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- 2. Rev. Emmanuel Opoku Sarkodie P.C.G., Immanuel Congregation, Madina
- **3. Rev. CSP James Tetteh** Chaplain General, Ghana Prisons Service
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- 5. Cat. John Nyarko P.C.G., Immanuel Congregation, Madina
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### BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE JONATHAN NIL AYEH AKUFFO-BADOO

For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8

Jonathan Emmanuel Nii Ayeh Akuffo-Badoo was born on 23rd May, 1971 at the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital,



Mampong-Akwapim. He was named after his maternal grandfather Jonathan E. Ayeh Ayettey, M.B.E. His parents are William Sekyi Akuffo-Badoo who hails from Berekuso-Akwapim and Grace Ayorkor Akuffo-Badoo of Osu and Prampram. He was baptized into the Presbyterian Church of Ghana on 30th May, 1971 by the Rev. G. A. Kuffour and confirmed on 2nd March, 1986 by the Rev. David Konotey Ahulu, all at the Christ Presbyterian Church, Akropong-Akwapim.

Jonathan had his basic education at the Okuapemman Preparatory School at Akropong-Akwapim and was one of the pioneer pupils. He started his secondary education at the Okuapemman Secondary School and completed at Accra Academy coming out with a School Certificate/ General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level in 1989. Between 1990 and 1992 Jonathan undertook General Certificate of Education Advanced Level programme at the then Accra Workers' College.

Jonathan entered the Presbyterian Training College, Akropong-Akwapim in September, 1992 to train as a teacher and passed out with a Teacher's Certificate 'A' in May 1995.

He was posted to Pokuase D/C Junior High School from 1995 to 1999.

In 2000, Jonathan entered the Valley View University on study leave from the Ghana Education Service and passed out with a B.Sc. degree in Business Administration in 2005. He thereafter served as Teacher/ Assistant Headteacher at the Adjen Kotoku JSS and Ofankor D/A JSS for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 academic years respectively.

Jonathan enrolled at the Prisons Officers Training School from November 2007 to April 2008 for the Cadet Training Programme and joined the Ghana Prisons Service thereafter at the rank of Assistant Superintendent and served at various units in the Finance Section of the Prisons Headquarters. He participated in several training programmes in Records Management and Information Communication Technology.

On 25th July, 2009, Jonathan got married to Bernice at the AME Zion church, Mamprobi and the marriage was blessed with three children.

Between 2011 and 2015, he undertook the Commonwealth Executive Masters in Business Administration (CEMBA) programme offered by the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Jonathan was transferred to the Osamkrom Camp of the Ghana Prisons Service in 2018 and served there till he expired at the rank of Superintendent.

He was a staunch Presbyterian and never stopped practising his faith.

He worshipped at the Immanuel Congregation of the Church at Madina and while on transfer to Osamkrom,

he fellowshipped with the Bethel Congregation at Agona Swedru.

Jonathan was called by his Maker on 29th June, 2020 after a short illness, leaving behind his wife Bernice, children, parents, siblings, nephews and nieces and many loved ones to mourn him.

Rest in peace, Nii Ayeh, till we meet again.Amen.



# TRIBUTE BY



My dear Joe! Memories they say are golden Well, maybe this is true. I never wanted memories, I only wanted you. O<sup>h</sup> death you are wicked! I loved you "Joe "with all my heart; and I always will. You remained the love of my life until the day I lost you.

If anyone had told me how our lives would play out on this unforgiving stage called life, I would have doubted their predictions. However, the Lord needed you to come home.

Joe! It has been a decade since we got married and God has blessed us with beautiful children. You were so full of life, exciting and interesting. The fatherly love shared with me and our children was priceless. In fact, you made my life fulfilling and I was blessed to have you because the years we spent together were the happiest of my life.

I have always felt that you chose me above others to share your life experiences with and I am so grateful for the exceptional time and memories we shared.

I cannot forget the times we spent building our home. Your dedication towards preparing the children for school and even giving me a helping hand in doing my chores made our home special beyond bounds.

Oh Joe! My eyes are filled with tears. Your sudden demise has really created a vacuum in the home and the entire family. For the few days you were ill, I thought it was just an ailment which would vanish soon. Little did I know that this would lead to your untimely death leaving the children and me in this wicked world. Your death was so sudden. The thought of seeing your remains being carried away is overwhelming.

