

IN LOVING MEMORY



Madam

**Rebecca Akosuavi
Okpei-Bonsi**

APRIL 1955 - MARCH 2024

ON SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2024

AT THE TRANSITIONS FUNERAL HOME

HATSO, ACCRA

AT 6 : 30 AM



BURIAL, MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE
OF THE LATE

Rebecca Akosuavi
Okpei-Bonsi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 2024



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IN HONOUR OF
REBECCA AKOSUAVI OKPEI-BONSI



CLERGY

Rev. Stella Mahu- E.P.C.G, Santrokofi - District Pastor

Rev. E. E. Attu- E.P.C.G, Dir. of PESR, Hdqtrs. Ho

Rev. Francis Akoto - EPCG, Hdqtrs, Ho

Cat. Albert Ofori - EPCG, Host Catechist - Santrokofi Bume

Cat. Comfort Kottoh, EPCG, Santrokofi Benua

Cat. Michael Attu, EPCG, Santrokofi Gbodome

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GHANA - SANTROKOFI BUME

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Procession
2. Call to worship
3. Hymn - E.P.C.H - 257:1-3
4. Prayer and Creed -
5. Brief Welcome - District Pastor
6. Selections -
7. Biography of the deceased - Family Member
8. Praises - Praises Team
9. Tributes - 3 only
10. Hymn - E.P.C.H - 266:1-3
11. Scripture Reading -
12. Exhortation -
13. Offertory -
14. Presentation wreaths -
15. Dedication of Offering -
16. Announcements & Recognition -
17. Vote of Thanks - Family Member
18. Hymn - E.P.C.H - 593:1-3
19. Commendation
20. Closing Prayer and Benediction
21. Closing Hymn - E.P.C.H - 652: 1-3

CEMETERY

22. Invocation
23. Hymn - E.P.C.H - 589:1-2
24. Interment -
25. Closing Prayer & Benediction
26. Closing Hymn - E.P.C.H - 659:1-3

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving Service



Biography



Mrs. Rebecca Bonsi Akosuavi Okpei was born on April 4, 1955, to Madam Victoria Akosua Oyiadzo, also known as Mankote Akosua, from the Oyiadzo family of Santrokofi Gbodome, and Opanin Simon Kwame Kakraba of Santrokofi Bume, all of blessed memory.

At the age of six, Rebecca was adopted by her late aunt, Mrs. Asante Ama, affectionately known as Ama Baby, who took her to Navrongo, where she began her primary education. Later, when Mr. and Mrs. Asante were transferred to Jasikan, Rebecca went with them, where she began her secondary education and completed successfully at Bueman Senior High School. Having a desire for a brighter future,

she chose teaching as her career path and gained admission to Agogo Presbyterian Women's Training College in the Ashanti Region, where she earned her certificate as a qualified teacher.

Rebecca was posted to Ashaiman Number One Middle School, where she taught for many years. During her time there, she met Mr. Williams Kwame Bonsi, with whom she entered in a romantic relationship that developed into marriage.

Together, they were blessed with four children: Vera, Roseborn, Patrick, and Richard.

Known for her hardworking nature, Mad. Rebecca always sought ways to earn extra income beyond her basic salary. She engaged in various economic activities, including rice farming at Dawhenya with her brother Kwesi, and buying and selling yams from the North.

Additionally, she sold cosmetics and wax prints, traveling to places like Dodowa, Domiabra, Kordeabe, and surrounding areas during weekends and school holidays.

In the year 1992, Madam Becky and the children joined their father, Mr Williams Kwame Bonsi, in Molopolole, a city in Botswana, for a greener pasture, but unfortunately, she lost her husband after a short illness in the year 1996.

Biography

Auntie Becky, a hard-working woman as she was, took up the mantle as a single parent and made sure all the kids had the best education. Through prayers and determination, she was able to see the children's education through the the University level in the United States of America (USA).

After many years in Botswana, Mrs. Rebecca returned to Ghana in 2010 for retirement. She ran a guest house at her home to keep herself busy and to also earn some income for up-keeps.

On 23rd March 2024, she gave up the ghost at the University of Ghana Medical Center (UGMC), after a short illness.

She was kind, loving, and principled in nature. She extended her generosity and support to many including her family.

She left behind four (4) children and four (4) grandchildren.

Maamebisor, your presence will be deeply missed.

Due! Due!! Till we meet again,
REST IN PEACE.



Tribute by Children

Our Mother Rebecca Okepi-Bonsi, was a woman well before her time. Having come from the humblest of beginnings, she never took for granted what she was given in life. She was pioneer who travelled the world, built multiple homes and ran successful businesses.

