



Rev. Dr.
Kobena Charm

— 1959 - 2023 —

Burial & Funeral Service for the late **Rev. Dr. Kobena Charm**



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For The Late

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On Friday, 1st March, 2024

At 10:30 am

At Transitions Haatso

Order of Service

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

1. Pastor Dr. James Obeng
2. Apostle Emmanuel Anim
3. Apostle Ekow Takyi-Dadzie
4. Apostle Samuel Nkwantabisa
5. Pastor Kweku Obeng
6. Pastor William Garr
7. Pastor Jonathan Abbeyquaye

IN ATTENDANCE – Young Chorale

PART 1 (ONE) - BURIAL SERVICE

1. Opening Prayer – Apostle Samuel Nkwantabisa
2. Hymn – Father, I know that all my life – Young chorale
3. 1 Scripture Reading – 1 Thess. 4:13-18 – Pastor Nkum Boateng
4. Hymn – Be Gone Unbelief – Young chorale

5. 2 Scripture Reading – Rev. 21:1-5 – Pastor Michael Quacoe
6. Biography
7. Tributes – Children, Siblings and Church
8. Hymn – Captain of Israel's Host – Young chorale
9. Sermon – Pastor Dr. James Obeng
10. Prayer for the family – Apostle Emmanuel Anim
11. Offering – Young chorale
12. Announcements
13. Closing Prayer and Benediction

PART 2 (TWO) - AT THE GRAVE SIDE

1. Hymn 4 Abide with me
2. Committal – Apostle Samuel Nkwantabisa
3. Wreath Laying
4. Prayer
5. Vote of Thanks – Family Member
6. Benediction – Apostle Samuel Nkwantabisa

BIOGRAPHY

FOR THE LATE REV. DR. KOBENA CHARM



"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Revelation 14:13

The late Rev Dr. Kobena Charm, affectionately known to many as "Kobby" or "Pastor Charm" was born in Sekondi on December 8, 1959, to Daniel Ofori Charm and Janet Aba Woode (all of blessed memory). He was the second of 8 siblings.

He started his primary education in 1964 at Nana Anaisie Memorial School now Adiembra Secondary School. Shortly after completing his Middle School education, he worked briefly as a supporting staff at Adiembra Methodist Day Care School. He subsequently sat for the GCE O Level Certificate Examination as a private candidate and passed.

Like most young men of his days, he had the dream to travel and so mobilised some funds as a newspaper vendor and travelled to Nigeria. He returned and joined the Evangel Assemblies of God Church and also worked at the Assemblies of God Literature Centre.

At a young age, Kobena developed a passion for writing and journalism that lasted his whole life. He was also much focused on pursuing education and believed that knowledge coupled with dedicated faith in Jesus Christ was the key to achieving all success in life. Consequently, in the early 90's he extended his education in the United States to receive a Bachelor of Arts at Evangel College in Springfield Missouri, a Masters, and ultimately a Doctorate degree in Ministry from Memphis Theological Seminary in 2015. He consistently pursued higher education while raising his 3 children.

Through the years he continued to sharpen his skills as a chaplain and theologian through additional certifications, which included becoming a Board-Certified Chaplain and Certified Pediatric Chaplain from Pediatric Chaplains Institute. He published several magazines, newsletters, and books as he navigated his career and parenthood. One of his career highlights while serving in most current role as a Chaplain at Le Bonhuer Childrens hospital in Memphis, was receiving the Power of One Award, a highly respected award in his profession for which he was very proud of. As a chaplain for the last 15 years, he was known for being compassionate, patient, caring as he supported families going through their most trying times. He was described by many as being an encourager with a calming presence.

His love for service of God began during the 1980's when he served as a church worker at the Evangel Assemblies of God Church in Accra under Pastor Dr. James Obeng who is currently the Chairman of Council of Evangel Church International. During this period, he published newsletters and magazines. The most notable one was the Evangel Herald. Once he relocated to the United States he served as a leader and minister in various Churches including Solid Rock Church in Springfield Missouri, First Assemblies of God in Memphis TN, North Star Community Church Memphis TN and most recently New Sardis Baptist Church in Memphis. In 2021 he achieved his lifelong goal of owning and pastoring in his own church building in Memphis. That is where the Cross Ministries Church International resided and grew over the years. His passion for Evangelism is the reason behind his over two decades preaching of the gospel around the United States, Africa and India. He also planted churches in Abuesi (2001), Abot (2006), Axim (2007), Cape Coast (2010), Yamoransa (2011), Eduma (2012), Mampuom (2013), Akokoanso (2015), and Dodowa (2016).