Joe, Nii Aryeh! You have left a scar in my heart which cannot be healed. Your demise has left so many questions on my mind, but who am I to question God, the Creator of life. He created and He has taken, so I bid you farewell. May the Lord keep your gentle soul in a perfectly peaceful rest till we meet again.

*JOE, REST IN THE BOSSOM OF THE LORD. DZIDZOR LE NUTIFAFAME.* 



# TRIBUTE BY



Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

One of the most difficult tasks we have faced in recent times is to write a tribute to the memory of our junior brother Nii Ayeh as none of us ever dreamt of this assignment.

As the youngest of our siblings, we always encouraged him to get involved in family and social activities and observe the procedures so as not to be found wanting when he took over from us, but as the Scottish author Horatius Bonar wrote: "Thy way, not mine, O Lord".

Jonathan had a special relationship with our parents. Named after our maternal grandfather who unfortunately did not set eyes on him, you dare not call him Ayeh without the title Nii. Nii Ayeh was barely two months old when our grandfather passed on. He therefore always reminded our mother of her late father.

Our parents took keen interest in Nii's personal development, academic, professional and social life.

He was very well protected. We recall on 9th May, 2000 after inviting a friend to join him to the Accra Sports Stadium to watch the Hearts – Kotoko epic league match, our father called him and issued the advice – "Please don't go to the Stadium because I don't want to bury you. I want you to bury me".

Nii and his friend listened to the old man and stayed at home, that was the day several lives were lost at the Accra Sports Stadium.

We all carried Nii when he was a baby and maintained a close relationship with him throughout his stay on earth.

When our parents retired from active service he became more of a son to us than a brother. There was always a "home tutor" to guide him with assignments till he graduated from the University.

His success was our success and we recall celebrations that we held on his graduation from the Presby Training College, Valley View University, Prisons Officers Training School, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology to mention a few.

Nii reciprocated our support by carrying out several assignments on our behalf. Being the youngest he was only a phone call away not only from our parents but from all of us. He was our father's Special Aide.

Nii was very calm and respectful. He was very careful in his choice of words when addressing elders and showed appreciation for support he received.

We shall sorely miss Nii.

Nii, as you sojourn to your Maker, please be assured that your family is in safe hands. We shall take care of your children to the best of our ability.

#### Rest in Peace. Amen.

# NEPHEWS AND NIECES

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". Romans 8:28

'Captain', as we affectionately called our dear Uncle, was funny, kind-hearted and jovial when he was with us. To those of us who spent vacations at Madina, he was a father and a friend when he needed to be. He disciplined us when the occasion called for it and had fun with us all other times. Our grandparents would attest to the fact that we spent most of our vacations in his room because he always had the most interesting movies, games and stories. Our best memories of him include his exceptional ability for finding the best waakye joint in town and helping us pluck mangoes in the yard because we were too short to reach them. He always came back with little gifts for us when he returned home from an outing.

We will miss his funny dances, his constant enquiries for "eatables and drinkables", his claims of fasting since morning even after having a large meal (which we all saw) and his caring nature. We learnt a lot by observing him, especially how to be there for our parents and honour them. 'Captain' was always there for our grandparents when they needed him and constantly visited and checked up on them even when he moved out of the house. He brought Auntie Bernice, his amazing wife into our lives and gave us wonderful and sweet cousins. He was a good father and husband and did all he could to keep his family safe. Even though we did not say it enough, we know he knew that we appreciated everything he did.

Uncle Nii Ayeh, it still seems like a cruel dream, or a nightmare that you are no more with us. We can't stop wishing that you would come back. Our hearts are broken and the hole you've left can never be filled. We pray that the Good Lord keeps you in His bosom till we meet again. We love you Uncle.

#### From your "kidibobs and kidibabs"

### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SPO. 669, SUPERINTENDENT JONATHAN AKUFFO-BADOO



Remember, O God, my life is only a breath, my happiness has already ended. You see me now, but never again. If you look for me, I will be gone. (Job 7:7-8)

News of the passing away of our beloved colleague in the early hours of Monday, 29th June, 2020, was received with shock and surprise; because, even though he had been ill for some days, we all knew he will overcome it, for he has the fighting spirit, but that was not to be as fate will have it. He succumbed to death at the appointed time. Our consolation is that he has found a place at the right hand side of the Father.

