



Obaa Panyin
Paulina
Torshie Adobea
ADDO
(NÉE ARBENSER) **1910-2021**

Transitions Funeral Home | 28th January 2021 at 11am prompt



Officiating Ministers

Rev. Ludwig Neils-Hesse

Rev. Mrs. Olga N.A. Amarteifio

Cat. Elsie Adjei-Mensah

Rev. Emmanuel Ansah

Rev. Benjamin Johnson

Part I

Laying in state

Music by the **Orthodox Chorale Group**

Viewing by the children

Viewing by family

Viewing by all

Viewing by the clergy

Closing of the Casket with close family

11. Hymn - PH: 551 (1-3)

12. Prayer of Thanksgiving

13. Christian Charity - Pres. Hannah Ashitey

14. Offertory - Music by the **Orthodox Chorale Group**

15. Dedication of Offertory

16. Announcements - Pres. Linda Young

17. Hymn - Ebenezer

18. Benediction - Rev. Ludwig Neils-Hesse

19. Hallelujah Chorus

20. Recessional Hymn - PH: 792

Burial Service

PCG Shalom Congregation

1. Scripture Sentences - Rev. Mrs. Olga Amarteifio

2. Hymn - PH: 549 (1-3)

3. Prayer

4. Hymn - PH: 304 (1-3)

5. Biography

6. Tributes

7. Hymn - PH: 789 (1-4) - Rev. Mrs. Olga Amarteifio

8. Scripture Reading - Psalm 90 - Pres. Linda Young

9. Hymn - PH: 791 (1-2)

10. Sermon/Creed - Rev. Ludwig Neils-Hesse

Part II

At the Graveside

20. Hymn - PH: 787 (1-2) - Rev. Mrs. Olga Amarteifio

21. Scripture Sentences:

22. Hymn - PH: 818 (1-2)

23. Prayer/Committals - Rev. Ludwig Neils-Hesse

24. Hymn (Ashienye/Ahsietse)

25. Vote of Thanks

26. Closing Hymn - PH: 833

27. Benediction



Biography

of the late
Paulina Torshie Adobebe Addo

Madam Paulina Adobebe Arbenser Addo also named Naa Torshie, has been a woman of great strength, character, courage, determination to succeed against all odds, as well as a loving and responsible mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Early Life

Paulina Adobebe Arbenser was born on 17th July, 1910 at Koforidua Nkrakai, in the Eastern Region of Ghana, West Africa. She was the only child of Madam Mercy Odeibebe, a Businesswoman from Adukrom in the Akuapim area of the Eastern Region of Ghana, and Mr. Toto Arbenser, a farmer from Osu Anorhor in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, and a member of the Arbenser clan of Osu. Paulina was baptized at the Adukrom Methodist Church at birth.

She began her schooling at Koforidua and continued at Adeisu, a nearby town. After her basic schooling, she took over her mother's business of sewing and fashion; she sewed clothes, sold shoes, cloths, perfumes and other fashion accessories.



Marriage and Business

In 1936, Paulina married Mr. Patrick Addo Tebri (deceased) at the Larteh Methodist Church in Ghana. She lived with her husband at Koforidua where Mr. Addo worked as an employee of the United Trading Company Ghana Ltd. (U.T.C.)

Later in 1941, when her husband resigned from U.T.C and joined the American Lines at Burma Camp in Accra, the couple settled at Osu Kinkawe in Accra. There in Osu, Madam Paulina continued her fashion and trading business and also added catering to her line of businesses. She worked very hard to support her family. The couple also lived in Jejeti as well as Begoro in the Eastern Region of Ghana for many years. Paulina finally moved back to Accra in 1970 and settled in Cantonments, where she lived until her demise.

Their marriage was blessed with nine children; Alex Addo (deceased), Frank Addo, Patrick Addo (deceased), Mark Addo, Mercy Yirenkyiwaa Addo, Frederick Addo, Sammy Addo, Elizabeth Addo and Emma Addo(deceased).