While planting churches, schools and orphanages he took the opportunity to educate other young pastors on how to become leaders in their own communities. He facilitated many pastoral training seminars over the years. He also led several mission trips with colleagues and fellow ministers from the United States to network with the various churches he was connected to in Ghana. Currently there are several churches that are actively being supported by Cross Ministries International in Bungoma (Kenya), Dambai, Worawora, Dambai, and Matoka. His last act of Evangelism on his most recent visit to Ghana was in Mid- December 2023 where he held a crusade in Sekondi before his untimely passing at the 37 Military Hospital after a short illness.

Kobena's infectious joy and genuine kindness touched the lives of everyone he encountered. He was always willing to pray and encourage those going through difficult times as he could relate having navigated many challenges in his own personal life. His dedication to helping others extended beyond his personal and professional life, leaving a lasting impact on the people he touched. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, resilience, and genuine love for people.

He is survived by a wife, three children- Rosesharon, Levi, Lois, and a Grandchild, Noah Eke.

The family will forever miss you. May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.



Tribute By Children

"The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout 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

Dad! There aren't enough words to describe the pain in our hearts as we write this to you. We truly cannot believe you are no longer here with us, and we have missed you dearly. There is no way to describe how amazing you were. Dad, you were a man, father, and leader like no other. If love, humility, and compassion was in human form, then it was you. You were truly an icon worthy of emulation, a true definition of what a family should follow. You were our hero, the foundation to our family, a hardworking, strong, and God-fearing individual who was always there for your family. Family meant so much to you. It is disheartening we are no longer going to see you here on this earth, but we take consolation in the belief that, the dead in Christ shall rise first and the earth is only a brief transition place we will all pass.

Oh, how we wish the day never came. We knew a day like this would come, but we did not know it would be so soon. The phone call we received on that sad day of December 28th, 2023, truly changed our world. That day the man we loved and respected the most passed on. Death came and stole our Counselor, Mentor, Hero, and a Lovely Father. He meant so much to us. Dad, your transition to heaven has truly left a void in us that no one can fill. Our Dad lived a life of generosity, kind heartedness, dignity, and love. You were a selfless giver that loved pleasing people more than yourself. A bold and fearless Pastor who stood for the defenseless, needy, widows, fatherless and the oppressed. You always preferred to sacrifice your comfort, for the welfare of others through your various ministries. Like our father in heaven, you were also an epitome of discipline. You who never spared any rod regardless of age, potential or stature. Your YES was a YES, and your NO was a NO. You were the model father we knew. You showed professionalism, kindness, trust, strict compliance in your everyday activities. The first thing you instilled in us so strongly was the fear of God. This is evident in our lives today. None of us takes our Gods commands lightly. We all love and serve him passionately in our various endeavors and calls.

We will always remember the smiles and the excitement in you when coming to visit each of us in the different states. You always celebrated all our accomplishments, graduations, life milestones, career wins and encouraged us to dream big audacious lives. Your death has really left us with a heartache no one can heal but we will hold on to this:

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds". Psalm 147: 3.

Dad, to the world you were just one person, (Rev. Dr. Kobena Charm) but to your children, you were an amazing, lovely Dad. Your passion for education reflected on the qualitative education that you provided for us. Your drive in greeting positive results reflected in everything around you, both in your Christian life and in training of your children and

grandson. You believed that every child deserved the best which made you to stop at nothing in ensuring that your children lacked nothing. We are forever grateful for the sacrifice and perseverance to make everything happen for us. You will forever live in our hearts.

There are some people who cross your life, and you know that it is a privilege to share the same time and space with them. Our Dad was one such person. We are fortunate to have had him as our father and to have lived under his tutelage. We are indeed fully prepared now for the life ahead of us. Knowing that the values we have received are time tested ones. Dad, you brought so much joy to this family - more than you will ever know. You would be so very proud of your grandson and future grandchildren, just like you wished for them. They will miss your calls, the night conversations and prayers before sleep.

