

MR FRANCIS ALFRED  
**TANDOOH**

AKA PAA KWESI / PEE KWES

**FRIDAY, 3RD MAY 2024**



**ORDER OF BURIAL SERVICE**  
**FOR THE LATE**  
**MR. FRANCIS ALFRED PAAKWESI TANDOH**  
**FRIDAY, 3RD MAY, 2024**

**OFFICIATING MINISTERS**

**Rev. D. M. Assamoah**  
Second Minister In Charge  
Presbyterian Church of Ghana,  
Kaneshie Congregation

**Rev. K K Agyeman-Dua**  
Snr. Pastor The Redeemed  
Baptist Church, Kasoa toll booth

**Rev. Emmanuel A. Mingle**  
Eagles House Chapel Intl.  
Achimota

**PART I: PRE - BURIAL SERVICE**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Opening Hymn PH 20 (1-2) | - Ayeyi dwom na meto mema Nyame |
| 2. Scripture Sentence       | - Minister                      |
| 3. Opening Prayer           | - Minister                      |
| 4. Hymn                     | - Abide With Me                 |
| 5. Filing Past/Tributes     | -                               |
| 6. Closing Hymn             | - When Peace Like a River       |

**PART II: BURIAL SERVICE**

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| 1. Call to Worship/Salutation    | - Minister                                    |
| 2. Hymn                          | - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah               |
| 3. Prayer                        | - Minister                                    |
| 4. Hymn PH 551 (1-2)             | - Yesu, Wo Nkyen na Metena daa                |
| 5. Biography                     | - Family Member                               |
| 6. Tributes                      | - Children                                    |
| 7. Hymn PH 557(1-4)              | - Yesu, me Gyefo ne Wo                        |
| 8. Tributes                      | - Siblings, Friends & Directline Risk Consult |
| 9. Hymn PH 603 (1-4)             | - Asem Biara a Meka no                        |
| 10. Sermon                       | - Minister                                    |
| 11. Prayer for Bereaved Family   | - Minister                                    |
| 12. Offering (Christian Charity) | - Organist                                    |
| 13. Announcement                 | - Family                                      |
| 14. Closing Hymn                 | - Now The Labourer's Task Is Over             |
| 15. Benediction                  | - Minister                                    |
| 16. Recessional Hymn PH 468      | - Kristo Mogya ne Ne Trenee                   |

**PART II: AT THE GRAVESIDE**

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| 1. Opening Sentence  | - Minister                           |
| 2. Hymn PH 791 (1-2) | - )hoho) ne Mamfrani                 |
| 3. Exhortation       | - Minister                           |
| 4. Prayer            | - Minister                           |
| 5. Committal         | - Minister                           |
| 6. Farewell Hymn     | - God Be with You Till We Meet Again |
| 7. Vote of Thanks    | - Family Member                      |
| 8. Benediction       | - Minister                           |

# Biography

## OF THE LATE FRANCIS ALFRED TANDOH A.K.A PAA KWESI



*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27*

Francis Alfred Tandoh, aka Paa Kwesi was born at Adedenkpo in Accra Central in the Accra Metropolis on 21st May, 1967 to the late Francis Alfred Tandoh (Opanyin Kobina Tandoh) of Ewusie Kwansah Anona Ebusua of Apam and the late Madam Leticia Acquah of Amissah Nsona Ebusua of Saltpond, both in the Central Region. Paa Kwesi was born into the Roman Catholic faith because his father was a staunch Catholic. That is clear from his baptism and confirmation names, Francis Alfred.

Francis started basic education at F'eden Preparatory School at a very tender age because he always accompanied his step-mother, Madam Ellen Osei Konadu, who was a teacher, to school. He later continued at Kpehe Roman Catholic Primary School where he also completed Middle School Education.

Upon completing the Kpehe Roman Catholic Middle School, he was admitted at the City Secondary and Business College near Caprice in Accra, where he obtained the G.C.E O'Level Certificate.

With a desire to further his education, he enrolled at the Workers' College in 1989 and obtained the G.C.E. Advanced Level Certificate in 1991.

After Workers' College - Accra, Paa Kwesi joined ADICOPA Farms, a pineapple exporting business and worked closely with the Managing Director, Mr Joe Addo-Yobo. Paa Kwesi would soon leave ADICOPA Farms to pursue his entrepreneurial drive.

