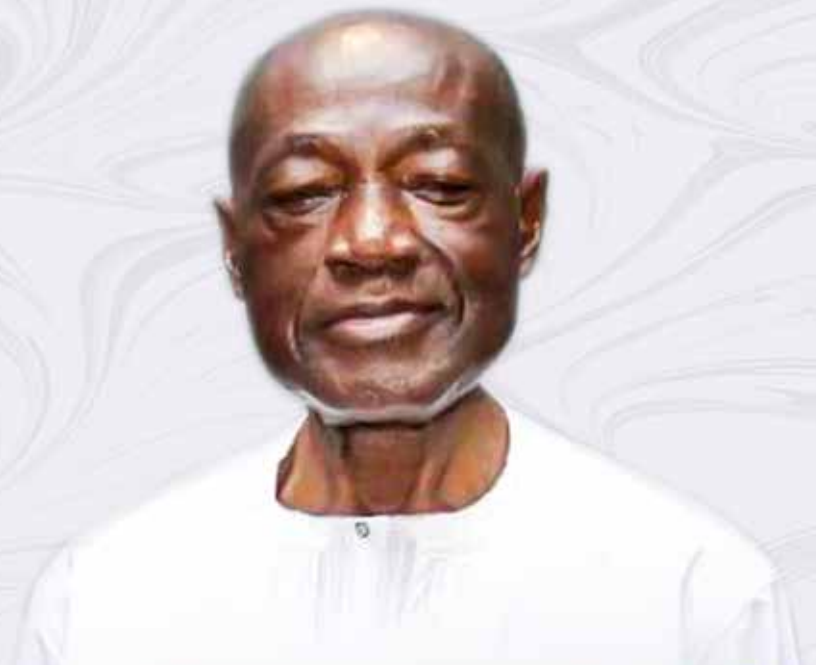




CELEBRATION OF LIFE



PRIVATE BURIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE

**RICHARD KWASI
DONKOR**

1928 - 2020

Date: 30th May 2020
@Transitions Funeral Home Haatso

FINAL INTERMENT
Military Cemetery, Airport Hills

Order Of Service



PART ONE: FUNERAL SERVICE

- Opening Prayer
- Hymns: **Captain's of Israel Host & Guide me o thou Great Jehovah**
- File Past
- Introduction
- Hymn: **My Faith has found a resting place**
- Scripture Reading: **Revelation 14:12 & John 5:24**
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Hymn: **When peace like a river**
- Biography
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Children
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Church
Family
- Sermon
- Prayer for the bereaved family
- Announcement

PART TWO: BURIAL SERVICE


- Procession to cemetery
- Lowering of casket
- Prayer
- Song : **God be with you till we meet again**
- Committal
- Closing and vote of thanks
- Benediction

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

Rev. Eric Owusu Nortey

MC: Bro. Moses Abbey Cole

Organist: Kobby Owusu Nortey



Biography

THE LATE RICHARD KWASI DONKOR

We are gathered here today in memory of our father, brother, uncle and our grandpa Mr. Richard Kwasi Antwi Donkor to share both our joy in the gift that his life was to us and the pain that his passing brings. In sharing the joy and pain together today, may we lessen the pain and remember more clearly, our joy.

Mr. Richard Kwasi Antwi Donkor was born to the Oyoko Hene, Nana Yaw Antwi Ababio II (a.k.a Nana Yaw Donkor) who reigned from 1945 to 1976 and Madam Afia Nkrumah at Oyoko near Effiduase in the Ashanti region. He was the third child of his parents. He attended Effiduase Basic School for his middle school education. After school he taught for a while at Bonwire Primary school and later joined the Ghana Military Service for 9 years. He left the Ghana Military service and travelled to the United Kingdom to further his education.

He attended the City of London College, Moorgate from 1963 to 1967. He later attended the East London College of commerce, London in 1968. He passed his final examination of the Institution of Shipping and Forwarding Agent in 1968 and was later elected associate member of the institute in 1968. He passed the London Chamber of Commerce Higher Group degree in shipping management with distinction. He also passed the graduate-ship





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examination of the Institute of Traffic Administration in London in 1969. Because of his deep seated knowledge in shipping management, he was elected member of International Cargo Handling Coordination Association in London in 1969 and was also elected fellow of Royal Economic Society in the same year.

He worked at Thomas Cook & Son from 1968 to 1970 and was later brought to Ghana to serve His country by Ghana National Shipping Line (Black Star Line) and employed by Ghana National Trading Company (GNTC) as a Freight Manager. He rose through the ranks to become the shipping manager in 1971 and later promoted to Traffic Manager 1975, then he became the Principal Shipping Manager in 1981 and between 1981-1984, he served as the Merchandised Manager.

Some of the laurels he achieved doing his industrious life in shipping management in Ghana was his election as a member of governing body of Ghana's Shippers Council. He also gained some international recognition when he was appointed the alternative Chairman Technical Committee of experts for implementation in Ghana of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) code of conducts for liner conferences with special reference to cargo sharing in 1983. His name was included in the roster of experts in United Nation International Trade Centre as a shipping and international trade expert in 1985.