Daddy, as we bid you goodbye, may the light of God brighten your path to eternal rest in Jesus Mighty Name, Amen.



Tribute

By Lois



With a sad heart, I pay tribute to my father and the legacy he has left behind. I first want to thank him for raising three children as a single parent. Throughout most of my life, he was the main parent I depended on, and I remember how he worked very hard, sometimes working two jobs, in order to take care of my siblings and I. As a father, he was a great role model to his children by encouraging us to work hard and to not expect people to give us opportunities easily. As intimidating as he could be at times, I will always appreciate the straight-forward disciplinarian he was because he pushed me to achieve my goals and helped me to live with realistic expectations.

I also remember how attached I was to him as a child and how I never wanted to be anywhere without him. When he would travel out of town, it was hard for me to be happy without him around and I usually cried until he returned; that's how much I looked up to him. He always wanted to make me happy, and he would often make sacrifices to make sure I was. Now that I'm older, I cherish even the little things he did for me because he really gave a lot of effort to make sure I felt loved.

He loved reminding me about my cancer survival story and how much he sacrificed for me to come to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital back in 1997, just in time to save my life. I still remind myself that if it wasn't for this sacrifice I most likely wouldn't be here today. The almost six years that my dad spent with me at St. Jude while I received cancer treatment really built a special bond between us that has forever inspired me.

I also admire him for being a very determined man who exerted fierce faith and obedience to the things of God. I remember how devoted he was to serving others as a pastor, and donating to people in need was a very integral part of his ministry. I also remember how proud I was of him for opening The Cross Church back in 2019, and how glad I was to be there to help him with the ministry. My favorite times at the church was when he would host social gatherings where he would donate necessities and give Christmas presents to his church members and people in the community surrounding his church. The joy of giving was a passion I shared with him, and I'll forever cherish the memories we have together doing what we loved: serving others.

While I could write much more about him, I'll end this tribute by sharing a Bible verse that I think captures the legacy he leaves behind:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have loved his appearance." 2 Timothy 4:6-8

In closing, thank you Daddy for the great memories you've left behind for all who knew you, and thank you for your lifelong devotion as a father.

Agya, Medɔ wo pa ara. Da yie.

Tribute By Levi



These are by far the most difficult words I've had to write. I am still in shock, and trying my best to make sense of everything since your passing. Growing up, I remembered you as a loving, caring father, who always had my best interest at heart. Not only did you introduce us to the word of God, but you lived out those principles through your actions.

The emphasis you put on being a reliable, disciplined, and hard-working individual has helped guide me and my siblings throughout the years.

It was very evident just how passionate you were about people. I have watched you countless times go out of your way to help and inspire others.

I feel as though the best way I can honour you is to live the rest of my life in a manner you would be proud of. As I say Goodbye, just know that your impact lives through me. I look forward to meeting you again in a different realm.

**Love,
Levi**

Tribute By Siblings

"To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted" (Eccl 3:1-2).

Rev. Dr. Kobena Charm was the second among his siblings. We resided together in Adiembra, a suburb of Sekondi. He was a very amiable person and lived peacefully with all of us.

At school, he displayed exceptional intelligence, earning him the nickname "OBIDII," a moniker adopted by everyone in the community. He had unique pet names for each sibling and a humorous way of acknowledging each family member. A smile would light up his face when he visited the family. He cherished prayers and consistently encouraged us to diligently seek the face of God in everything we do. Despite spending most of his years abroad, whenever he returned home, he made it a point to visit, pray, and uplift us with thoughtful gifts for both us and our children. He often remarked, "This is for the boys" or "This is for the girls." He generously supported some of our children's education and medical bills, even providing shelter for some of us in his home. He had plans to settle in Ghana this year to enjoy life with the family, but tragically, his life was cut short. During his final moments, each sibling tried everything possible to ensure his survival, but ultimately, God knows best.

On Wednesday 27th December when you asked for soup, we were told you were okay and could eat. We got excited with the hope that you are getting better and will be discharged the next day or two so we see you off to United States only to come and meet your empty bed. We admire the fact that in your critical stage at the hospital you still worshipped your maker. The nurses tried to stop you, but you wouldn't stop.

