

BURIAL AND
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

MR. BENJAMIN KOFI
KWETEY

1940-2024

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AGED: 84

THERE WILL BE NO WAKE-KEEPING

PRE BURIAL, BURIAL & FINAL FUNERAL RITES:

Friday, 18th October, 2024 at Transitions - Haatso Accra.

TIME: 10:00AM

INTERMENT: PRIVATE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Sunday, 20th October, 2024

At Action Chapel Judea Cathedral, Keep Fit Down-Dansoman - 08:00 AM

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS - MR. BENJAMIN KOFI KWETEY



ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING MINISTERS:

Bishop Koffy Oko-Adjei
Bishop Nii Quaofio
Bishop Sammy Opere - Lokko
Rev Alex Lloyd Kwashie
Rev Sebastian Duncan
Rev Faustine Amegah
Rev Samuel Mingle
Rev Emmanuel Ghunney
Rev Godfrey Kotey

PART I

PRE-BURIAL SERVICE

Opening Sentences and Prayer
Hymns
Filing Past / Songs
Tributes
Song
Scripture Reading John 14:1-14
Prayer and Closing of Casket
Hymn..... 'When peace like a river'

PART II

BURIAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Prayer
Praise & Worship
Hymn 'Captain of Israel Host'
Biography
Tributes
Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-23
Hymn 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds'
Sermon
Prayer for the Family
Offertory
Vote of thanks Family member
Announcements
Prayer & Benediction
Recessional Hymn.... 'God be with you till we meet again'

PART III

AT THE GRAVESIDE

Prayer
Hymn 'Guide me O thou great'
Committal
Laying of Wreaths
Prayer & Benediction

BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE

MR. BENJAMIN KOFI KWETEY

Mr. Benjamin Kofi Kwetey affectionately called Owura B.K was born in Ayikuma in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana on the 18th August, 1940 to Mr. Frederick Kwetey- Quaynor, a trained teacher and Madam Rosina Badjo Nartey, a trader both natives of Old Ningo and of blessed memory. He was the third (3rd) among Seven (7) siblings. Two of these, Solomon and Cecilia are deceased. He was baptized and confirmed as a Presbyterian.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION

His educational journey at the elementary stage began in September, 1945 at the Ayikuma LA Primary School after which he continued to Osu Presbyterian Primary as a result of the transfer of his father to Accra.

Per his parents' arrangements, he moved to Takoradi to stay with his maternal uncle, the Late W G. Nartey, a businessman and the Managing Director of Modern Ghana Builders. Benjamin had to continue his education at the Takoradi Presby Boys School. He eventually completed his middle school education at the Jamestown Methodist Middle School as a result of the relocation of his uncle to Accra.

He sat for the Common Entrance Examination, passed and gained admission to Okuapeman Secondary School in 1956. He obtained his Ordinary Level (O' level) and Advance Level (A' level) in 1961 and 1963 respectively with excellent results.

Mr. W G. Nartey recognizing his academic potentials sought opportunities for him to further his education abroad. He gained admission to Liverpool Technical University and then to John Moore University - Liverpool to study Quantity Surveying and Civil Engineering and eventually earning a Master's Degree which qualified him as Chartered Quantity Surveyor.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Upon completion of his First degree, he gained employment at William Townson & Sons, a construction firm in Liverpool whilst pursuing his Master's Degree. He returned to Ghana in 1973 after completing his Master's Degree.

He joined his uncle's company, Modern Ghana Builders as a Project Manager in 1973 until activities

of the company slowed down. His career path showed a clear progression from education to employment and eventually to Entrepreneurship. His Uncle's guidance and support played a significant role in his decision to start his own firm, Associated Cost Consultancy (ASCON). ASCON achieved notable success in Ghana's construction industry.

NOTABLE PROJECTS IN NIGERIA

He partnered with SWACON, a building and Civil engineering consulting firm in Nigeria to build universities in all the states in Nigeria serving as the Project Manager and Chief Quantity Surveyor. He successfully executed the project within five (5) years and returned to Ghana to continue his private Consultancy at ASCON.



His expertise and leadership in managing large-scale projects as well as his ability to work collaboratively with other firms and completing the project within five (5) years is a testament to his efficiency and effectiveness as a Project Manager. His experience in Nigeria broadened his professional network and enhanced his reputation in the industry, ultimately benefitting his consultancy firm ASCON in Ghana.