He started a retail shop at the Malam Atta Market at Accra New Town. Later, he joined the newly established Madison General Insurance Company Limited, a company which became known as Metropolitan Insurance, now Hollard) in 1995. Paa Kwesi worked with the company for more than a decade. He exhibited great passion and commitment to his work which earned him several awards in the company, including the Overall Best Worker in 2003 and Long Service Award for 10 Years of Continuous Service.

In 2008, Francis Alfred Tandoh joined Globe Info Systems, a software development company as the Insurance Technical Advisor and led the deployment of the company's footprints across the country. Due to his love for insurance, Paa Kwesi returned to his passion by taking up an underwriting role at the Madina Branch of Donewell Insurance Ltd for about two years. But as fate would have it, Alfred returned to Globe Info Systems for a short spell before switching again to the insurance industry and joined Directline Risk Consult, a risk management and insurance consulting firm.

Francis Alfred Tandoh rendered distinguished service to the Consult and rose to become its General Manager. He executed all his tasks with diligence and achieved the best of results for the Consult.

### **Family life**

Paa Kwesi was a family man. Having met beautiful and lovely Rita Ampong (Yaa Ampomaa) in Accra in 1996, the two got married the same year. The union was blessed with three lovely children; Jojo, Francisca and Ato Kwamina. However, some unfortunate circumstances robbed the union of its going concern entitlement.

But that did not deter the young ambitious strongman, as Paa Kwesi sought the hands of Dzifa Tetteh in marriage which came into fruition in 2013. That union too was blessed with three (3) lovely children; Maame Aba, Lord and Abeiku Ben. He had another son, Fiifi. In all, the Almighty God blessed Paa Kwesi with seven (7) children.

Though a Catholic, Alfred occasionally joined his children to fellowship at the Presbyterian Church during the latter part of his life. Paa Kwesi was humble, affable, sociable, full of humour and a good conversationalist. His retentive memory was legendary. All Paa Kwesi needed was a conversation and years later he can recall almost the entire conversation with astonishing accuracy.

During the latter part of 2023, he started experiencing some health challenges for which he sought medical care at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital where he was admitted and discharged on some occasions. The family tried all they could to have Paa Kwesi recover from his ailment and get back to happy and normal life. Alas! What is destined to be fulfilled knows no failure.

On the 29th of February, 2024, the Lord called him to His eternal Glory. Paa Kwesi, though we love and miss you dearly, we believe that the Lord needed you most.

Indeed, we have lost a precious and irreplaceable gem who has played his part in his God-given journey on earth.

Paa Kwesi is survived by seven (7) children, a host of siblings, cousins, family men and women.

**May his soul rest in perfect peace.  
Da yie, Paa Kwesi! Nyame mfa wo nsie! Amen.**

## TRIBUTE BY **CHILDREN**



Writing a tribute was never part of the plan Daddy. Words cannot express the depth of sorrow that we feel as our heart aches for the moments we will never share again. Your passing has left a void in our hearts that can never be filled, your absence is felt deeply, and we miss you.

You were more than just our daddy; you were our best friend. Your remarkable ability to make everyone feel loved extended beyond our family to our friends, who often saw you as a father figure. You'd frequently ask about them and visit their offices whenever you were nearby. Despite English being our primary language at home, you always code-switched to speak Fante with us, ensuring we stayed connected to our roots.

Your dedication to family was unwavering. As a father, you showered us with abundant love and support, not only for us but also for our extended family, friends, and neighbors. You took on family responsibilities with diligence and worked tirelessly to ensure everything was done well. Your commitment to our education and well-being is something we will forever be grateful for.

December won't feel the same without your tradition of providing us with assorted drinks and festive items. We'll always remember your frequent reminder, "You are a Tandoh, so act like one."

## TRIBUTE BY **CHILDREN**

Daddy your integrity and diligence shone through everything you did. You worked so hard and encouraged us to do same. We remember the countless times you took us to your office during the weekends to work and the various awards your won for your hard work inspires us to strive for greatness and make the world a better place.

Daddy saying goodbye is difficult, but we find solace knowing you are free from pain. We take comfort in the thought that you are looking down upon us, guiding us and continuing to shower us with your love from above.