Brother Kobena, we are overwhelmed with grief and pain, especially after you conducted a crusade, showcasing your passion. You fought a good fight and finished the race. Brother Kobena, rest well. We know we will meet again on the day of resurrection, and your labour has not been in vain.

DAMERIFADUE!!



Tribute

By Joel Childers

I met Dr. Charm in 2001 through a mutual friend and we became fast friends. Dr. Charm was a lover of Jesus, the word of God, and prayer. It was always thrilling to reason the word of God, pray, and worship with him. He was passionate about the Great Commission, people hearing the gospel, and his people (Ghana).

Dr. Charm taught me how to pray like an African, give sacrificially, and to be courageous in sharing the Gospel we love. I was privileged to go with him on mission trips to Ghana, Togo, and Benin. On those adventures for Christ, I watched him proclaim the good news with power, pray for the sick, and give to those in desperate need. He preached the gospel in Cape Coast, Ekon, Abuesi, Abot, Kumasi, Dambai, Nkwanta, Dodowa, Lome Togo, and Cotonou Benin. Thousands came to know Christ as he boldly explained the gospel of the Kingdom.

There were times he would seize opportunities to share his love for Christ and his faith with taxi drivers, fellow travellers on planes, boats, hotel receptionists, and even people waiting at borders.

Dr. Charm was a fantastic organizer and mentor to young pastors. He was a family man who took responsibility for the destiny of his children; he wanted them to succeed in life, passing on his values and love for Christ. His laugh and demeanor were amiable, and he loved to joke with us along our trips.

A humble man who never boasted in himself nor blew a trumpet when he gave, Dr. Charm followed his Lord with quiet faithfulness. God had given Kobena a vision that he was devoted to until the end. I know that when he walked into the presence of his Lord he heard the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant."



Tribute By Son-In Law

Good day to you all, On behalf of the In-laws, myself, Brian Royce Ofonna Eke, my Father Augustine Eke and my mother Cynthia Harmon.

I would like to share some words of delight and honor for Rev. Dr. Kobena Charm. My father-in-law was a great man of God, leaving behind 3 children and a grandson: Rosesharon Charm, Levi Charm, Lois Charm and Noah Royce Eke. Rev. Dr. Kobena Charm will be truly missed, he was known for many things, A pastor, father, husband, uncle, brother, grandfather.

But to me, he was known as "Papa Charm", always in good spirits, he was always in a mood to tell a joke and have a good laugh. Over the years of knowing Dad, he has always been there to pray over us, give advice, travel for events, open his home when we traveled to see him, take frequent trips to Ghana for spreading the gospel.

He was many things but selfish was not one of them. He was a well accomplished man, well traveled, highly educated but one thing he truly embodied was being a great father. He sacrificed so much to give his children a better life, to have opportunities they didn't have growing up and stood for them in the face of adversity time and time again.

He really loved his family and did whatever he had to do to give them what they needed, even if it was something he had to sacrifice.

As we remember Dr. Charm's legacy, we also remember our relationship with him, how he made us feel, how he made us laugh, and how we continue to live our life in a way, pleasing to God.

Regards,
Brian Royce Ofonna Eke



Tribute By Father In-Law

My dear in-law Dr. Charm, thank you for the wisdom, countless memories, and indelible mark, for your spirit will continue to guide and inspire us.

I met Dr. Charm in the summer of 2021 when I visited my son, Brian Ofonna Eke and his beautiful wife, Rosesharon in Memphis TN. Dr. Charm was an unassuming, accomplished, educated husband, father, and grandfather. Dr. Charm and I share the same grandson, Noah R. Eke.

My first memorable impression was when we all went to dinner in a restaurant in Memphis. This gathering exemplified who Dr. Charm was because he showed genuine love to his children and son-in-law, Mr. Brian Ofonna Eke. He displayed a good sense of generosity, humor and brandished unwavering commitment to his family.

The delivery of our first grandson Noah in August 2022, truly turned the tide of our relationship. It was as if any doubts or reservations we had about each other disappeared. This blessing turned into a regular exchange of pleasantries, baby photos, and phone calls. As a result, we often let each other know whenever a schedule visit to Charlotte North Carolina to see our grandson.