SUCCESS WITH ASCON

Benjamin's work attributes enabled ASCON to secure and successfully execute various high profile projects in Ghana including the construction of the GNAT Hall, Labadi Beach Hotel among others. He demonstrated the ability to collaborate with other companies to deliver results during his tenure as Head of Quantity Surveying and Consultant for Regimanuel Grey Limited, a position he held until his retirement in the year 2000. This marked the culmination of a distinguished career in Quantity Surveying and Consultancy.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

During his working days at William Townson & Co in Liverpool in the United Kingdom, he met his beautiful wife, Mercy. They fell in love and got married in 1969 at the Wellington Avenue Methodist Church. They were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Joanne in 1970. Ben and Mercy returned from the United Kingdom to settle in Ghana, and were further blessed with four (4) additional beautiful girls, Marian (deceased), Yvonne, Stella and Bernice. They continued their Christian life at the Action Chapel.

AFTER RETIREMENT

He devoted himself to supporting his wife Mercy, in caring for their children and grandchildren, taking active interest in their studies and well-being, effortlessly excelling as a Dad, Granddad and Husband.

For the past Twenty-four (24) years he split his time between the USA and Ghana, visiting and spending quality time with his grandchildren. He shared fifty-five (55) incredible years of marriage with his loving wife Mercy. His love and dedication to his family were unwavering until his ill-health and untimely passing on the 4th of August, 2024 at the Bank Hospital, Accra.

He was a man of few words, with a gentle nature and compassionate heart, an attentive listener, slow to anger and always greeted others with a warm and gentle smile. His calm and welcoming demeanor

made him a loved figure to all who knew him. He cherished his grandchildren, sons-in-law, extended family and loved ones, who will continue to carrying on his legacy and celebrate his memory. We shall miss you dearly.

*Brother, Daddy, Uncle, Grandpa,
Rest in Perfect Peace,
Rest Well in the Bosom of the Lord,
Mo ya ba. Yaawo Saminya.*



TRIBUTE BY
SPOUSE

*The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart: devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.
isaiah 57:1-2*

How do i describe our 55 year journey in a day.....
Words fail me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I met my dear husband Benjamin Kofi Kwetey who I affectionately called "Owura BK" in August 1964. We began our lives together as husband and wife on August 16, 1969 at the Wellington Avenue Methodist Church in Liverpool after we met and developed a beautiful relationship as young students. By the good grace of God we were blessed with five wonderful daughters, who filled our home with joy, laughter, and countless blessings.

"Owura BK" was not just a husband; he was a pillar of strength - hardworking, gentle, humble, and filled with kindness. His love for me and his children was boundless, and he did everything in his power to ensure the girls had the best opportunities in life, nurturing them into the confident and accomplished women they are today.

I will miss all the fun we had together traveling to visit our children and their families, developing those wonderful relationships with our grandchildren and above all being lifelong companions to each other. Throughout your trying times when you were ill, not once did you complain about life. This exemplified the good spirit you were and how much patience and endurance you had. I remember how you longed to return home from the hospital and how we eagerly planned the warm and comforting meals you craved. I was so ready to have you back in my arms, but God in His wisdom had other plans.

Your calm presence, patience, quiet strength and steady hands were the things that made you the captain of our ship and the one who guided us through life's storms. The weight of your absence will be deeply felt within the heart of our family. The void you have created can never be filled, but we believe we have found solace in knowing that God's love for you surpasses ours and more so comforted by the fact that you fully accomplished your life goals and are in a better place resting peacefully in the bosom

of the Lord.

May the Almighty God grant you an eternal and peaceful rest.

Sleep well, my husband and best friend Owura BK.

Yaawor saminya!



TRIBUTE BY
CHILDREN

When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul'

A tribute to our dad from your daughters...

Dearest Daddy.... you were the 'world's best dad 'any girl could ever ask for. Your unconditional love and dedication to us was evident in every aspect of our lives.

Your passing has created a deep void in our hearts, one that nobody can ever fill. We miss you terribly, but we find solace in knowing that you are in a better place resting in the Lord's bosom. As we mourn your transition into this new phase of your journey, we have chosen to focus on the fact that you lived a full life, a life worthy of emulation. To say you were a good man would be an understatement. You were an extraordinary man who acted like an ordinary man. You were an amazing dad, husband, uncle and grandfather. There are no words to express your influence on our lives and that of others around you. You were always willing to help, give advice and provide encouragement to all. We could always come to you for help, with a guarantee that we would gain a new perspective on something and life advice that always made us better people - but that's who you were, a compassionate honest person, who taught us to always learn something new and always aim to be better versions of ourselves.

Throughout our childhood, some of our fondest memories were the trips we took together as a family and all the stories you would tell us about the extremely cold nights you and mum endured in Liverpool as students.

During our secondary school days, we always looked forward to you and Mum visiting us at Holy Child, Ghana National and Mfanstiman. Those days were very exciting for us because we knew you would always ensure that you drove to each of our schools with a trunk full of our favorite 'goodies 'and most importantly a delicious home cooked meal aka (home cho) cooked by mum.