The late Supt. Jonathan Akuffo-Badoo was born on 23rd May, 1971 at the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital (Mampong-Akwapim) in the Eastern Region to Mr. William Sekyi Akuffo-Badoo and Mrs. Grace Akuffo-Badoo who are retired educationists. He is the last born of a family of well-disciplined Presbyterians, which is comprised of four (4) males and three (3) females.

He started his educational career at Okuapemman Preparatory School at a tender age of four (4) and through hard work he earned admission into their Secondary School in 1983. After three (3) years, he had the opportunity of switching school to Accra Academy and finally completed in 1989.

Supt. Jonathan Akuffo-Badoo continued his Sixth Form at Accra Workers College from 1990 to 1992, then Presbyterian Training College and came out with Teachers' Certificate 'A' with a distinction in project work. He thought at Pokuase D/C J.S.S. By dint of hard work he pursued a Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting Major) at Valley View University and made headway in his chosen field. He also thought at Ofankor D/A J.S.S and had a part time concurrently at GEM Consultants as a trainee Accountant in 2007.

He was enlisted into the Ghana Prisons Service, a member of the Officer Cadet Course Intake 20 from 2nd November,



2007 to 2nd May, 2008. Whilst on course, his leadership qualities were brought to the fore, as this was what the then Commandant had to say about him," A shy, gentle, respectful, dutiful and well behaved officer who has enormous leadership qualities".

Upon graduation at the Prisons Officer's Training School, he was posted to Prisons Headquarters, Accounts Department. In his tenure of office at HQ, he acquitted himself creditably to the admiration of his colleagues and superiors. On 1st February, 2018, he was transferred to Osamkrom Camp Prison. By virtue of ranking at the station, he was appointed the Second-In-Command after the then 2IC, DSP Moses Osei-Bonsu retired from active service on 24th August, 2018.

The late Supt. Jonathan Akuffo-Badoo was always cheerful, dedicated, hardworking and full of initiative. His hard work did not go unnoticed as he was rewarded with steady progression on the ranks, from ASP, DSP to Superintendent of Prisons till now.

His social life was a delight to watch. He was very religious and played leading roles in the Presbyterian Church, always of good counsel to all. He will forever be missed by his family, officers, colleagues and church members.

On behalf of the Director-General of Prisons, and the entire staff, we say, fare thee well! Supt. Jonathan Akuffo-Badoo

Rest in Perfect Peace.!!

### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ACCRA ACADEMY '89 YEAR GROUP (BLEOOBIL 89)

But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:16

t has been close to 36 years on that day in September 1984, when we met for the first time in the finest and most reputable secondary school; Accra Academy. We became school mates, classmates and brothers. Today, Accra Academy has built great nations of men including our affable mate whose mortal remains lay before us, and who we have lost only on earth, because we hope to meet once again in heaven, where there shall be no pain or sorrow.

On that early morning in June 2020, news of the passing of our brother, school and classmate Jonathan Akuffo-Badoo juddered the very foundations of our lives, and brought a stark realization to our mortality. In the few weeks preceding that eventful morning, we had the opportunity of celebrating some of our mates who had hit 50 and even beyond, thanking the Almighty God for bringing us that far, little did we know that one of our very own would be called to God's glory- called to God's heavenly country.

Jonathan was in the C and Arts classes, quiet and reserved. He wasn't very boisterous and overexcited as most of us were as young boys at that age, but rather cool, calm and firm. He was very supportive and interesting and a very intelligent character to be with. His coolness made it a bit difficult for some of us to even recall his life in school, because more often it's the very noisy, vivacious and high spirited mates noted for silly pranks or tomfooleries during those days that we reminisce and laugh off after almost thirty-one years of leaving school.

Jonathan, during our days in school your character, personality and level headedness shone through to the admiration of all. Though you were the quiet and calm one, you never hesitated to make your voice or opinions known, and you always helped champion a good cause. Our memories are thus replete with glowing depictions of you, and can say assuredly that our lives and Accra Academy for that matter are richer because you were a part of that beautiful construct.

We are still pained by your departure but take solace in the words of the hymnist Charles Wesley that "our end, the glory of the Lord", and so we will not be consumed in sorrow but rather celebrate your beautiful life and legacy. We would have wished we will all sit together at a much older age and tell the stories of our boyhood at Accra Aca to our grand and great-grandchildren, but Alas! The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and in Eccles 8:8, it is written that no one has power over the day of his death.