Life in the Church

Madam Paulina was born, baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church of Ghana and had been raised as a devout Christian. But during her stay in Begoro, there was no Methodist church but rather a Presbyterian Church. She therefore joined and worshiped with the Presbyterians and lived with her husband and children on the same compound with Papa Kwaku Safu who was then an elder of the Presbyterian Church in Christomu, Begoro.

Madam Paulina Adobeia Arbenser Addo became a faithful Presbyterian from then on till her last day. On her return to Accra in 1970, she joined the Osu Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

In 1975, the church was divided into sub churches and one of these was the Osu North Presbyterian Church where Paulina decided to worship, as it was closer to her house. Paulina was one of the first ushers in the Osu North Presbyterian Church and was also part of the Women's Fellowship and Patron to other younger church groups. In her later years, when she could no longer join the physical services of the church, the Presbytery would kindly visit her at home and serve her with the Holy Communion. She has indeed fought the good fight of the Christian faith.

A Loyal Friend

Maame Paulina was kind and friendly, and she had good friends from all walks of life whom she received with great affection, when they paid her visits in her home over the years.

Even in her very old age, she will recount and tell her grandchildren about the great friendship and relationships she had in life. She called every stranger 'PauPau Adamfo'.



Later Years and Death

Pau Pau was blessed with a very long and fulfilling life until she passed away peacefully at the Police Hospital, Accra, on 10th of January 2021, at a great old age of 111 years. She can say with King David the Psalmist;

'And he died in a good old age, full of days and honour'.

1 Chronicles 29:28

Madam Paulina is survived by six of her children, 38 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

May the God Almighty, whose you were and whom you served, keep you in his bossom.

Da yie Obaapa,
Pau Pau Da yie...

**Maame Adobeia, Naa Torshie,
yaa wɔ bleooo...**

Our Tribute to Our Beloved Mother from your dear Children

*Very few mothers can be
compared to you,
OUR DEAR MAMA.*

Your strength, your God-fearing character with which you brought us up, and your great determination to ensure that we your children succeed in life – against all odds, – was unparalleled!

We remember your great Wisdom, your Godly advice and encouragement you gave to us in difficult times, – which pulled us through and helped us to land on our feet again and again, – and steered us on to succeed in life.

We remember your meticulous care and nurture of us, as infants. As a mother, you were always there at every stage of our lives, even into adulthood, when we had our own children and families!

Mama, you were the one we could all individually and collectively, confide in – and we looked up to you for guidance at all times. – -No problem was too big or too small for your attention!

We also remember your discipline of extra cleanliness, – and as children, growing up, our home was extremely clean!. Everyday was a day of “Spring Cleaning” in our home – -and to this day, we still keeping your “extra high standard” of cleanliness which we have passed on to our children – and hopefully, they will also pass on this good discipline to their children too.....

Above all, we remember your great sacrifices and self-less love for us your children, as we were growing up.

Although your passing has left a big hole of sorrow in our hearts, – we your children know that the befitting thing to do for you

today, is to come to god with a heart of thanksgiving, – and thank god for blessing us with such a wonderful, warm and loving mother, as you!

Therefore, we celebrate your long life and your ever-joyful character – as we seek comfort in the bible, which is the word of god, – and which best describes you, sums up and celebrate the kind of woman and mother you were to us – the “virtuous woman” – in the book of proverbs chapter 31 verses 10-31 as follows:

The Virtues of Noble Woman....

10. *Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her worth is far above rubies.*

11. *The heart of her husband safely
trusts her; So he will have no lack of
gain.*

12. *She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.*

13. *She seeks wool and flax,
and willingly works with her hands.*

14. *She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.*

15. *She also rises while it is yet
night, and provides food for her
household, and a portion for her
maidservants.*

16. *She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a
vineyard.*

17. *She girds herself with strength,
and strengthens her arms.*

18. *She perceives that her
merchandise is good, and her lamp
does not go out by night.*

19. *She stretches out her hands to
the distaff, and her hand holds the
spindle.*

20. *She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the
needy.*

21. *She is not afraid of snow for her
household, for all her household is
clothed with scarlet.*

22. *She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.*

23. *Her husband is known in the
gates, When he sits among the elders
of the land.*

24. *She makes linen garments and
sells them, and supplies sashes for
the merchants.*

25. *Strength and honor are her
clothing; She shall rejoice in time to
come.*

26. *She opens her mouth with
wisdom, and on her tongue is the*

law of kindness.