The celebration of our grandson's first birthday in August 2023, gave us the impetus to come together once again, as a family. It was a memorable family get together event because I have not seen Dr. Charm this happy. This event would be a lasting remembrance of my friend, and father-in-law...his complete and unconditional love for children and grandson was noticeable. I saw him carry the little boy in his hands, talking to him and making him laugh, sneaking gifts into his little hands, whispering words, songs, and lyrics into his ears. Obviously, both were enjoying the rapport.

As the event winddown, Dr Charm and I went and sat under the canopy at the back when he dived to telling stories of his youthful days growing up in Ghana, then migrated to Nigeria from where he came to the United States to attend college in order to quench his thirst for education that led him into ministries. He always put others before himself, leading by example and showing us all what true love and dedication look like.

Dr. Charm, you are in the Lords Place where there are no more pains or death, knowing that you were deeply loved and always will be remembered by those you left behind. Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations (psalm 90:1) ... Rest in perfect peace!

Augustine Eke-In law.



Tribute

By the Team of Pastors from
Cross Ministries International
Ghana

In 2001, Dr. Charm came with a team of pastors from the USA to start church planting in Ghana. They established churches in several villages including: Abuesi, Abort, Manpaoum, Axim, Mounza, Ekon, Akookansow, Dodowa, Dambai, Yamoransa and Eduma. They also held crusades in Togo, Nigeria, Uganda, and India.

Dr. Charm took the role of spiritual father very seriously and mentored many sons and daughters. His wisdom and guidance helped each one of us to walk in our calling.

Dr. Charm raised money for many schools, orphanages, and churches. At every opportunity, he gave to the poor, the widows and orphans. He also gave money to help families start businesses. He was loved by the students, teachers, administrators, and church leaders. Whenever he came on a visit, he was greeted with such love and affection. Children and adults would often run up to him and hug him. Dr. Charm was well-respected, and he also loved to tell stories and make people laugh.

During a visit to a small village on the coast, a man came up to Dr. Charm. They referred to him as a mad man because he was suffering from mental health issues. Dr. Charm prayed for the man, took him to the barber's shop and got his hair cut, bought him some new clothes, and gave him some money. The people in the community can attest to how the man's life was changed for the better. There are countless stories like this that describe how God used Dr. Charm to help people.

Dr. Charm was a blessed man, full of the Word of God. His focus was to preach the Word of God and to bring lost souls into the Kingdom. He won a lot of souls. We accompanied Dr. Charm on countless mission trips, church services, and crusades and we had a chance to see how he dealt with obstacles, frustrations, victories, praise, and criticism. He gave us responsibilities and took great pleasure in watching us learn and grow in the ministry.

Reverend Doctor Kobena Charm fell ill after a crusade in Sekondi-Takoradi. He was a great man of God who loved people and the gospel. We were blessed to have him in our lives to help guide us on our spiritual journeys and become preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that the Lord gives us the strength and wisdom to continue the things that he taught us. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Tribute

By Reverend Boateng Of The Cross Outreach Church International, Abuesi Ghana

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7 KJV).*

We believe as a church that Rev. Dr. Charm has fulfilled the above scripture; therefore, THE ONE who gave him the assignment has deemed it fit to call him home at this time. This is our consolation to the bereaved family and children.

The seed of our relationship with Rev Charm was planted through Rev Kojo Asare of the Calvary Love Assemblies of God church in East Legon. Pastor's Charm's passion for church planting and the expansion of God's Kingdom made our relationship stronger.

In 2001, Rev Dr Charm came to Ghana with a missionary called Brandon Borne with a mandate from God to go to the western region of Ghana to spread God's word. He sought permission from Rev Asare so that Brother John Nkum Boateng now Revered Boateng will accompany them and this journey led to the establishing of the Abuesi church.

In Abuesi, we had a weeklong crusade where ninety-six (96) souls gave their lives to Christ, and they became the membership base of the Abuesi church. Every year, Rev Charm came from the United States of America with different missionaries who included Bishop Joe Childers, Pastor Bruce Pearson, Pastor Steve Abban Nartey and many more. Through his leadership, the Abuesi church gave birth to the Abort, Axim, Wassa Mampong, Yamoransa and Aduma branches.

