

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF THE
Late

DERRICK KOFI SELASI
ADORSU-MENSAH

AGED:
30
years
to God be the Glory

BURIAL SERVICE: Saturday 13th Dec., 2024

VENUE: Transitions Funeral Home - Haatso
at 6am - 9:30am

FRIENDS AND SYMPATHIZERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Order Of Service

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Min. Enoch Owusu Ansah

Min. Francis Agyare

Min. Simon Amanor

MC/Songs Leader - Min. Enoch Owusu Ansah

7:00 - 7:10 am - Arrival & Opening Songs - MC

7:10 - Opening prayer - Bro. Bismark Agyare

7:15 – Last respect (Filling past)

7:35 – Hymn/Songs

7:40 – Biography - Nancy Bartey

7:50 – Hymn/Songs

8:00 - Tribute by parents - Coffie

8:05 - Tribute by Church -

8:10 - Tribute by Freda

8:15 - Tribute by Adelaide

8:20 - Sermon by Min. Francis Agyare

8:30 - Offertory - MC

8:45 - Prayer for Family Closing hymn

- Min. Simon Amanor

8:50 - Announcement - Family & Church

9:00 - Closing prayer - Bro. Ebenezer Arthur

Interment at Achimota Cemetery

MC & Officiators - Min Owusu Ansah

Hymn

Committals

Closing prayer



BIOGRAPHY

“ *"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again."* ”
Maya Angelou

The life of Derrick began on 22nd July 1994 in Nungua, greater Accra region of Ghana. Selasi as was affectionately called was the youngest child of Mr Alexander Adorsu-Mensah and Mrs Beatrice Adorsu-Mensah. Raised in a Christian family, Derrick's early years were marked by strong Christian and moral values from both the Church of Christ and the Presbyterian church of Ghana.

Derrick began his formal education at Christolite daycare centre in Nungua and graduated to join his siblings at Bethel Nursery school in Sakumono in Tema. He then continued at Sakumono School Complex for primary and junior high school. He attended Church of Christ Senior High School (Chrisec) in the Ashanti region and then to Accra Technical University where he pursued supply chain management. In 2016, he completed the ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION's Digital Jobs Training in Business Process at

the British Council, Accra. He was looking forward to establishing his enterprise with the skills he acquired during this training.

Derrick worked with his mother as the purchasing and supply chain consultant for most of his work life. He also worked with wholesale and retail outlets in Accra and Tema.

He loved Sunday school from his early childhood and grew to love and partake in church activities. Though he did not have any education in music, he was able to learn music notes from song leaders at church and always wanted to help with the congregational singing as singing was his passion. He participated in the maiden Song Leaders Conference organised by the Angelic Voices at the Osu Church of Christ in 2018. His life was a reflection of his faith and love for humanity.

“1 Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come. 2 For those who follow godly

paths will rest in peace when they die.” Isaiah 57:1-2 (New Living Translation).

Derrick, a very healthy young man at the later months of 2023, complained of tooth ache with mild symptoms and had a tooth surgery at the Korle-bu Teaching Hospital. His recovery from the surgery was rather slow and he developed more complicated symptoms and was later diagnosed with Nasopharyngeal cancer. After rounds of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and adjunct treatments, Derrick fought a good fight and went to be with the Lord on the 16th of November 2024.

Derrick's passing is a profound heartbreaking loss to the family, but his remarkable kindness and sweet love and the impact made in such a short time will never be forgotten. Indeed, his life is a testament to fulfilling God's purpose for our lives.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

TRIBUTE BY PARENTS

On the 22nd of July 1994, a chubby, beautiful baby boy was born into our family, and we named him Derrick Kofi Selasi Adorsu-Mensah. From the moment you arrived, you filled our lives with immense joy and purpose. You were an adorable baby who loved your food and songs - always content with a full stomach and someone singing to you. Your laughter and curiosity lit up our home.

