yen nnwom
Na wŌama yen akwaaba

Songs



Rest in Peace

Appreciation

The entire family
of the late

MRS. DORIS OKPOTI-MENSAH

wishes to extend their profound gratitude for all the support extended to us during these difficult times.

Thank you all and
God richly bless you.