Daddy you may be gone but your memories will forever live on in our hearts. You have left indelible mark in the sands of time. Just as you always ended most of your calls with "You know I love you guys," Daddy we your children love you dearly you will be profoundly missed.

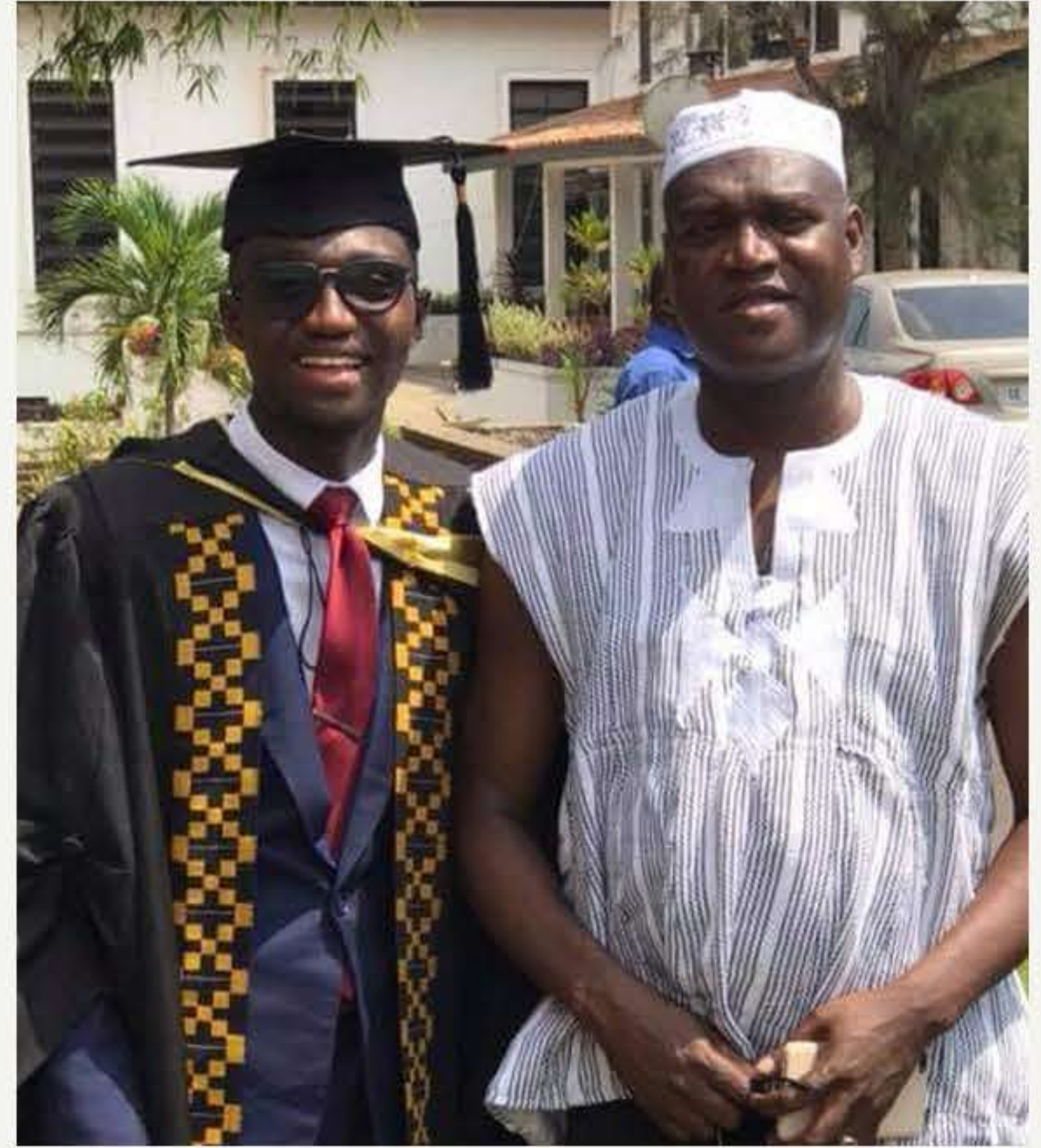
You fought bravely and honorably. Rest in eternal peace till we meet again.