Rev. Dr. Charm had a lot of concern for rural communities who were being cut-off from hearing the word of God and that fueled his passion to plant churches in such areas. He took a lot of interest in training many pastors and leaders. This gives us confidence and belief as a church that he has made a lot of impact on God's kingdom.

A week before his passing, he had a crusade with the Sekondi chapter of the Christian Council of Churches Ghana. Therefore, learning of his death after such a program was shocking and difficult to believe. On behalf of the entire membership of the church, we express our deepest condolences to the children and family. We pray for divine comfort.

Rev Dr Kobena Charm, we wish you safe journey, Rest well with your maker.

Demerifa Due! Due ne amanehunu.

Tribute

By Colleagues at Methodist Le Bonheur Children's Hospital

Every morning at 9:45am, we have staff huddles. While this is the time, I share info from Daily Safety Briefing and other pertinent patient and clinical information, this is also our time as chaplains. This is our daily time for bonding and sharing. This is the space where we share and support each other in the same way we support and offer safe space to patients, families and our fellow Associates. In essence, this is how we have all come to get to know each other ... spiritually, professionally, theologically and personally.

So, it was not unusual when Kobe shared a story one morning about something that had occurred in his life years ago. I preface this with saying, if you only knew Kobe as Chaplain Kobe or Pastor Kobe, you probably have NO idea of what a character he really was! He prided himself on being a jokester and often shared stories of what a prankster he said he was growing up.

One morning he shared a story about being in a restaurant several years ago, and he talked about how much he enjoyed the food. He said it was so good that later the same day, he went back to the same restaurant. When the waitress recognized him from being there earlier, she questioned him. She said something to the effect of, what are you doing here again? Weren't you here earlier today? And in Kobe's direct tone his response was, "what's your business"?

In other words, mind your own business. If I want to eat here several times a day, what business is it of yours? What's your business!?!

From that point on, what's your business became our inside joke and our departmental reference point.

What's your business was the mantle Kobe carried. Not in a bad or cynical way. Not in a defensive way; but in a very professional regard. Typically, Kobe was very good at minding his own business ... he was very introverted and reserved. The same way he carried his role in ministry, and as a chaplain was how he lived his life, minding his business. He was deliberate, intentional, and focused on ministry. It was integrated into his life, and he took it very seriously. In fact, there were times we would be laughing and joking, and Kobe would abruptly dismiss himself to get back to work ... most often without saying a word, but quietly assuming the tasks at hand.

However, as many of you can attest, Kobe was also very good at being mindful of you, your business ... mindful, but not nose. He was concerned and caring.

Kobe was known for walking the halls of the hospital. He would intentionally round the floors, even units he didn't cover because it was his business to care about Le Bonheur ... the patients, the families, and the staff.

He truly embodied the ministry of presence, and his presence also was often very calming to those in crisis. His presence alone, often without saying a word, provided comfort to countless families over the years. Kobe truly carried the core values of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare and the core competencies of chaplaincy in his heart and mind at all times.

When I think of Kobe and what's your business, I think of how he showed compassion and care. Whenever he

encountered people ... anybody, anywhere as he rounded and walked the halls, Kobe made it his business to ask about your business ... How is your family? How are the twins? He knew and remembered specifics about everybody, by name and he always made it a point to stop and pray at the moment of the encounter.

I parallel Kobe to the good Samaritan. The halls of Le bonheur were his street. While many others ignored people they met on the elevator with them, and walked right pass people in crisis or distress, Kobe made it a point to stop and minister to them. While others were too consumed and distracted as they moved through the hallways, Kobe stopped, not only to ask what they needed, but to provide safe space for them, to offer empathic listening and to provide the truly needed pastoral care.

Kobe lived knowing that it's not about knowing who your neighbour is. It's more important to show yourself neighbourly and kind. It's more important to show mercy and do justice.

Kobe truly loved the lord with all his heart, mind and soul and the fruit of his labour showed evidence of such. Many may not have understood why Kobe moved through the halls of this institution as he did, but it was his business.

Kobe took to heart what it meant to function as an agent of God. It was a divine action and the work he did was divine. He imitated the compassion of God in all he did.