From your early words like bumba (dzifa) to the unforgettable Aachiiimota ("I will drink water"), you had a way of making everyone around you laugh. Derrick, you blessed our home in countless ways. People in every neighbourhood knew us as "Selasi Maame" and "Selasi Papa," a testament to how deeply you touched those around you. You were always fascinated by cars, and it's no surprise that you became the best driver we've ever known.

As we look back on the years we shared, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the man you

became. You faced challenges with bravery and embraced life with calmness. You connected and reconnected with family and friends of the family and brought so much love and happiness in our lives and for that we are grateful.

Today, we celebrate the thirty beautiful years we were privileged to spend with you. You taught us so much—patience, love, kindness, and diligence in serving the Lord. These lessons will stay with us always. We are deeply honoured to have been your parents, to have guided you, and to have witnessed the incredible person you grew into.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow at your passing, we take comfort in knowing that you are in a better place, free from pain and at peace. Derrick, you were deeply loved, and you will be deeply missed. Thank you for blessing our lives in ways we will never forget.

Rest well, our beloved son. Until we meet again.

TRIBUTE BY CHURCH

"And God shall wipe away all the tears from their eye, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4)



As we reflect upon the life of our beloved brother Derrick Adorsu Mensah Selasi whose mortal remains lay before us today, was a member of Gbetsile church of Christ from 2016-2024 when the family relocated from Nungua Boade church of Christ to Gbetsile.

He has demonstrated a great sense of humility and dedication to the Lord's work and has reflected in his entire lifestyle not only in the church but among his peers. One thing we will forever remember was his voice in singing. He was a bass singer. The entire membership of Gbetsile church will bear witness that indeed we have lost a great brother a big tree has fallen in the Lord's vineyard.

The entire church was in the battlefield with our brother as he fought fearless with ill health. And with the hope that victory will be ours at the end of the day, But God knows best. He knows why and one day we will understand. May the Holy Spirit comfort us and give us strength. We are consoled that you are asleep, waiting the day of resurrection. (1Thessalonians 4:13-14)

*Fare thee well Bro
Rest in Peace
Amen*



SELASI'S FAMILY

GALARIES





TRIBUTE BY FREDA

That moment between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on November 16, 2024, will forever remain etched in my memory. It was a time of profound heartbreak, a moment that shook me to my core.

Although you had been unwell for some time, we held onto hope and prayed relentlessly for your recovery, even when the road seemed impossibly hard. Oh, Kofi, I guess this is where the curtains close, even though there were still so many blank spaces we were meant to fill together.

As painful as this is, today I choose to celebrate the incredible thirty years of your life. You weren't just my brother-you were my friend, my confidant, my partner in laughter and prayer.

I'll always cherish the beautiful fellowship we shared: the jokes that made the hard days bearable, the prayers that strengthened us, the

encouragement that uplifted me, and the countless moments that bound us as family.

You lived a life that left an indelible mark on my heart. Though it feels like you were taken too soon, I find comfort in the memories we created and the love we shared. Farewell, my dear brother. You will forever remain in my heart.

Until we meet again, rest peacefully.



TRIBUTE BY ADELAIDE

Today, as I stand here, I find it difficult to capture the essence of Selasi's impact. To those who knew him, he was many things—a friend, a brother, a guide, a constant source of joy. Everyone here had their own special version of him because Selasi had a way of being exactly what each person needed him to be. But today, I'd like to share with you who my Selasi is.

One of my fondest memories of him was during my first solo long drive home. I called him, slightly panicked, and said, "Hello, Sela, please meet me at Kasoa. I'm driving home from Wassa for the first time, and I don't think I can survive the Kasoa traffic." Without hesitation, he responded, "No worries, I'll set off now." He took public transport to Kasoa to meet me, but by the time he arrived, I wasn't there. So he took another one to Cape Coast, yet I was still crawling on the deadly Twifo Praso bridge. I remember only having one thought, and that was the song, "Agyis3 woa woa o, Agyis3 wo ba mu." And sure enough, Selasi was to the rescue. He came all the way to Twifo Heman, and together, we drove home in perfect harmony—in that trusty old Honda Accord.