27. *She watches over the ways of her
household, and does not eat the bread
of idleness.*

28. *Her children rise up and call her
blessed; her husband also, and he
praises her:*

29. *“Many daughters have done well,
but you excell them all.”*

30. *Charm is deceitful and beauty is
passing, But a woman who fears the
lord, she shall be praised.*

31. *Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her own works praise her in
the gates.*

We LOVE you MAMA.
REST IN PEACE
DEAREST MAMA,
till we meet again in heaven.



Our Tribute to
OUR DEAREST NANA
from your dear
GRANDCHILDREN

Nana, your gentle hands, your loving eyes, your thoughtfulness, your reassuring words of love and kindness, have steadily helped to shape us from our infancy, to become well-rounded and responsible adults.

You were present when we were born, and you were there when we took our first steps as infants. You took extra care of us and you fed us with nourishing and DELICIOUS food!

We remember how you lovingly prepared us for school and how you steadily held our hands throughout our years in primary school, secondary school and even university!

We miss your welcoming presence, your ever-listening ear and your soft smiles with which you always calmed us down, and how you assured us that “all is well” – when we were anxious about something, and together,

you took steps with us and fixed our petty childish problems, – and made us beam with smiles again and again!.

Nana, though you have left us suddenly, we your Grandchildren know that your absence is only temporary, – because you brought us up to believe and trust in the Almighty God, through His Son Jesus Christ, – as you held our little hands to church, Sunday after Sunday, – as you taught us to put our hope and trust in God and in His provision of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, – when our time on earth is done.

That is why, dearest Nana, we know and believe that your departure is not a final goodbye. We know that we will see you again in heaven.

Therefore, although today, our hearts are heavy with sorrow,

because we miss you so so much, ... we are also GRATEFUL to Almighty God for your LONG LIFE and for giving you to us, – to be OUR GRANDMOTHER, as a gift of HIS LOVE to us.

Therefore, we CELEBRATE YOUR WELL-LIVED LIFE with THANKSGIVING TO GOD – for the honour and GREAT PRIVILEGE of knowing you personally, and having you as our BELOVED GRANDMA!.

May your BEAUTIFUL SOUL rest in PERFECT PEACE, Dearest Nana until we all meet again in heaven!

**NANA ADOBEA,
WE LOVE YOU!
We miss you “Pau Pau”!**

Some of her Grandchildren





Special Tribute by Granddaughter Paulina Okai

Maame Arbenser, I send you this greeting knowing you cannot physically respond with “baako Ꞗꞑ” as you used to; indeed, a golden heart has stopped beating.

Paupau, as you were affectionately called, from the day I was born until you took your last breath, You played a major role in everything I did.

I remember my childhood days, when I was naughty and had to be punished, She was my hiding place. I would run to her and she would always protect me from my mother’s wrath only to punish me in private. I was never seen being punished by Paupau in public which made everyone believe that all she did was pamper me. Little did they know about her favorite punishment; cleaning and scrubbing. Paupau was an extremely neat lady and as such, whenever she punished me, it always ended with something being sparkling clean and shiny.

I have fond memories of the times I enjoyed delicious meals she cooked when I returned home on vacation during my secondary school days. She would lay a table fit for a king for my friends and I. We always looked forward to this feast. Paupau taught me her secret recipes and her amazing culinary skills. She was one of the best cooks, if not the best. The old, they say, are the precious gem in the center of the household and Paupau satisfactorily served that purpose.

