

Dr. Clifford Odartey Lamptey was born on 18th January, 1943 in Laterbiokorshie Ayigbetown to Mr James Lanteye Lamptey, a railway worker, and Madam Faustina Afutubea Nartey, a trader. Both of blessed memory. He was named after his Grandfather (ATAA NKPA) and the oldest of six children.

He started his formal education at Laterbiokorshie Ayigbetown Presbyterian Primary School. He continued his education at Osu Teanshi School (T, SCHOOL) and then to Odorgonor Secondary School. He later gained admission to St Augustine's College, Cape Coast where he obtained a scholarship to study medicine in the Former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, now Serbia and Montenegro.

Dr. Lamptey arrived in Yugoslavia in July 1965 and commenced medic studies in the University of Novi Sad in October 1965, after having spent a few months learning the language. He completed his medical degree in 1973 and began his one year housemanship in Novi Sad Teaching Hospital. He then undertook specialisation in Paediatric Surgery.

During this time, he was introduced to a young lady called Marta who was also studying medicine in the University of Novi Sad. They got married in 1976 and two years later welcomed a son, Clifford Jnr. In 1979, upon completion of his specialty training, Dr. Lamptey relocated his family to Ghana where he accepted an appointment as a surgeon at the 37 Military hospital. In 1982 they were blessed with another child, their daughter Laura.

Dr. Lamptey was Head of the Surgical Department at the 37 Military Hospital from 1984 till his retirement from the hospital in 2003. Aside from working at 37, in the early 80s, Dr Lamptey and his wife, Dr. Mrs. Marta Lamptey, founded and managed Cathedral Clinic till their untimely demise.

Dr. Lamptey was a quiet, candid and kind person who led a simple lifestyle and was prepared to carry every person along. He was a man of great wisdom and perseverance and contributed immensely towards family and other activities. Over the course of his career, he was also the personal physician to two sitting presidents of the Republic of Ghana - the late Flight Lt. Jerry John Rawlings and late Professor John Atta Mills. While he attended to prominent people, Dr. Lamptey was equally concerned with the plight of the poor who received free medical services in his catchment area. He retired from active practice in 2014.

On the morning of 4th May, 2021 after a short illness, Dr. Lamptey heeded the call of his maker. His lovely wife of 44 years, Dr. Mrs. Marta Lamptey preceded him in death three months prior in February 2021. Dr. Clifford Odartey Lamptey is survived by his children; Dr. Clifford Lamptey and Dr. Mrs. Laura Lamptey Darfoor and their spouses, his maternal Uncle Mr. J. E, Ago Nartey, his siblings Pearl, Horace, Edmund and Elizabeth, several cousins, nephews and nieces.

Indeed a mighty pillar has fallen! A mighty tree has been uprooted by a tremendous hurricane. The Doctor is no more and will be sorely missed.

Doctor, rest in perfect peace. Dr. Clifford Odartey Lamptey ya wo odjoban.