Rest well in the beautiful arms of God, and may the lives of your family and all loved ones be enriched because you lived.

Damirifa duei Jonathan! Bleoobi Jonathan Kpoo ooo..... Yaawo odjogbaan!!!

"Now the laborer's task is o'er;

Now the battle day is past; Now upon the farther shore Lands the voyager at last. Father, in Thy gracious keeping Leave we now Thy servant sleeping. (A&M 401)









Hymns

#### 557

#### GA

1. Yesu susuma shiantsa, hā ni maba omlishi beni faai la hoo pii, ni ahum la naa wa pam; noo mi otee, oo Jielo, kashi ahum la aaaho; kplamom' shweeshwe ka ya blan, oo h'remo misusuma.

2. Mibs teemphe kroko, misusuma tsotsro o; okashi mi kometoo, wa mi, shsjemp mimii. Mihisnokamp ji o, mibuamp fæ je oden; haa miyitso flo le np ke ofiji ashi hopn.

3. Bo Kristo ps mitaoo, omli mina nii fæ ys. Hã gbedelo ate shi, ni otsa mi, helatse. Ogbesi ja, eys kroŋkroŋ jals ko bs migbefaŋ: miyi obö ks esha, oyi ks anokwale

#### TWI

 Yesu, me Gyefo ne wo, mereba wo nwini mu;
 spo as'rokys rebo na asore wo me so.
 Fa me sie, m'Agyenkwa, kosi sɛ eqyae huru; hwɛ me so wo m'aseteō nam, na sɛ to twa a, gye me kras

2. Wo nko ne hintabea a mede me kra meto ho; wo nko so na m'ani da, wo nko ne me Boafo. Mesre wo se nnyaw me nko, kita m'adagyaw no so, gyigye me, kyere me kwan, fa me sie wo nwini mue

3. Wo na wo ho hia me wo mu na minya me ho; meda fam a, ma me so, sa me yare, hyɛ me den. Wo ho tew, woyɛ kronkɔ̃ ron, ba mensɛ w'ahotɔ k'rom, bɔne na ahyɛ me ma.

#### 562

#### GA

1. Gbai ni onyia no la," ka otsuin nii la faa tuu faa owo nwainyo la ka nwai mantsa la dana Shi mo ni tažo kooyoo ka nwai atatu gba, la la ebaaje gba ko ni bo onyia no pa.

2. 1905 Yehowa no koos" No ni oshwereo; ni le enitsumo no okwe, ni ajoo oE Shi haomo ke naagbamo ke otsuiyeli le, Nyoymo ekplese nõ ha mo ja solemo keke.

3. Onyam ke onokwale, bo, Ataa Nyoymo, 'naa no ni hi haa obii le ke gbomo adesa. ni no ni bo ohala, kakalo ni he wa, no ohã gbe ke mlibaa ye oniytoo le naa.

#### TWI

 Fa wo kwan hys wo Ysfo,

wo Nyankopon no nsam, na fa wo ho to no so wo wo yaw nyinaa mu. Suwusiw ene mframa Na okyre ne kwan, Wo nso obekyere wo okwan ama wo nan.

2. Wo ho na fa to Nyame ne ne tumi no so, snna wo ho bsto wo na w'adwuma ako so. Enys adwenem haw kwa na wode nya b'ribi; koto Onyame srs no, na obsboa wo.

3. Odomfo ne Nokwafo ne no, nanso onim nea sma nkoso pa ne nea spempem. Na n'ade a opawee wo ne nyansa mu no, na obsys ama wo, na asi wo yiye

#### 787

#### GA

1. Heyeləi le akpeehe ji amejwetri ke tsui, amejielə Yesu le, amewala hilehe.

2. Ŋmɛnɛ mɔ ko faa gbɛ, wɔ mɔ kroko aaatee jɛi; ni abiii hu akɛ biɛ mɔ ko ahi lolo lo?

3. Ks wo5Nuntso ŋms wo gbs kuls te wobaakss tsŋŋ? woofo woowo enijiaŋ aks mo ns ams dã."

 Nuntso le etõ pēŋ; no hewo ke je etsē mo ko le wofeeo kpoo, wohejoo ye eŋoo.