I take pride in being a responsible adult partly because of her training.

After losing my mother, Paupau was no longer just my grandmother. She took on the additional roles of being my mother, sister and my best friend and executed them exceptionally. She was always looking out for my best interest, always interceding on my behalf. What mattered to me, mattered to her; when I was sad, she was sad; when I was happy, she was happy and when I was wrong, she was always quick to point it out and correct me.

As per her loving nature, Paupau opened her heart and home to everyone. Anyone who met her, immediately fell in love with her. My friends would refer to her as their grandmother and she gladly and happily embraced them as her grandchildren. From giving nicknames to some to having special songs and dance routines with others, Paupau was always a joy to be with. With her infectious smile, she would tell us stories or just sit quietly by our side.

Paupau taught me to be kind, respectful, thoughtful and hardworking but the biggest lesson she taught me was to know and love the Lord. When I was younger, every evening before bed, we would sit on the floor for

bible study. She would read either the Twi or Ga Bible and I would read my English Bible. We would discuss the passage and she would encourage me to pray. “*ɛyɛ nkɔmɔ, wu ni nyame mbɔ nkɔmɔ*” was what she would always say. She taught me to always talk to God about any and everything. Paupau did not only teach me to love the Lord, she lived it out daily; she was my example.

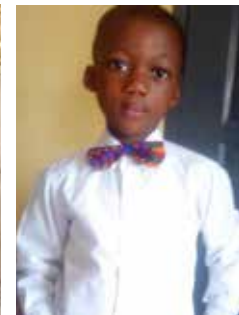
Paupau, I will miss walking into your room to hear you say “mama oo” with your arms wide open ready to give me a hug and a kiss. I’ll miss your smiles, I’ll miss your laughter, I’ll miss sharing meals with you and I’ll miss you holding my hands. If ever I am given the opportunity to choose my grandmother, I would choose you over and over again. You were truly an amazing grandmother.

Maame Arbenser, you fought a good fight and you finished the race and knowing how strong your faith in the Lord was, I take comfort in believing that you are finally with your Father, so until we meet again, though you may be gone, I will forever have you in my heart.

*My dear, Da yie
Maa Arbenser, rest in peace
Paupau, rest in perfect peace*



*Some of her
Great Grandchildren*











Tribute by *Shalom Congregation, Osu*

The path of the righteous is level, O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you, your name and renown are the desire of our hearts (Isaiah 26: 7-8.)

We thank the Lord for the life of Mrs. Paulina Abenser whose mortal remains will take a rest from this sinful world.

Mrs. Paulina Abenser a strong member of this congregation, ie Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Shalom Congregation (formerly Osu North Congregation). She was one of the founding members.

She was among those elderly women who the Osu Ebenezer Congregation selected to form the Management Committee to oversee the newly formed Congregation. She was nominated strategically because her house to the Church is just walking distance, she held this position for 4 good years.

She played her role as expected of her. She offered herself as Usher and a leader of the ushers. She helped the Church Choir and the Children Service as she could and also a

member of the Harvest Committee for some many years. She also helped in the formation of the Women Fellowship.

We can confidently say that she is a very hardworking servant in the Lord Vine yard. She did not hesitate when the Young People's Guild was formed and was contacted to be their patron and a strong member of the Bible Study and prayer Group.

The late Madam Paulina was very instrumental as she and others in this congregation worked



assiduously to help in the formation and growth of the congregation. She was part of those who would ensure that the Prison Officers Canteen where the congregation started worshipping in 1975 was kept very clean for Sunday Service. She also won Moderatorial Award during the Church's 10th Anniversary which was held in 1985.

She continued contributing her quota until she was 90 years and became very weak when she could not attend Church Service any long. After that the Church also visit her regularly. The late visit to her by the Church was just on the 6th January 2021 where she was administered with the Holy Communion.

We can confidently say that "you have fought the good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith, there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give you at the day which shall also be given to all other believers who will follow God's steps. You have created a vacuum.