He was also with me on my first drive on the motorway, where I accidentally bumped the tail of his car in the middle of the Accra Mall roundabout's bumper-to-bumper traffic. People around us stared, waiting for the inevitable outburst of frustration, expecting him to lose his patience. But what they didn't know was that he was my brother, and instead of anger, he only gave me his calm and understanding smile.

That was Selasi—a patient, selfless soul, someone who always made me feel safe. He was gentle, sweet, and thoughtful. He had a remarkable memory, one that could recall faces and places with a precision that often left me baffled. And he believed in me with a loyalty that was unshakeable. There were moments when he could be a little careless, but he was always willing to learn, always open to growth.

He had a deep love for driving and an equal passion for singing. When we were bored, we'd practice songs together. I was always forgetting the lyrics, but he never lost his patience with me. That was Selasi—a calm presence who taught me that you don't have to be loud to make an impact. He led with quiet strength, and his impact was felt deeply in

my life. Sela, thank you for all these years you spent by my side. I remember singing lullabies to you as a baby, walking to catch the Nungua bus together, visiting you at Chrisec and KNUST, all the times you picked me up, drove me around town, ran my errands, and brightened my days. You were always there, just as I needed you to be.

In this past year, you faced some of the toughest moments, and you fought with a bravery that left me in awe. Though I miss you deeply, I believe you're in a place of peace, free from the struggles you faced here. I carry our plans, our dreams with Demens, and the many ideas we shared in my heart, and I promise to honour your memory as best as I can.

Selasi left a piece of himself in all of us, and I know his spirit will live on in the kindness he showed, the memories we shared, and the countless lives he touched. Thank you, Selasi, for being a part of my journey. I will carry your spirit with me always, knowing that I was blessed to have had a brother as remarkable as you. I am so honoured and blessed to have shared in your life.

***Until we meet again,
Rest in perfect peace Sela.***

HYMN 1

Wo A Mekoma Afe Wo

1. Wo a me koma afe wo
M'Agyenkwa no wo wo he?
Yesu afa me yonko
Na afei dee w'afa he?

1. Me kra aye hahaha se
Repe wo, me dɔfo pa
Bane ama m'abre se enti
bra begye me nkwa.

2. Me de mmɔborɔ nne me fre wo
Yesu, 'he po na wo ko?
Hwee remma me nya ahoto
Akosi se me wu?

3. Se menya nnomaa ntaban a
Anka metu ma ko
Ma ko hwehwe wiem ne 'soro
Mahu dee Yesu wa.

HYMN 2

Oman Bi Wo Ho A Ehyer3n S3n Wim

1. Oman bi wo ho ehyeren sen wim
Yede gyedie hu wo akhiri
Na Agya retwen wo kwan so
Asiesie tenabea ama yen ya.
Nnyesoo
Daakye bi anigyesem
Yebehya wo mpoano fefe ho.

2. Yebeto wo mpoano fefe ho
Nhyirafon nkwom a ee de no
Yen honhom renni yea ara da
Yensi apini yen home mu.

3. Yen soro Agya odee fon no
Yede yen ayeyie bema no
Wo nhyira a ode dom yen ha
Ne ne do akyedee fefe nti.

HYMN 3

O Yehowa Tumfuo Gyaa me

1. O Yehowa Tumfuo gyaa me
Kwantuni wo sare so
Meye mmerɛ, na wo ho ye den
Kura me wo tumi nsa mu
Soro Aduan 2x
Yen me nne ne da nyaa.

2. Bue nsuaniwa hyenhyen no
Dee yaresa nsuo pem no
Ma ogya ne munumkum dum
Nya me makwantu nyinaa m'
Gyefon Tumfuo 2x
Ye me mmoa ne me kyem daa.

3. Se medu Jordan konkoo so a
Ma me suro nyinaa nsa
Wuo kumfon asaman seefon
Fa me kodu Kana soonn
Ayeyie nkwom 2x
Na mede bema wo daa.

HYMN 4

Oko k3se3 No wawie Ko

1. oko kesee no wawie ko Afei
yen sahen adi nim
Momfi ahurusi dwom ase, halleluia.
2. Owuo tume aye bi de Nanso
Kristo ayi afi ho
Momɔ se nto ahurusi dwom,
halleluia.

