

TRANSITION



Madam  
**HANNAH**  
**A M P A H**



# COMBINED FUNERAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For the Late **Hannah Ampah**

Venue: Transitions Funeral Home, Haatso

Date: 9th May, 2025 Time: 6:30am – 9:30am

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**1. Processional Hymn:**

**Abide With Me**

*(Family and body of the departed brought in)*

**2. Opening Prayer**

Led by: **Rev. Akrofi Sanakey**

*Commit the service, family and gathering into God's hands.*

**3. Filling Pass**

**4. Praise & Worship**

*Spirit-filled session led by the Praise Team to lift hearts toward God*

*Song examples: "Oyame Tanti", "Waye nua ye", "We lift your Name on High"*

**5. Closing of coffin**

**6. Biography Reading**

*Read by Family Representative*

**7. Special Song / Choir Ministration**

*It is Well with My Soul*

**8. Bible Reading / Sermon**

*By Rev. George Appiah*

**9. Prayer for the Bereaved Family**

*Led by Rev. Arthur Yamoah*

**10. Offertory**

**11. Vote of thanks / Announcement**

**12. Closing Prayer**

*Rev. George Appiah*

**13. Closing Hymn**

*Guide me o, thou great Jehovah*

**14. Benediction**

*By Rev. George Appiah*

*Dead March in Saul by organist*

**15. Recessional Hymn**

*God be with you till we meet again*

## PART II

**1. Graveside Service – Private Event**

**2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Akrofi Sanakey**

**3. Hymn**

**4. Prayer of Committal – Rev. Arthur Yamoah**

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**6. Invitation of Family to sprinkle Dust**

**7. Vote of Thanks – Family Member**

**8. Closing Prayer – Rev. Akrofi Sanakey**



# Biography

## Madam Hannah Ampah

Throughout the ages, history has remembered the moments when the brave stood their ground – not because they sought victory, but because the bond they held was greater than the fear they faced. At Thermopylae in ancient Greece, King Leonidas and his 300 Spartan warriors faced the mighty Persian Empire. Outnumbered, overwhelmed – yet they stood. They stood for honour, for family, for legacy.

At Gettysburg, in the great American Civil War, the 1st Minnesota Regiment – Soldiers of the Union Army (United States) – charged forward against impossible odds. They knew they would not all return, but they also knew that their sacrifice would hold the line for generations yet unborn.

At Rorke's Drift, during the Anglo-Zulu War in South Africa, a handful of British soldiers faced thousands of Zulu warriors. Yet they stood their ground, guarding what was precious, proving that courage is not counted by numbers, but by the heart that beats within. Today, I find myself standing in that same sacred place – not on a battlefield of sword and gun – but in the quiet arena of family and memory.

I stand as the last sibling, yes – but more than that, I stand as the last living voice of our maternal line.

I stand here, not because I am strong, but because the bond of blood and love compels me. Like those brave souls of history, I cannot walk away.

I stand as the last sibling. The final witness to the life, the love, and the laughter we once shared with our dear sister, Hannah Ampah.

I am here to say, "I was blessed to be her sibling. I saw her light. I felt her love. I witnessed her faith.

In our Akan tradition, the abusua – the mother's blood – is sacred. It is our root, our covering, and our first inheritance.

Today, that line narrows through me. As an Aboradze from Abura Oboka, I do not just speak as one mourning a sister.





I speak as the one left to guard the memory, the virtue, and the name of our mother's children.  
It is a mantle I wear with sorrow, but also with honour.

### **Early Life and Family Background**

Born on 6th October, 1944 in Accra, Hannah Djabenma Ampah was a proud daughter of Mr. Kojo Obeng Ampah and Madam Lydia Ampah (nee Okailey Abia Okaijah). From childhood, she exhibited wisdom beyond her years, molded by the proverbs and traditions of the Fante people. Indeed, she was the pride of the family.

### **Education**

She began her early education at Abossey – Okai Methodist Primary, where she was known for her brilliance and respectfulness. She continued to Kaneshie Methodist Girls School, where she excelled academically. She completed her middle level education at Prestea where she joined her cousin, Elizabeth Gorman and Mark. She attended Peki Secondary School in the Volta Region.

### **Work Life**

After school, she started work at the Accra Post Office. She was later transferred to Kaneshie Post Office. In those days she, as part of her duties, was in charge of sending telegrams by “Morse Code”. Those who know those days remember the difficulties you have to go through before you send just one message. Now you can sit at home and send your message to any place on the globe. She retired voluntarily from her position as Assistance Post Master. Later she relocated to Milan in Italy for greener pastures. Auntie Hannah connected easily with the persons she worked for. She established lasting relationships and was dearly remembered even after she left Italy and returned to Ghana. One Mrs. Viela readily comes to mind, as she kept the relationship between them very active until Auntie Hanna's demise.

### **Religious Life**

Above all, Auntie Hannah was a woman of deep faith and a devoted Christian. During her youthful days, she, was a member of the Methodist Church, Ghana. Those of her compatriots sitting here with us will surely remember her in-front of the march through Abossey Okai during the Annual Easter Monday Celebration. She held the flag of the Church and did unimaginable tricks to the admiration of the crowds that gather to watch the march. Later in life she joined the International Family Church located near home in Ayikuma, Dodowa. Her Bible was her daily companion, worn from years of prayer and study. She was a true servant of God, loved and respected by the entire congregation.

### **Home Keeping and Family Love**

She was the glue that held the family together. Her home was filled with love and warmth. She raised her five biological children Inez, Sister, Babe, Sweetie and Egya and other members of her extended family with wisdom, discipline and love, becoming a role model for generations after her. Her house keeping was on point. You don't mess with her bed, bathroom and kitchen. She enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting, and gardening which she kept doing until last August when she fell seriously sick. Our sister was a social soul, known for her love for the family, community and traditions. She was a natural peacemaker. Trusted by all to resolve disputes. As our elders say “Obaa a ɔwa nyansa betwum waatim abusua mu”. She is survived by her four living offspring, eight grandchildren and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

### **Final Journey**

On Sunday March 16th, 2025, the ancestors called her home. The family and friends continue to mourn the loss of a great woman. Indeed, it is the one left behind who feels the weight of the loss. But today, I stand-not out of pride, but out of duty and love – to honour her and thank all of you for walking this road with us.

### **Conclusion**

Rest well, our beloved sister, Auntie Hannah.  
Rest in the bosom of the Lord. Rest until we meet again.  
Nante yie, Nante yie  
Wo din betena ho daa  
Amen.

# PHOTO GALLERY











# Appreciation

the entire family of the late

**Madam  
Hannah Ampah**

wish to express their heartfelt gratitude and  
appreciation to all who mourned with  
them during their time of bereavement  
your support, thoughts, prayers  
and words of sympathy  
will always be remembered.

.....**God richly bless you.....**