Your humor was infectious, and we always looked forward to hearing one more joke from you. You would always end a story with a life's lesson that meant volumes. As your daughters, our only hope is

to live our lives in a way that honors you, to make you proud and to carry forward the legacy of love, strength and integrity you bestowed on us.

To our amazing dad and hero we want to say thank you for being there every step of the way. Thank you for your guidance, your support and unwavering love. We can never put into words how much you mean to us, but we hope this tribute comes close. Rest well dad. We love you so much.

DADDY YAAWOR SAMINYA!!!!







TRIBUTE BY
GRAND CHILDREN

We never imagined standing here on this very day, reading this to you dear Grandpa. Who would have thought that a beautiful soul would have left us so soon. Today, we gather to celebrate the life of our grandfather, a truly extraordinary man whose spirit touched everyone he encountered. Your personality was a beautiful blend of warmth and wisdom. With a twinkle in your eye and a smile that could light up the darkest days, you had a unique ability to make everyone feel special and appreciated.

Grandpa you were not just a grandfather to us but a teacher and a mentor. You taught us the importance of resilience and how to face challenges with courage and grace. As we remember you today, we also honour the legacy you left behind. You taught us to be compassionate, to give selflessly and to approach life with curiosity and joy. Though you may no longer be with us in body, your spirit lives on in our hearts and the lessons you imparted. We will carry forward these values, ensuring that kindness and love remain at the forefront of our lives.

In every moment we share, in every story we tell and in every act of kindness we perform, we keep your memory alive. We are grateful for the time we had with you and the countless ways you enriched our lives. Today, we celebrate a life well-lived, a life that will continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate our own journeys.

Thank you Grandpa, for everything. You may be gone but your legacy will forever remain a part of who we are. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Rest well Grandpa...The good Lord keep you safe in his bosom!!!



TRIBUTE BY
IN-LAWS

A life so honorably lived, a race so elegantly run. Grandpa, you left us all with a legacy for the ages. Through all the changing scenes of life, you demonstrated the humbleness and hospitality that has become the hallmark of this family. In you we all found the peaceful, loving and honest father-in-law who was always willing to help and make us comfortable. From the initial unfettered access to your home and family, through personally executing numerous projects for us your sons in law, our families and endless friends, you created an atmosphere that was welcoming to all. Your sense of humor and ability to engage everyone in conversation on any topics made you an "easy to approach" person.



We will all miss the regular checkups on your grandchildren's progress and plans in life, your usual words of encouragement and advice to us and most notably your keen interest in sports and political affairs. Thank you for sharing your journey through life with us and for allowing us to be part of this family. Thank you for being part of our rewarding marriages. In return, we also promise to continue being actively involved with the family and be ever present for grandma, the girls and all the grandchildren.



Although there may not be cellular coverage from MTN, Vodafone or Tigo, no broadcast from your favorite Peace FM, we know you still have your phone, and you will be able to subscribe to the Heaven Global Roaming Services and also experience the Everlasting Peace Broadcast service. As you transition into the next phase of your journey, know that you have set a perfect pace, run a flawless race and you just strolled through the gates of heaven. Enjoy your stay and keep in touch. The code is still +233.

***Sleep well Grandpa.
Rest in Perfect Peace!***

From: Paa Kow, Nii Ayi, Nii Armah and Willam



TRIBUTE BY
SIBLINGS

"Losing a brother is like losing your keys. You always find them in unexpected places if you look hard enough"- This has exactly been our reality.

*In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1Thessalonians 5:18.*

Without a doubt, this is a heavy moment for us. Your demise is an unbelievable truth. We still struggle to understand what has happened.

Our dear brother, Benjamin affectionately called Owura B. K whose mortal body lies before us, is the third (3rd) of seven (7) siblings. Two of us, Solomon and Cecilia had gone to be with the Lord. He has lived for, and pursued peace, sacrificing time, energy and resources to ensure unity in the family. He was ever present to assist and offer quality advice in everything, was full of encouragement and offered praise quickly when the need be.

Amidst your seriousness and focus on work, you were full of humor. You virtually knew no rest until your assigned task was successfully completed. Memories of the errands you run for us, ensuring everything fell in place, will always remain with us. Brother, thank you for your support and kind gestures. When we visited you at your residence in July 2024, we prayed and kept the faith for your safe recovery.

Our minds cannot comprehend your demise but we take consolation in Rev. 21:4 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away". We have lost you, only in body, but not in spirit. No matter how dark the night, no matter how despairing our circumstances, we are never forsaken.

As we part company, our prayer for you is that our Maker, the Almighty God finds a place for you in His Bosom.