Upon retirement from active service, he lectured at Ghana Institute of Exports and Shipping Management and also served as a consultant.



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Mr. Richard Kwasi Antwi Donkor was intelligent, hardworking, jovial, family oriented, a father, brother and uncle who cherished his family. He took the responsibility of taking care of his nephews and nieces. He was a simple and selfless man who often helped and supported all others including strangers.

He was a devoted member of Assemblies of God Church and never missed Sunday church services. His hobbies were reading and going to the cinema.

On the 19th of April, 2020 he fell sick and was rushed to the 37 Military Hospital in Accra, where he was admitted. He was called to eternal rest on Monday 20th April, 2020 at 5:30am by His maker.

He is survived by 6 children and 5 grandchildren.

Fare well, Fare thee well.

Rest in perfect peace.

Rest in the arms of your maker.

May the God of heaven keep you safe

Richard Kwasi Antwi Donkor.

**Damirifa Due,
Damirifa Due,
Due, Due, Due.**



Tribute by children

Psalm 91:16

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

On Monday, the 20th of April 2020, we got to 37 military hospital around 6:10am and noticed you were not lying on your sick bed. So we asked the nurse about you and he told us to wait outside and that the doctors will want to have a word with us. The doctors said: “we are so sorry, your father passed away at exactly 5:30am”. hmmm

You safely passed away from this world to eternity. The memory of your fatherly concern still lingers in our minds.

Mr. Donkor as we usually call you, you were a Godly father who understood and took pride in your children and truly wanted the best for us. He was an intelligent, generous, affable and very warm person who received everyone with open arms. The true measure and value of a man should be seen in how much love he gives, how selflessly he shares and what he can do to help others. Dada was a man who gave; he gave so much to his nieces, nephews, work and society. We all benefitted from your many words of wisdom and constant three hourly prayers each day. For that we are eternally grateful to you. You always emphasized that, your children are intelligent and you constantly spoke to us about God. You thought us to fear God and admonished us to never to cease praying. One of your favorite memory verses in the bible you shared with us almost every day and we have hidden in our hearts is Proverbs 9:10 which say: “The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom”.

We are consoled with the trust and hope that you have been called by your maker who will give you eternal peace and joy and knowing you will continue to pray and intercede on our behalf is comforting.

Tribute by children

Thank you dada for the laughter, your prayers, all the good times and the affection you showed us. They are forever etched in our memories and hearts.

From all of us, your intelligent children:

Gloria, Wilhelmina, Richard, Theresa, Anita and Rebecca we say farewell.

For Christ! For Christ!! For Christ!! Rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Dada, Mr. Donkor, Damiri Due!!!

Till we meet again, rest in eternal peace.

Nyame nfa wo kra nseyie may3n.



Tribute by family

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

It is difficult to put words together to describe who and what our brother, father and uncle meant to us. Probably all words are not enough to get anything said. He was simply the best God gave us. He was a unifier of the family and he made sure he took each of his siblings children to care for and educate them. I was a beneficiary of such kind gesture from my uncle. I stayed with him from my childhood till I finished secondary school and he took me like his own daughter.

He was a kind man and was always willing to help others. He was intelligent, affable, loving, warm, a jovial character and will always receive us anytime we visited. He was loved and respected by his family. As a family, we say we are truly grateful to you Wofa.

Wofa, we will miss you.

Damirifa due, due ne amanehunu.

May the good Lord keep you till we meet again.

Tribute by grandchildren



Sorrow comes in great waves as it rolls over us and though it may almost smother us, it passes away and still remains.

The sudden death of our grandfather has brought to the understanding of what Paul said in Philippians 1:21 that “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain”

Grandpa was a very good, kind and a humble man. In life and now in death, he wouldn't want us to focus on him. He wouldn't want us to focus on the sadness of his death but instead focus on the little happiness in our lives. He would want us to appreciate each other and be grateful for the things that we have.

O Grandpa we miss you so much. The emptiness of the space you have left In our lives is so deep. It will be difficult for us to say goodbye to you. We do not see you so we console ourselves because you lie in the bosom of the Lord. You were such a wonderful living experience to us your grandchildren.

Your different experiences in life always filled our home with exotic stories. We were always ready to listen to your stories. Our ears tingled, our noses twitched, our eyes stayed wide open and our heads stood up. We will also miss those times we used to bring your favourite food for you at your place and you will dash us money and malt for doing that. It is the advice you used to give us all the time and your prayers that always strengthened us.

In paying tribute to our Grandpa we will like to thank the Almighty God for giving us such a wonderful man as a Grandfather. We will always remember you as your memories bring refreshment to our hearts and strengthens us in times of trouble, and anytime we look up in the sky and see stars we will never forget that you are one of them watching over us

***Grandpa, your grandchildren say:
Rest in Perfect Peace
Until we meet again in heaven***





Hymns



CAPTAIN'S OF ISRAEL HOST

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, thy grace; our rule, thy word:
our end, the glory of the Lord.

our strength, thy grace; our rule, thy word:
our end, the glory of the Lord.

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.

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our end, the glory of the Lord.

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great *Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

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 give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the Ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood.

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GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

1. God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.

[Chorus]

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.





If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8