Our mother was fearless in her approach to life and the challenges she faced.

After losing her husband, she carried on with grace and poise, raising us in a country that was foreign to her.



Never one to rest on her laurels, our mother worked tirelessly and continually sought self-improvement. In the short time she was with us, she achieved many remarkable things and laid the groundwork for future generations. She was and always will be our, Matriarch, the cornerstone and foundation of our family.

It is solely because of her that we have become the people we are today. All our successes, victories and achievements are owed to her and the foundation she laid for our family.

We are forever indebted to her, not only being an extraordinary mother but also stepping into the role of our father.

God blessed us abundantly by giving us a mother like her. We will always be grateful for the light she brought into our lives. Without her none of us would be.

As her children, we owe her immense gratitude for the blood, sweat and tears she poured into getting us where we are today.

In the words of her one of her favorite songs, "Sweet mother we will never forget you, for the way you have suffered for us, no one else ever would.

Mami, ywasa, ywasa.

Hedenyui.

Dzudzọ le ntifafame.

Tribute by Grandchildren



Grandma had a unique ability to connect with people, leaving a lasting impression of love and warmth on everyone she met. She was a strong, hardworking woman. When we think of her, we are reminded of the woman described in the Bible, clothed in strength and honour.

Her home was always filled with joy and laughter. She was a gracious host, ensuring that no one left her house hungry or thirsty. She taught us the value of community and the importance of family. Grandma Bonsi was a beacon of hope for all of us.

Grandma Bonsi was unwavering in her support, firm in her conviction, and honest in her words. Above all, she loved with all her heart. She never once placed her needs above those of others. Instead, she taught us to be hardworking, confident, kind and selfless.

We love you, grandma. You truly were a remarkable woman and will always have a special place in our hearts. You may no longer be with us, but your memories will always live within us.

Thank you for all your love, care, concern, sacrifices, and everything you did for us. Your selflessness and devotion shaped our lives in ways words can hardly express.

We are forever grateful for the love, laughter, and joy we shared together. The warmth of your presence and the lessons you taught us will always remain in our hearts.





Tribute by Sister Betty Brown

to the late Rebecca Akosuavi Okpei a Beautiful Friend

In the realms of divine ecstasy, Rumi, the teacher of the path of the light and Sound of God, burst forth in her eternal verses:

"When my bier moves on the day of death, think not my heart is in this world.

Do not weep for me and cry 'woe, woe!' You will fall in the devil's snare; that is woe.

When you see my hearse, cry not 'parted, parted!'

Union and meeting are mine in that hour. If you commit me to the grave, say not 'Farewell, Farewell!'

For the grave is a curtain hiding the communion of Paradise. After beholding descent, consider resurrection: Why should setting be injurious to the sun and moon?

To you it seems a setting, but it is a rising; Tho' the vault seems a prison, it is the release of soul. Humans from physical sight is handwork of clay, but the eternal ECK (Holy Spirit) teachings tell us that soul outside the Physical Body is a glorious entity full of Light and the Divine Music of God. For all the heavenly treasures reside in the Soul, holding all the eternal qualities of God.

The journey of Soul to physical form in countless incarnations is only an illusion in God's mind; Death we know is only a transition, a rebirth between incarnations returning soul to the Purer Realms that it may recollect itself, decide and be reborn anew. Then when ready it meets the ancient one, the inner master and alive in the purer realms. Only she will decide the next step in her eternal journey towards Godhood.

Today, we celebrate Becky's rebirth into her celestial home just as we celebrated her birth when she came forth into the physical as a new born baby girl named Rebecca Akosuavi Okpei.

And as we look into our hearts filled with divine love, we know and feel God's eternal presence in Us, and with Us all connected as one: Becky is here too.

Today, as we celebrate Becky's rebirth, we once again take joy in Rumi's eternal verse that:



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"Our weak, uneven breathings These dissolving personalities, were breathed out by the eternal HUUUUUU, that never changes! A drop of water constantly fears that it may evaporate into the air, or be absorbed by the ground. It doesn't want to be used up in those ways, but when it let go and falls into the ocean it came from, it finds protection from the other deaths. Its droplet form is gone, but its watery essence has become vast and inviolable. Listen to me, friends, because you are a drop, and you can honour yourselves in this way.

What could be Luckier than to have the Ocean come to court the drop?" Just like the alchemy of the Ocean and the drop, Rebecca Akosuavi Okpei, the beautiful soul resides in the arms of our Divine Father, the Ocean of Love and Mercy. Always and ever Always!