# *Picture Gallery*

OF THE LATE  
**FRANCIS ALFRED TANDOH**



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TRIBUTE BY  
**SIBLINGS**



“Now the laborer’s task is O’er, now the battle-day is past, now upon the father shore,  
Lands the voyager at last, father in thy gracious keeping, leave me now thy servant sleeping.”

Paa Kwesi or Pee kwes as we affectionately call him was everything that one wanted in a brother & there are many things we would have wanted to say, but time does not permit us.

Pakwesi was the sixth child, but a trusted & dependable leader. We grew up in a closely-knit family & example of HARD WORK, patience & spirit of responsibility was an inspiration to all of us.

As we became adults and had children of our own your interest extended to your nieces and nephews. Your support was not just financial. You gave your time and talent ensuring that everyone of them you interacted with, got something positive out of the relationship with you.

Paa Kwesi, words alone cannot express our sorrows and the shock we had. We grieve, mourn and we hurt. You were a Good brother by all accounts. The memories are endless. We thank the Lord for giving you to us as a brother and what you accomplished in our lines and the numerous people whose lines have been impacted by your efforts. You did your part in making the world a better place. You will forever remain in our hearts.

May the Almighty God gives you eternal rest in his bosom.  
Peekwes

## TRIBUTE BY **FRIENDS**



Could there be words enough to perfectly describe the man for whom we have all gathered today?.No, not even volumes of publications could describe Francis Alfred Paa Kwesi Tandoh,

Pee Quays, as we all called him, was a brother more than a friend. He was a pivot of our circle of friends, related well and was there for everyone notwithstanding that we had different traits and background. He never despised anyone because he had a big heart. Pee Quays, was generous and will share the little in his wallet to put a smile on people's faces no matter how small it may be.

Paa kwesi was fun to be with both at work and home. Ooh, yes he could tease yet when it was critical you could count on him for wise counsel. We have lost a great piece of the circle which will henceforth remain incomplete. However, we will take consolation from the scriptures, For there is time for everything under the heavens, a time to be born and a time to depart, (Ecclesiastes 3 :1) Death is inevitable in life yet no one thought you would leave us so soon. Who will make those abroad feel at home when they visit?. who will join us on our individual trips to social engagements and the likes, Kwesi, you have left us broken and to consider that you are gone for good is devastating.

Pee Quays had jokes and many special moments with all the friends such as Old Road, I heard some Ku ku ku, Odikro, Ebi wo he?, As a writer postulates, "It may be saddening, unjust, and unfortunate. But good people die young because I believe they had done so much good, they don't have much to learn from life anymore and their journey is finally over" Kwesi, your journey is indeed over and we pray that you will find a well-deserved rest in the Lord.

God be with you till we meet again. Kwesi due, due, due.

TRIBUTE BY  
**DIRECTLINE  
RISK CONSULT**



*2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

We have not only lost our Manager and colleague, we lost a part of our 'family', a thread from our professional tapestry, a chapter from our career narrative. The empty chair, the untouched desk, the silenced voice in meetings, serve as stark reminders of the void of his absence.

As we mourn today, we also honor the unique role he played in our lives, both professionally and personally.

Mr. Alfred as we affectionately called him, was a loyal member and staff of Directline Risk Consult for the past Nine years, during which time, he made an invaluable contribution.

When we heard that he was no more just after going on a sick leave for barely 2 weeks, we were shocked and saddened.

His infectious smile and pleasant demeanor, exemplified his gentle persona, and will be greatly missed.

While we mourn the loss of a Manager, we pay tribute and celebrate a selfless and dedicated Insurance Professional who was nothing short of a true gentleman in the industry. It is a great loss.

He fought his illness courageously, and we are all better off for having worked with him over his many years in the industry and has left a lasting contribution.

Whilst saddened by his death, we give thanks to God for the years he spent amongst us.

We extend to the bereaved family, friends, and associates in the Insurance Industry our heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

TRIBUTE BY  
**STAR  
ASSURANCE**



**Mr Alfred**

We, Star Assurance are here today to express our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and to show our respect to a good reliable friend and colleague.

Alfred was among the number of Insurance Brokers that we worked with. He worked closely and mostly reported to the Dansoman and Kasoa Branches.

Onukpa as he was affectionately called was affable, quiet, confident and very friendly. His working relationship was quite great. He was an inspiration and like a father to staff of his brokerage firm where he worked.

