

GLORIOUS TRANSITION



ELDER SOLOMON ZUMARO

1935-2020



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PART ONE

1. Opening Prayer: Eld. Samuel Ofori Asomaning
2. Chorus
3. File past
4. Introduction of personalities
5. Songs - Other churches
6. Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13 - 18
  - a. English : Eld. Isaac Sogni
  - b. Twi : Eld. S. O. Asomaning
7. Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Adjartey
8. Song : Wobehwim Yen Afa Mununkum no Mu
9. Biography : Family
10. Tribute : Widow, Children, Church
11. Offertory
12. Sermon / Alter Call: Aps. Aseyoro / Ps. Magyam
13. Prayer for Bereaved Family
14. Vote of Thanks: Family Member
15. Announcement
16. Closing Prayer : Pastor I. T. Morton
17. Benediction

## PART TWO

1. Procession to Cemetery
2. Prayer
3. Song
4. Lowering of casket
5. Committal Apostle Emmanuel A. Bekoe
6. Prayers
7. Benediction

**Conductor: Pastor J. V. Arko**

# BIOGRAPHY

OF THE LATE  
ELDER SOLOMON ZUMARO

*"Praise we the peaceful men of skill who builded homes of beauty.  
And, rich in art made richer still the brotherhood of duty". (M.H.B 896)*



**W**hen William George Tarrant wrote this hymn in the 19th century, it was as if he had the Late Elder Solomon Zumaro in mind because that was what he stood for. Skillfulness, industrious,

dutiful among others were what can be used to describe him.

The late Elder Solomon ZUMARO also known as King Solomon or Bobo or Yahya, was born in 1935 at Tatale in the then Northern Region. His father Mr Tchedre ZUMARO (the chief of the village) and Mother Fatima were fervent Muslims and highly respected. Elder Solomon, the fourth(4th) of five (5) children was well behaved, lovely and respectful. He started his early education in the Northern region where he later graduated as a qualified engineer driver from a European sponsored Technical school in the late 1950's.

Elder Solomon, after his education travelled to Accra to seek greener pastures as it was in the days. He gained his first employment into a company in Accra as a driver upon

arrival. Determined to take diving international, he applied and was accepted as a senior driver to the Ambassador in the then Tunisia Embassy. He later joined the Cote d'Ivoire Embassy as a personal driver to the Ambassador.

Also, he entered the then famous one-pound transport business from Accra to Aflao. The then Acheampong Government knowing how hard working and serious he took that business, contracted his company, to provide transport service for the government workers. After the contract with the Acheampong government, he then opened the following businesses of which he managed with his family till

his demise: Spare parts shops( travelling to Lagos for supplies), Building materials shops and plumbing shops and then also real estates in Ghana and other West African countries.

Elder Solomon began life as a Muslim and married four wives at different stages of life and was blessed with thirteen children. As fate may have it, Elder Solomon received Christ under a rather unusual circumstance. He was taken ill for a long time during which he had tried every medical means to get well but this proved unsuccessful. He was convinced by a close friend to consider visiting the then Edumfa prayer camp which was then under church of Pentecost.

He obliged since there was nothing else to do. He was miraculously healed upon reaching the camp. He accepted Christ as his Lord and personal saviour immediately during one of the alter calls. As a Christian, he was very devoted and committed to the teaching of the bible. He accepted the fact that, he cannot keep many wives while a Christian. He settled and divorced the rest leaving Deaconess Alima Zumaro the surviving spouse.

Because of his love and devotion for Christ, he dedicated his time, land and other properties for the progress of the church of Pentecost. He also played a pivotal role in the growth of the Church of Pentecost in the Madina district. He was one of the pioneers in the establishment of the defunct Northern Outreach Ministry (NOM). He retired from active service as an Elder with the Haatso West Assembly of the Church of Pentecost, Haatso District.

He lived peacefully with people around him making sure that everyone that meets him get to know Jesus Christ. Elder Solomon was very affable and respected all persons irrespective of their age or religion.

Elder Solomon was taken ill and upon direction by his personal Doctor, was sent to the Emergency Surgical department of the 37 Military Hospital for treatment. On Tuesday June 9, 2020 at exactly 7 am, a week after he had been

admitted, the family members around realized his breathing has changed and they quickly informed the doctors who tried their best to stabilize him but God wanted his servant Elder Solomon to be with him. He is survived by a spouse and ten children.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*  
4 Timothy 4:7-8.