Gallery

CHILDREN



GRAND-CHILDREN





SOME
MEMOERIES







Hymns

Hymn 257

1
Dzifonon nkeke deka
Enyo wu akpe l'aofi.
De malé d'aonyigba ntia?
O, esia le nu nyom namE
Ne am'aode akpo dzidzo
Fe akpe l'aofi sia h ,
Ne wotsae do dzi oto nu,
Enye nublani sony ko.

2
Fukpekpe kple hi tutuwo
So gbo le xexe sia me.
'Ye ame si le ku vrom la,
Makpo dzidzo blibo o.
Ke afi ma le vovo ken,
Ku kple hi megali o,
Nodzi kple vovwo nu tsi ken,
Na Mawuvi vav wo.

3
Le Mawu e du kakae me
Wole dzidzo mavo me.
Nतिकakae sony o xl wo
Le alévi la nkume.
Nu si nkua deke mekpoko,
'Ye toa deke mese o,
Mawu nutso dzra do di na
Ame siwo lone la.

Hymn 266

1
Agbemavo yome mati,
'Fi si dzidzo le
Mauli vevie age de me,
Adakpae blibo
Mo xaxa, ke mazo 'dzi;
Megbodzo, ke Yesu be:
Mégavo o, nado dzi ko
Se de nuwuwu

2
Woyom bena, mava dano
Yesu fiazi gbo,
Matso kple dzo; omewola
Makpo fetu o.
Du gbegblé sila labu
E e dziqudufetu.
Megbenuwo nayi faa ko
Deke mehi m o

3
Yesu, na ne nye didi ken
Nanoo
dzi o nu
Nafia mo lam; de dzi o nam,
Ne megbodzo la
Ne woblem, nagblae afiam
Ne wodzum, nafa 'ko nam
Wò lolosi nakplom dedie,
Tso mo tatra dzi

Hymns

Hymn 593

1
Ku, ànya gb nye agbadò,
Si nye anyigbadžinu;
Ke màte ñu abia hlo o,
Wotsò nye nu vòwo ke.
ε, A etòà tsò wo kem,
I: Avuléla ku de 'ta. :I

2
ε, eku ke egatsi 'tre
Le nye afiatsotso ta.
Le Kristo nòviwo òme
Wodžra nòfe ò ò ò nam.
Yesu yi de 'me kple u,
I: 'Fi si nye h manò 'gbe. :I

3
Esia nye nye mək̀p̀k̀p̀ k̀oñ,
Si lia ke nye xòse la,
Ne nye ñutil kuku la
Anyunyo le yòdo me h ,
Yesu, xòla, le agbe,
I: Afò nye h de tsitreε :I

Hymn 652

1
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Eya ñ'tò nalé mí d'aòsi,
Akplò mí dedie gbe sia gbe
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Míagakpe le Yesu gbò
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Mawu nanò kpli mí míagakpe.

2
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Ayla mí ke e 'aòsi me,
Ana mana mí gbe sia gbe
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Míagakpe le Yesu gbò
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Mawu nanò kpli mí míagakpe.

3
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Ne agbehi tu mí h la,
Akpla lolòsi kò na mí.
Mawu nanò kpli mí, míagakpe
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Míagakpe le Yesu gbò
Míagakpe, míagakpe
Mawu nanò kpli mí míagakpe.



Hymns

Hymn 589

1
Tutu wò aḡatsi,
Gafa konyi o
Nu si dim nèle la,
Yesu ana wò.
Ne z do ḡe wò h ,
Nye dzi, gbò ḡe me
Xò Yesu dzi se ko,
Afa 'kò na wò.

2
Enya wò nuxaxa,
Do ḡu ḡe 'ḡu ko
Ana ḡu nyuia ḡe h
Nake na wò ts .
De dze na wò xoxo
Le dziḡḡoli me.
Do gbe ḡa vevie ko,
'Kem anyo na wò.

3
Ne luwò bubu li,
Si le nu xam la,
Gblò nu siwo kat
Yesu wò na wò
Nàdo gbe ḡa kpakplii,
Nàyò Yesu ḡkò
Yesu alò awò
Nuwo kata nyuie.

Hymn 659

1
Mía lólòṭò, esia enye
I: Lólò e dze si nyui, :I
Si ke nàkpò, xólò vevi,
I: Lólòṭò, hede nyuie :I

2
Mawu yò wò: dze 'yome ko,
I: Abe Kristòṭò 'ne :I
Dze A etò Yesu yome,
I: Lólòṭò, hede nyuie :I

3
Míañlò wò be l'aḡfi sia o.
I: Mawu nanò kpli wò :I
Ana míagakpe le dzi o,
I: Lólòṭò, hede nyuie :I





Acknowledgement

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone for your sympathy, encouragement, prayers and support in diverse ways during the period of grief.

May the Almighty God richly bless you.