5. Yey, tsuii ni be bie dəyy miidə wə babaoo moye Kele, suəmə, onə kwraa ji wə ni bo pe ofaE

#### TWI

1. Gyidifo tenabea pa wo nea won Agyenkwa a won ani da no so' wo: won fi pa wo soro ho.

2. Oyi ko' na oyi ko kohyan soro man mu ho; wommisa yan anaa sa woko a, eye ana?

**3.** Se yen wura ue no saa a,

anka yebese no dɛn? Yɛde nusu srɛ no sɛ: Ma oyi nkyɛ ha kakraɛ

4. Onim ade nuyinaa 'ra, na se eba yenso saa a, ese yen se yeye komm na yehome won'akrum'e

5. Won a wogyaw yan mu pii ma yan ani gyina de, nanso Agyenkwa kase, wo nsa hyia yan ara.

#### 805

#### GA

 Yaaba jogbanns
 Naa, atse o, mibi, ekse: ba nwei maa lene
 Wo le, wonfo, ogbele wa ha wo; ni Nyonmo pe hewo wofooo, woyeee 'komo kehooo ühe, woke tsuishitoo keso ake: Yaaba jogbanne

2. Yaaba jogbanns
Naa Nyonmo disntss
etss o kejs jen.
Eks ebi mã mi ys bis fioo, agbens eno ls.
B'ls miplee ohe, migblaaa osse, oyaa baafee jogbann ahã o.
Yaaba jogbanns

3. Yaaba jogbaŋŋs Ogbsfaŋ nɔ yɛ fɛo ona jɛi nii kpakpai. Je nɛɛ mli lɛ wonaa amane daa nii kpakpai 'he ekaaa Naa Nyɔŋmɔ kome too ŋɔɔ kɛkɛ womiishɛɛ kapkpa kɛ nyam lɛ yɔɔ; yaana ekoɛ

#### TWI

 Nante yiyes
 Nns woafrs wo me ba, se bra osoro fie
 Yen de, yesu, wo wu yi ye yen yaw nanso Nyame pe nti,
 Yensu na yenni nkommo ntra so; na yede abotoase ka se:
 Nante yiyes

2. Nante yiyes
wo Nyame ankasa
n' sfrs wo fi fam ha.
Ode ne ba afsm me ha kakra,
n' afei wagye n'ade.
Ende menham, na minsianka wo;
wo kɔ besi yiye ama wo.
Nante yiyes

3. Nante yiyes
Wo kysfa so kese,
na woanya ho nnepa.
Wiase ha yspere mu nnepa
nanso nnepa no nka.
Na Onyame no nkutoo nkysn ho
n' anigye pa ne anu'nyam wo;
Konya mu bis

#### 824

#### GA

 Kε kojomo gbi wulu lε be shε lε, Yesu, mana o akε mih'relo; hã matao osεεgbε je nεε mli, koni gbi wulu lε akafã mitsui.

2. Gbi lɛ, miɔ̃Yesu, nɛɛgbɛ kwraa po matsɔ? Namɔ ji jielɔ hu ni aaah're mi? Nɛɛgbɛ minishaianii babaoo lɛ kɛ mi aayadamɔ yɛ kojomɔ ūlɛŋ?

**3**. Shi mile akɛ odroɔ nɔtɔlɔi ni onyaa amɛ sus'ma gbele he? Ogb'le kɛ shitee ebu amɛ bem. No hewɔ, miɔ̃Yesu, naa mi hu ūmɔbɔ.

#### 824

#### TWI

Sɛ atemmuda kɛse no bedu a;
 Yesu, ma minhu wo sɛ m'Agyenkwa;
 Ma menhwehwɛ wo wɔ wiase ha,
 Na ɛda kɛse no antu me koma.

2. Da no, me Yesu, she po na msfa?Odimafo ban na obegye me?Me nnebone a sdooso pii no,bama magyina w'atemmu no mu dan?

3. Nanso minim se wodom boneyefo na won kra wu de, enye w'apede. Wo wusore mu na wubu won bem, enti me Yesu, dom hu me mmobo bi.

#### **APPRECIATION**

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE MANY FRIENDS AND WELL WISHERS WHO IN DIVERSE WAYS ASSISTED US DURING OUR BEREAVEMENT.

MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU ALL ABUNDANDLY.