**Owura B. K, Kpomo, Kpomo, Kpomo
Mawu neke mo tohye kpakpa
Sleep well!!!
Yaawo Saminya.**



TRIBUTE BY
NEPHEWS & NIECES

"There are some who bring a LIGHT so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light REMAINS"

Jesus said in His famous Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 5:9. The Amplified Bible puts it more beautifully "BLESSED (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous - with life, joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the makers and maintenance of peace, for they shall be the sons of God". We may add, and "DAUGHTERS" of God.

We thank God for the opportunity and privilege to be nephews and nieces of this wonderful, loving, kind, and God-fearing Uncle, whose mortal body lies before us.

Owura B.K as we all call him, was full of life, and shows love to all. He was always ready to help anyone who has need and to give generously when the need arises.

You affected people of all ages, you contributed in changing lives, and you shared experiences to us which were indeed inspirational.

Around mid-year 2024, we were notified about your ill-health, we were hopeful, because we knew you were getting the best assistance of healthcare. Our prayer was that you recover quickly and get back to business. As we mourn him, let us draw our strength from Isaiah 57:1-2, knowing that God has rather spared him from pain and other forms of evil here on earth, and taken him to Glory.

We will always remember you for your valuable contributions. You are so loved and we will keep you in the most cherished parts of our Hearts.

May the Good Lord, keep you in His bosom, till we meet again.

Uncle B. K
Eternal Rest Grant Him, O Lord
Let Perpetual Light shine upon Him.
May He Rest in Peace. AMEN

Love always
Yaawo Saminya

TRIBUTE BY

Staff & Management of Regimanuel Gray Ltd.

It is with heavy hearts that we, the Staff and Management of Regimanuel Gray Ltd, pay tribute to our beloved former Head of Quantity Surveying, Mr. Benjamin Kofi Kwetey. His remarkable journey with Regimanuel Gray Ltd began on 14th September 1992, and he continued to serve with distinction until his official retirement on 31st January 2000.

Mr. Kwetey's contributions to the success of the company were immeasurable. During his tenure, he played an instrumental role in the completion of several housing estates within the Tema Metropolitan area. His leadership and expertise as Head of Quantity Surveying set the foundation for many of our landmark projects. In 2000, Mr. Kwetey received a Long Service Award from Management, a testament to his dedication and loyalty to the company.

As a pioneer and key figure in our early days, Mr. Kwetey was part of the team that drove the company forward from its humble beginnings in a container unit at Cantonments. His passion, zeal, humor and enthusiasm were unwavering, even at an advanced age. This spirit remained evident in his involvement in the successful initiation and completion of Phase 1 of our flagship East Airport development, Golden Gate. He handed over his responsibilities after this milestone, leaving behind a legacy of commitment and excellence.

Mr. Kwetey's legacy as a devoted professional, leader, and cherished colleague will forever be remembered. His efforts shaped Regimanuel Gray Ltd into what it is today, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of working with him.

Rest in perfect peace, Mr. Benjamin Kofi Kwetey.

From the Staff & Management of Regimanuel Gray Ltd.

TRIBUTE BY

Above 50 Action Chapel

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they do rest from their labors and their works follow them."
Revelations 14: 13*

Today, we gather here in remembrance of our dear friend and valued member, Benjamin Kwetey to whom we are thankful for his unwavering dedication, enthusiasm and support in driving our mission forward. You embodied the spirit of community, always ready to lend a hand or share a kind word. Your contributions were immeasurable and your passion for our group was infinite.

We will forever treasure your memories. Though you are no longer with us, we will carry forward the values you stood for and support each other as you would have wanted.

Rest in peace dear friend.

You are gone but will never be forgotten.



HYMNS

When Peace, Like a River

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain (may be sung after final stanza only):

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. **[Refrain]**

3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **[Refrain]**

4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. **[Refrain]**

Captain of Israel Host

1. Captain of Israel's host, and guide
of all who seek the land above,
beneath your shadow we abide,
the cloud of your protecting love;
our strength, your grace; our rule,
your word:
our end, the glory of the Lord.

2. By your unerring Spirit led,
we shall not in the desert stray;
we shall not full direction need,
nor miss our providential way;
as far from danger as from fear
while love, almighty love, is near.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

3. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian,
friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

4. How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

5. Till then I would your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath; and may
the music of your name refresh my soul
in death.

God be with you till we meet again

1. God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

Guide me, O thou great

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's
Destruction, land me safe on
Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.



APPRECIATION

Maybe you brought us flowers,
Maybe you sent us a card,
Maybe you wept with us in sorrow,
Maybe you sat with us quietly,
Maybe you showed us some kindness,
Whatever you did in easing our grief and sorrow,

The family of

Mr. Benjamin Kofi Kwetey

would like to thank you most sincerely
and may the good Lord reward and replenish you
abundantly

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