Our friend and member, our colleague in the Lords vineyard, rest in the everlasting hands of the Lord Jesus Christ.

REST IN PERFECT PEACE
Yaa wə odjoban

Tribute from the Shalom Womens Fellowship

Our Sister lying before us motionless was a member of the above group in the Church. She was popularly called Mama Arbenser. Mama joined the Fellowship several years ago and took active part in activities of the group. She was a very quiet, reserved but collective person.

She was really a lady of the time. She had a very sweet smile when you greeted her and She would want to know how everyone was faring especially when you are very cordial with her. She hardly talked, but corresponded well with gestures when she agrees or disagrees with a discussion on the floor. She was also an extremely neat person.

Mama during her active years made sure she paid her dues or any other contributions in advance, even when she aged and became weak, she wanted to give something to praise her maker. For several years now Mama Arbenser couldn't make it to Church nor fellowship. Members constantly visited, encouraged, worshiped with her and gave her tokens.

She was once again visited on the 14th of December, 2020 as usual and did not show any sign of going back to her maker but alas we were shocked about the news of her demise. We know and believe Mama Paulina Arbenser had fought a good fight through these long years she has spent on earth, we pray the good Lord find a very restful place for Mama.

Mama Demrifa due.

Kpo, oke nyiamọ jro.

We your members would like to sing your favorite Presby hymn No. 553.

O Nuntsọ kaaa ha etomi.

Amen.



Hymns

PH 549

1.
Meyɛ Yesu guammaa nti,
ɛma m'ani wie gye;
na saa Hwɛfo a mewɔ yi,
onim senea obɛyɛn me;
ɔɔɔ me, ɔɔ me din,
frɛ me sɛ memmra ne nkyɛn.

2.
Yesu hwɛ me wɔ me fi,
na ɔma mifi adi;
nanso daa ɔma ne nguammaa a
wodi n'akyi aduan pa.
na sɛ osukɔm de m' a,
ɔkyɛrɛ me n'abura.

3.
Enti m'ani begye daa
sɛ wayɛ me n'aguammaa.
Nanso nna pa yi akyi no,
ɔbɛma ne s'ro abɔfo
abɛfa me afi ha
akɔntena ne nkyɛn hɔ daa.

PH 304

1.
Soro ahengua anim hɔ
nnipa pii no, wofi he?
Wɔn dodow no, obi nkan po,
na wogyina hɔ fɛfɛ.
Abot'ri bobɔ wɔn ti,
wɔto Nyame ayeyi.

2.
! hɛfo na wokura berɛw
te sɛ kunimdifo yi?
Wɔama atamfo no aguan,
na wɔawie wɔn ko no.
ɔko pa awiei sɛɛ
na nkonimdi pa bi wɔ

3.
Wɔn a wɔhyehyɛ wɔn ntade
fitaa yuu yɛ henanom?
Wɔn a wɔn anim hyɛrɛn yi,
wɔn dodow fi hena k'rom?
Osa ne akodi bɛn
na ama wɔadi nkonim?

PH 789

1.
Ohwɛfo wui dua ho
n' ɔde ayi yɛn bɔne:
enti sɛ ne nguan wu a,
na wobu wɔn sɛ wɔada.

2.
Wɔnkɔ sɛ mumɔyɛfo
wonsuro weredifo;
wote sɛ akofo a
wɔawie ko, na wɔada.

3.
Daa afobu no nhaw wɔn,
wɔkɔ wɔn fam ha piam
sɛ wɔkɔhome, ansa
na Yesu abenyan wɔn.

4.
Wɔn honam da wupa so
te sɛ wɔn homebea,
wɔto nko da sɛ mmofra,
ahometew nni wɔn mu.

PH 551

1.
Yesu, wo nkyɛn na metena daa;
daa na mesom wo nkutoo!
Ade biara rempam me,
mɛfa wo kwan pa no so.
Wone me nkwa mu nkwa pa no,
me kra mu anuonyam;
senea bobɛ ma ne baã nkwa,
sɛ wayɛ ma me nso nen.