The Spirit of the Lord was on Kobe, and he made that his business. It was his business to bring hope to the hopeless, to shine light in darkness, it was his business to heal broken hearts. It was his business to offer comfort to those experiencing trauma and crisis, it was his business!

Kobe left us a legacy of compassion. He made God's business his business. He made the ministry of Jesus, his business. Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans, Memphians, Ghanaians, it was his business.

Make it your business, that at the end of your journey, God opens the windows of heaven and says to you, well done my good and faithful servant, your living has not been in vain. You will be missed Kobe.

With Deep Regards,

Rev. Sarita Wilson- Anderson and entire staff at Methodist Le Bonheur Children's Hospital



Tribute By The Ghanaians in Memphis Association

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Dr. Kobena Charm, our esteemed Chief Public Relations Officer, whose unwavering commitment to our association and profound dedication to his beliefs left an indelible mark on us all.

As our Chief Public Relations Officer, Dr. Charm epitomized professionalism and integrity, ensuring that our association upheld the highest standards in the eyes of the public. Despite his prominent position, he shunned the limelight, preferring instead to let his actions speak volumes.

A guardian of our association's online presence, Dr. Charm was vigilant in maintaining the integrity of our social media platforms, always quick to intervene when he felt content was not suitable for our members. His steadfast belief that "not everything popular is right" guided his decisions, bridging generational gaps and fostering healthy dialogue within our community.

Dr. Charm's humility knew no bounds, readily assisting with any task, no matter how menial, and always putting the needs of others before his own. He was truly a man of service, embodying the essence of selflessness and kindness.

To many, Dr. Charm will be remembered as the man who fervently preached the gospel, unashamedly proclaiming his faith and devotion to Christ. His missionary zeal took him to the far corners of the world, including many states in the USA, India, South Africa and of course regions in Ghana, where he tirelessly worked to spread the message of salvation, touching countless lives along the way.

As we mourn the loss of our dear friend and colleague, let us take solace in the knowledge that Dr. Charm's legacy will endure through the countless lives he touched and the indomitable spirit he embodied. To his family, we offer our deepest condolences and unwavering support, praying that God's strength may sustain you in this difficult time.

Rest in peace, dear Dr. Charm. Your presence will be sorely missed, but your memory will forever be cherished in our hearts.

With love and fond remembrance,

Members of The Ghanaians in Memphis Association

Mr. A.J. Akoto: President. / Mr. Enoch Akyea Mensah: Board
Chair / Dr. Akwasi Kusi Appiah: Secretary



Picture Gallery



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Hymns

NO.1 FATHER, I KNOW THAT ALL MY LIFE

1. Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me,
And the changes that are sure to come I do not fear to
see;
But I ask Thee for a present mind intent on pleasing
Thee.
2. I ask Thee for a thoughtful love, through constant
watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles, and to wipe the
weeping eyes;
And a heart at leisure from itself, to soothe and
sympathize.
3. I would not have the restless will that hurries to and
fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to
know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.
4. Wherever in the world I am, in whatso'er estate,
I have a fellowship with hearts to keep and cultivate;
And a work of lowly love to do for the Lord on whom I
wait.

No. 2 BE GONE, UNBELIEF

1. BE GONE, unbelief; my Saviour is near,
And for my relieve will surely appear:
By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.
2. Though dark be my way, since He is my Guide,
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail,
The word He has spoken shall surely prevail.
3. His love in time past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;
While each Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite through.
4. Why should I complain of want or distress,
Temptation or pain? He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation, I know from His word.
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.
5. Since all that I meet shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, the medicine food;
Though painful at present, 'twill cease before long;
And then, O how pleasant the conqueror's song!

Hymns

No. 3 CAPTAIN OF ISRAEL'S HOST, AND GUIDE

1. Captain of Israel's host, and guide
Of all who seek the land above,
Beneath Thy shadow we abide,
The cloud of Thy protecting love;
Our strength, Thy grace, our rule, Thy Word;
Our end, the glory of the Lord.

2. By Thine 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.

3. We've no abiding city here,
But seek a city out of sight;
Thither our steady course we steer,
Aspiring to the plains of light;
Jerusalem the saints' abode,
Whose founder is the living God

No. 4 ABIDE WITH ME

1. ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.



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