*Amen.*



# TRIBUTE BY WIFE

## MRS. ALIMA ZUMARO

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the spirit, they will rest from their labour and their works will follow them" (Rev 14:13-NIV)*



I wish to invite you all to join me praise such a great and wonderful man for the massive impact he made in the lives of our children, friends, family and mine.

Yaya as we called him had an unquestionable character as he was always humble, loving, caring respectful, faithful, trustworthy and very honest.

Hmm, this pain caused in my heart by your departure and permanent absence is just unbearable.

I met my beloved at my young age and till now, I have never regretted. I recall our 50 years of marriage, though there were challenges, we endured and enjoyed each other's company.

Yaya counseled, taught and corrected others when necessary. He spoke his mind in a very lovely way irrespective of the situation. He never rushed into anything he did and always gave a deep taught to every little thing. When he speaks, one will know he wasn't just talking but really giving good advice. He loved his bible and spent time reading it.

Yaya, oh my sweet Yaya, I told you to get well soon since it was left with just us and the little ones at home. Now that you are gone, who will keep me company at home? Oh! The icy hand of death that no one can control but to accept.

I will dearly miss you and your memories will never be forgotten.

How can I forget such a loving husband and caring father. The children and I will miss the morning and evening devotion sessions, the hilarious jokes that always left a smile on our faces and most especially the helping hand to others.

During our last evening devotion in the house, you raised a song that I didn't understand but I do now.

3x "Y3 REK) )MAN PAPA BI  
2xY3 REK) OOO  
NKAKRA NKAKRA Y3 REK) OO  
2x Y3 REK) OOO"

GOODBYE MY SWEET YAYA, forever in my heart.  
DAMIRIFA DUE!! DUE NE AMANEHUNÚ YAYA



# TRIBUTE FROM THE CHILDREN

**Y**aya, as we have always called you. It is hard to accept that a day will come when we must part this for you. We all knew about death however we never saw this coming at this point in our lives.

We first want to apologise for not responding to your last request for a family reunion, if only we knew your reason for such a call.

Just to let you know; we are together in one crying and pretending to accept your departure. But this is so hard to take.

Your dedication to life, religion and self-employment has been the perfect tool we your children needed to journey in this world, and we thank God we had such passion from you. Thanks for helping us in our religious life. Well, some made it as the pastors you wanted, and I guess you know where we all stand in our religious believes. From pushing us into the then Madina central assembly, Ashalley Botwse, the Northern outreach ministry, Adumfa and the rest, thank you. Oh well some of us are still learning how to do the perfect Pentecost dance. We miss you. We really do. We have come to understand why you pushed us to never be comfortable in your achievements but to strive for our own. It has taken us time, but we now get it.

For education, well the black painted board in the house is a testimony of the journey, we promise to keep that board in the house.

Yaya made sure some of us can study in other countries. Your acceptance of life and its diversity just makes you who you are, and we are proud to be your children.

The morning prayers together controlled us; the Sunday school kept us in shape. Putting us into the shops and involving us in other businesses helped us to learn about money. Everything is just adding up.

We have had to mimic some of your jokes of which we are now not sure if some were jokes or real-life stories. From the Kawo kudi story, your transport journeys to Lome and Nigeria, the money matters. Well we promise to never let this memory run dry. You tell it well, you made us laugh and the lessons are kept in our hearts.

Yaya, Mary will be ok, Fifi will be well and we promise to take care of your wife. Your grandchildren shall tell of your journey, and your memory will never be forgotten.

sleep well Yaya.

Till we meet again.

# TRIBUTE

## TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDER SOLOMON ZUMARO FAMILY

*"Those who leave the scene of life feel not the pain of parting.  
The shock and pain are felt by those left behind."*

**H**is death was so sudden and shocking, it shook the very ground the family was standing on. We thought it to be one of your usual check up least did we know it was a parting moment.

The family is still in shock and asking why? How did it happen? But who can question God. The Good Book tells us that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways His ways, but then in everything we should give thanks; for this is His will for us in Christ Jesus.

Yahaya, as we affectionately called him, was a senior and matured elder who deserved all the respect due him. The late Elder Solomon whose mortal remains lies before us was a man of prayer. He always ensures all family gatherings start and end with prayer. Yahaya ensured and maintained that all family members secures a plot and build. To Him, a man without a house of his own is no man. We pray and hope that notwithstanding your passing, the cord of unity, love and togetherness that binds us will not be loosened but will rather be tightened.