3. Awerchoɔ nnansa no atwam
ode nkonim asore wum
Nuonyam nka hene a wasore,
halleluia.

4. Yen wura wamanehun nti
Gye wo nkoa fi wuo bore mu
Na yeanya nkwa ato wo dwom,
Halleluia.

HYMN 5

Wo Anim Ho

1. Sohwe ne haw taa gya ye'adwendwen se

Aden na ewo se eba saa mmere nyinaa
Bere a ebinom atwa yen ho ahyia
Wo ye bone nso haw nni won so.
Nnyesoo

Anim ho ye behu bribiara
Anim ho yebete ne nyinaa ase
Ma w'ani nnye me nua, ka wo ho hye
Enkye bi yebete ne nyinaa ase.

2. Se owu ba befa ye'adofo ko
Egya awereho ne suro ne ye'afie mu
Na ema ye dwene won a asi won yie ho
So wote bone mu mmere nyinaa.

3. Yen wura no si di nokware ko wuo mu
Ye adwuma twen nna kakra yi mu

Na yerennu okwan mu suro no se

4. Se yehu Yesu se oba n'anuonyam

Se ofi ne soro fie no mu ba a
Yebehya no wo fie hyenhyen no mu
enkye bi yebete ne nyinaa ase.

HYMN 6

Ne Nyinaa Y3

1. Se asomdewe sen se asuten wo
me kwan mu
Se yea bubu ba se asorokye
Sedee etee biara
Woakyere m'se menka se
Ne nyinaa ye, ne nyinaa ye ma me
kra.

Nnyesoo
Ne nyinaa ye
Ma me kra

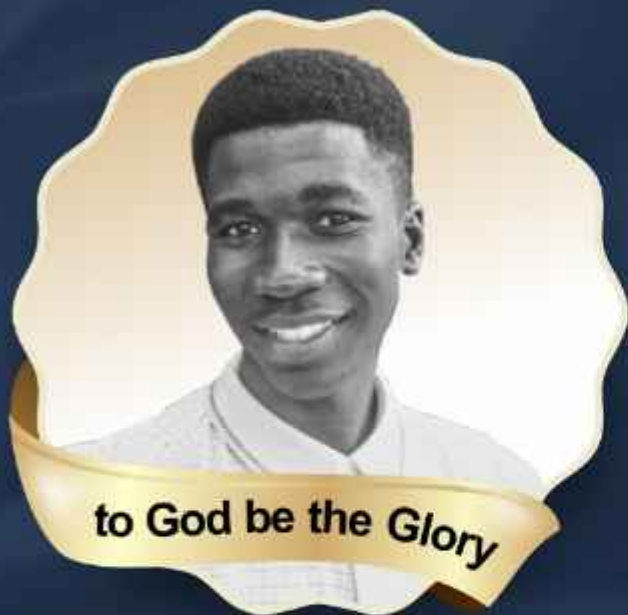
Ne nyinaa ye, ne nyinaa ye ma me
kra.

2. se bonsam di m'ho few na sohwe
ba me so a

Ma awrekyekyesem yi nkae me
Se Kristo ahu me mmabɔ tebea yi
Na ekyii ne mogya maa me kra.

3. O anigye wo saa anuonyamsem yi
mu
Se e bone pii yi nyinaa
Wayi afi ho na enni meso bio
O me kra yi Awurade aye.

4. Awurade womaee no w mae no na
yetwen Wo beyi munumkum yi afi ho
Aben no behyen na Awurade besian
Ne saa mpo ne nyinaa ye ma me kra.



to God be the Glory

MAY YOUR SOUL
REST IN PEERFECT PEACE

Gratitude

THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF THE LATE

**DERRICK KOFI SELASI
ADORSU MENSAH**

are truly grateful for the incredible support and
kindness shown to us during this difficult time.
Thank you to everyone who has been there for us.

May The Good Lord Richly Bless You All

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