Alfred was always ready to lend a helping hand regardless of the circumstances and always ready to offer his support to win a client or even resolve issues that makes clients unhappy and always get them smiling at the end. He tried to be happy no matter the situation and extended this attitude to all his colleagues. His sociable nature is what we will forever miss. Alfred was always there for all, what a great friend we have lost.

Alfreds absence remains a pain in our hearts though, yet we are encouraged by the fact that he is in a better place. He is forever gone to be with his maker, no more worrying and suffering.

Mr. Alfred, our always happy friend, your star Assurance friends will miss you dearly.

Rest well sir, we salute you !!

TRIBUTE BY  
**DONEWELL  
INSURANCE  
LIMITED**



*It is with heavy hearts that we extend our deepest condolences to the family of our beloved colleague and esteemed insurance broker, Francis Alfred Tandoh. In this time of profound loss, we come together as a company to honor his memory and express our gratitude for his invaluable contributions to our team and the insurance industry as a whole.*

Francis Alfred Tandoh was not just a colleague; he was a cherished member of our DIL family. His passion for work, unwavering dedication, and compassionate nature touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His presence brought warmth and positivity to our workplace, and his absence leaves a void that can never be filled.

As an insurance broker, Francis Alfred Tandoh was a true beacon of professionalism and integrity. He approached his work with a level of commitment and expertise that earned him the trust and admiration of clients and colleagues alike. His genuine care for others was evident in every interaction, and he made it his mission to ensure that his clients felt supported, understood, and protected.

To the family, we offer our deepest sympathy and support during this difficult time. Know that his legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched, and his memory will forever be cherished in our hearts. May you find comfort in the love and memories you shared with him, and may you find strength in the knowledge that he made a lasting difference in the world.

Though Alfred may no longer be with us in body, his spirit lives on in the work we continue to do every day. We are grateful for the privilege of having known him and for the impact he had on our lives. Rest assured that he will never be forgotten and that his legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come.

Alfred, Damirifa due!  
Alfred, Yaawo Ojogbaa!  
Alfred, Rest peacefully in the Lord!

TRIBUTE BY

# ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY



***ISAIAH 57:1 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.***

Mr. Alfred Francis Paa Kwasi Tandoh, affectionately called Mr. Tandoh by Team Enterprise played a pivotal role in handling businesses that were placed with us and had over the years become a member of Enterprise Insurance family.

It is therefore with a heavy heart, that we honor a remarkable man, whose sudden demise has left a profound void in our hearts. Mr. Tandoh was a beacon of kindness and exhibited dedication and commitment to his work with a sense of purpose, always striving to provide the best possible service and support to our cherished mutual clients with passion and integrity. His devotion to our mutual clients went far beyond business; he truly cared about their well-being and took the time to understand their needs and concerns. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr Tandoh was known for his warm personality and generous spirit. He will be deeply missed by us all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time. We take comfort in the words in Revelation that says God will wipe away our tears ... (Rev 21:4); with the faith that our beloved brother, father and friend, has fought a good fight, finished his race and kept the faith and there is in store for him the crown of righteousness; which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to him on the day of resurrection (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

We are confident that Mr. Tandoh has received his crown of righteousness and is now at peace in the presence of the Lord.

May your soul Rest in Peace, Mr. Alfred Paa Kwesi Tandoh.



TRIBUTE BY

# PRIME INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED



The sudden death of Mr. Alfred Francis Tandoh has hit everyone to whom he was dear and indeed the entire family of Prime Insurance Company Limited as well as the Insurance fraternity.

Our relationship began about two and a half years ago when his best friend and our present General Manager, Mr. George Addae joined Prime Insurance Company Limited.

Their relationship transcended on Prime as a whole but directly in the businesses of our West Hills branch who affectionately called him "Name Name" as he shared the same name of their present Branch Manager.

Name Name, it is truly hard to believe that we will no longer experience your random office visits. We can still hear your laughter ringing in our office.

Your sudden demise has created a huge vacuum in our hearts which can never be filled.

Your memory will continue to inspire us and your legacy in the industry will guide us in the work we do and the way we do it.

Name Name, Damirifa Due!!!



## *Appreciation*

Thank you all for your support and prayers  
in memory of our beloved.  
God bless you.