Yahaya was a very caring man who was always ready to assist us in all situations. He was the rally point around which the family organized all its programmes such as weddings, parties, naming ceremonies, etc. and he will always avail his house for such occasions. His financial support, organizational skills and passion for detail and excellence will always be remembered. Yahaya displayed his "fatherly" qualities, as he would constantly call to enquire about our families' health and happiness even when his health wont permit him.

We will forever remember Yahaya for his kind heart and warmth.

We pray the Good Lord keep your gentle soul till we meet again.  
Indeed a mighty tree has fallen and uprooted, and a vacuum has been created.

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*Yahaya, a tsom tinga  
Onuborti n bin aa booo*



# TRIBUTE

BY THE  
CHURCH OF PENTECOST  
HAATSO WEST

For none of us a live to himself and none of us dies to himself. For if we live we live to the lord and if we die we die to the Lord. So whether we live, whether we die. We are the Lords, Romans 14 : 7 -8 . The ladder of death is for all men to climb but the way of climbing differs from person to person. And when your trumpet sounds you have no option but to climb.

It is this heavenly home call that Elder Solomon Zumaro answered when his trumpet blew on that faithful Tuesday 4th June, 2020. The leadership of the church received a call that our gallant soldier in the Lord, Elder Solomon Zumaro has not been in the best of health and so paid him a visit at the 37 Military Hospitals where we had a short interaction with him. Little did we know that it was going to end with us paying him a glowing tribute today.

Eld. Solomon Zumaro joined the Church of Pentecost Haatso District after Northern Outreach Ministry (NOM) was integrated into the main stream in the year 2014. Though he had gone on retirement yet remained very active during all church activities.

Nonetheless, Elder Solomon Zumaro's contribution towards the church in the Accra East, Madina District Northern Outreaches Ministry, Madina Area, Madina Northern Outreach Ministry

(NOM) and Haatso cannot be underestimated.

As a good standing Muslim who converted into the Christian faith in his formative years, earned him a lot of recognition and fame in both the Christian and the Islamic Community in the then Accra East Region providing the church an opportunity to use him for soul winning during crusades and rallies.

Elder Solomon is one of the pioneers of many established local assemblies including Madina and Haatso Northern Outreach Ministry (NOM) respectively. He was a man of many admirable qualities very humble calm, sociable generous, friendly, punctual and would always be seen smiling.

During church communal labour and a host of similar activities Eld. Solomon would not consider his age nor retirement status but would be seen playing actively in every role he deems fit. He would organize his whole family who were worshipping in the Madina District to join in any church activity in Haatso West where he worships.

# TRIBUTE

BY THE  
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HAATSO WEST

**E**ld. Solomon Zumaro played a very vital role in acquiring land and putting up the recently dedicated Haatso West church building. He dedicated his wealth and vehicle for all church errands with and beyond Accra discharging all duties with a gleeful heart and a humble smile.

As human beings we mourn you because we shall miss you dearly but as Christian we believe that though you are dead physically, you will surely rise again with Christ when the trumpet sounds.

We are however consoled by the fact that you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, and you have kept the faith. What is laid up for you is the crown of righteousness which the lord will award you.

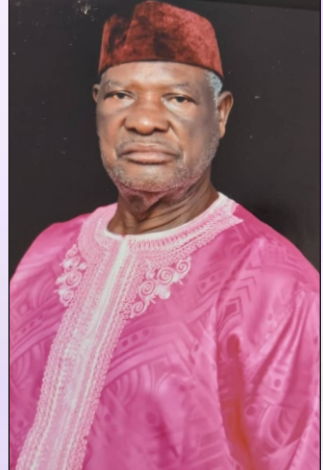
Elder Solomon (Older Soldier) may the good Lord grant you eternal rest.  
"UKPIL ADOON TIGNAAN"  
AMEN



# PHOTO GALLERY









# *Thank You*

*We lost a wonderful man who can never be replaced. During these past weeks following his passing, we have been blessed with the loving embrace of our family and friends. It is during these difficult times that we see how lucky we are to have been blessed with a loving family and wonderful friends. Thank you very much for all your sympathy, it is greatly appreciated.*