2.
Hena na ɔyɛ me yiye
sen wo a wodom me daa?
Dom nnɛpa bebɛrɛ wɔ wo mu
ma me a midi hia.
Hena na ɔma me werɛ
kyekye sen wo, me Wura a
wode s'ro ne asase so
tumi nyinaa ahyɛ wo nsa?

3.
! he na mehu saa Wura a
wayɛ nea Yesu yɛɛ?
Ode ne mogya atɔ me
wɔ owu ne bɔne mu.
Mɛnyɛ nea ɔde ne nkwa
ama wu no de anaa?
So minnsua mennkyɛrɛ no
sɛ medi n'akyi ara?

PH 791

1.
Ohho ne mamfrani
na meye wɔ fam ha.
M'asase mmen ha baabi,
minni fi pa wɔ ha.
Ohaw, ɔbre, amane
na yede tu ha kwan;
n'asoro hɔ na Nyame
bema mahome sann.

2.
So mamfi me mmofraase
manhya haw ne bre,
ahoguan ne amane,
ɔko ne ɔpere?
Mannya nea me kɔn dɔ,
m'ani anwie gye;
enti mema m'anan so
na mentena ha menkye

PH 833

1.
Se wiase nneema twam,
na ogya hyew asase,
na nsoromma tutu gu fam,
na mmpɔw ne po fra a,
ɛnde he na wɔbɛfa,
na worenhu hɔ ɔsɛe?
na worenhu hɔ ɔsɛe?

2.
Nanso bepɔw bi tim hɔ daa;
n'atifi korɔn yiye.
Sion, nea soro Hene
akyekye no, begyina.
Bra wo Hene nkya nne yi,
na wahu wo ɛda no
na wahu wo ɛda no.

PH 792

1.
Ma menkɔ, ma menkɔ,
menkɔhwɛ m'agyenkwa no,
Anigyina hyɛ me kra ma,
mepe makohu m'Agyenkwa
magyina n'ahengua nim
na mafra ɔsorofom

2.
Me Hann pa, me Hann pa,
omununkum mu Wia!
Da ben na medu wo nkyen a,
me ne gyidifo nyinaa ra
beba abehwɛ wo daa,
na yɛahu wo hann koraa?

3.
Den dwom pa a eye de sɛɛ,
n' ɔs'ro abɔfo to yi?
Minya ɔk'repon ntaban a,
anka nne metu mafi ha
makodu wɔ k'row mu hɔ
wɔ Ɔsoro Sion so.

Ebenezer

Ampa ara Nyankopon N'adom ara kwa
Na nne yedaso te ase;
Se ɔbra nom' kɔ, ne bae ye den den ara a
Wayi yen nyinaa mu sɔnn.
Dwuma pa biara a yedi,
efi Nyame no mmoam;
Enti, yebeto Ebenezer ak'yɛ se
nea Nyame aboa y'abedu nen.

Nnyeso:

Ebenezer nea Nyame aboa y'abedu nen
Ebenezer yiw Nyame N'adom ara kwa

PH 787

1.
Gyidifo tenabea pa
wɔ nea wɔn Agyenkwa a
wɔn ani da no so wɔ;
wɔn fi pa wɔ soro hɔ.

2.
Oyi kɔ, na oyi kɔ
kɔhyen soro man mu hɔ;
wommisa yen ansa sɛ
wɔkɔ a, eye ana?

PH 818

1.
Momma yensie nipadua
na yennye ho akyinnye bi,
sɛ da a edi akyiri no,
ɛbesɛre, enwu bio.

2.
Aye dote, n'efi dɔtem;
dote mu n'ebesan akɔ.
Dɔtem ara na ebefi
wɔ t'robento
ngyigyei no mu.



Appreciation

The entire family of
PAULINA TORSHIE ADOBEA ADDO
(NÉE ARBENSER)
wish to express our sincere gratitude
to you for your prayers and support
God Richly Bless You.