

Celebration of Life

Edmund Laryea Adjei-Welbeck

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10:30am





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Ataa Laryea

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*"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**

Mr. Edmund Laryea Welbeck affectionately called Ataa Laryea or Eddie was born on Saturday, 15th January 1944 at Osu to Samuel Adjei Welbeck of Gbese, Nyan Abodiamor We and Madam Esther Suerley Ashirfi of Ashirfi We both of blessed memory.

He was the last born (Baby last) of three children to his mother and the third of several children of the father. Ataa Laryea was baptized and confirmed at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Osu; the Church he attended all his life till his untimely demise and where his thanksgiving service will be held.

Eddie had his formal education at Saint Barnabas Anglican school also at Osu. He then joined his father's business at Oyarifa Stone Quarry for a couple of years. He subsequently joined the State Transport Corporation (STC) – Accra, Ghana where he worked for thirty-two years before retiring in 1995. He then started his private business and was into that until his sudden passing.

He endeared himself to all who knew him and those who met him for the first time were made to feel at ease with his friendly, sense of humour and approachable nature. His love for amusing conversations especially relating to the family and workplace made him popular within his circles such that all looked forward to meeting him.

Ataa Laryea was a family man and a very generous one who allowed relatives and friends children to live with his family. He cared for them as his own children. He was the peace maker in the family and always tried his possible best with God being his helper to bring the family together. Eddie always taught his children to put God first in everything they did and he was one who lived and led by example. His motto was always "if God is not in it you will not succeed." Ataa Laryea was married to Mrs Ivy Welbeck for forty-three years and were blessed with three children.

We were dumb founded by your sudden departure after falling ill very briefly without any parting words; yet we are consoled by the fact that death is

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the ultimate in life and those who die in the Lord will rise again at the appointed time.

You left everyone and everything behind and heeded to the call of Jehovah your Maker; you found peace, perfect peace at dawn on Saturday, 27th February 2021.

Atta Laryea was a husband, father, brother, uncle and friend to many before death plucked him from our midst.

We take solace in the word of God which says in John 11:25 – "I am the resurrection and the life, the one who believes in me will live even if he dies."

Eddie, take your rest in the Lord. You will be missed by the entire family and all who knew you. Rest in perfect peace – till we meet again.

Atta Laryea, yaawɔ djogbanɔ



Tribute

WIDOW

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted".*

Matthew 5:4

I had the opportunity and privilege of being the wife and partner of the wonderful, loving, kind and God fearing man. We were married for forty-three years.

We had our problems like every married couple but making up and resolving our issues was magical. I was blessed with the best husband and father to my children and his name was Edmund Laryea Welbeck.

He was the love of my life; the one who did everything humanly possible to protect my children and I even in the face of all sorts of misconceptions. He was the one who understood the true meaning of our marriage.

His life taught me unconditional love and his death taught me kindness. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to share his dreams, hopes, love, friendship and much more. He was a man who stood by his family throughout. He loved unconditionally, believed in sharing and caring, and one who put a smile on people's faces.

You will always be in my heart and the love I have for you will never ever die. Your last words to me still echoes in my ears and I will always remember them until we meet again. The children and I will always remember and pray for you. Your loss came so unexpectedly; I thought we have many more years ahead to share but God had other plans.

The loss and grief are just too difficult to bear. I miss you my husband but I cannot change what has happened. I pray God's loving arms around you allowing you the chance to be all that you can be.

I love you and I miss you.

May your soul rest in perfect peace.



Tribute

CHILDREN

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his 'faithful' servants”*

Psalm 116:15

**You were the greatest gift we ever had from God,
and we called you Dad!**

Sorrow fills our hearts this moment, a feeling that is deep and personal. Daddy has silently closed the door of life and departed from us, and our lives will be empty, in the many areas that he had so brightened for us, when he lived.

We carry in our minds and hearts the precious memories of a special Dad. He was one of the most gentle, thoughtful and generous men we ever knew. His warm, kindheartedness and funny nature allowed him to open our home to our extended family members and friends. Dad became our best friend and in his usual witty self coined out endearing pet names which he uniquely identified all of us with. Ayikailey was known as *Esther Williams*, because she reminded him of the great American competitive swimmer. Maxwell responded to the name of *Ataa Mazu*, whilst our Baby last Joe was *Black*. Such was the unique bond that we all personally had with our Dad, which led to him being our confidante in matters whilst growing up.

In as much as Dad was easy going and free willed, he was also a strict disciplinarian who wouldn't spare the rod if need be. Whilst we find it difficult to pen a tribute to him today, and come to terms that he is no longer physically with us anymore, we find solace in celebrating the memories, love, and respect we shared with you and all who came in contact with you.

You were always the first person to bless us on our birthdays, Christmas, New Year's day and other festive occasions, a tradition which you continued through telephone calls when some of us were not physically present around you. Your “baby girl” – Ayikailey will indeed miss your frequent phone calls especially on her birthday.

We will miss your warm and contagious laughter, a delightful sense of humor which put everyone around you at ease. You supported us in all we did and gave us the freedom to pursue our dreams, and to make our own informed choices in life but you were quick to sound words of caution to which we would sometimes debate you on for endless hours till we got to a position of compromise.

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CHILDREN

Looking back today, we have come to know and believe that you gave us the greatest gift a father could give to his children – you believed in us, and we proudly say thank you for teaching us the value of hard work, integrity and good judgment. Your love for us was unconditional and knew you would do anything humanly possible to make us happy.

Dad, why did you have to leave so soon?, not even a goodbye to Ayikailey, your little girl. Your sudden departure has brought our world crushing down around us. Many were the plans and promises we made to each other and we have quizzed ourselves for the past few weeks to see how best we can uphold these promises not knowing that you will no longer be around to witness the end results of these plans. You gave your entire life and sacrificed so much for us just so we could have the best in life. We only wished and hoped that you lived longer for us to say ‘thank you’ Daddy in our own special way, like we had always wanted to.

We all could not gather around to bid you a final farewell in your last moments but we will not despair but rather will continue to live your legacy of love, honesty and integrity and will build on that foundation to bring up generations after us in the fear of the Lord and to strive for excellence in all

they do. Your work on this side is done and we know that you have been called for a heavenly reward which we would never be able to give you.

Philippians 1:21 reads, *“For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”*. Much as your presence with us today would have brought us immense joy and happiness, we believe as the good book says, that your absence from this earth is also great gain for you, as we believe that you are resting peacefully in the bosom of your Lord and Maker.

With these words, we can't help but take consolation in the fact that you indeed knew and were prepared for such a day as this and that is why we choose to celebrate you instead of mourning. In Revelation 21:4, we are consoled by the word of God which assures us that, He will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Thank you Daddy for all the wonderful times you have given us and the affection you have shown us; they will forever remain engraved in our hearts.

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Daddy we take this opportunity to apologize for any wrong we might have done to you and also say a very big thank you to for all the sacrifices, love, and care you gave to us.

Rest in perfect peace, Daddy.

Esther, Maxwell & Joshua.



Tribute

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Our family is a large one and you were the third from both your father's and your mother's. We lost both parents and five sisters within a short span of time. We were therefore shocked by your sudden death.

We are however consoled that such is the reality of life as ordained by God our maker and we can therefore not question but accept in good faith that you have been taken away by The Almighty God.

Yahala as we affectionately called him was someone who cherished conversation on amusing issues especially to do with family and his former place of work (State Transport Corporation). This endeared him to most of his family members and former colleagues at work as one could get useful information to help in dealing with certain matters in life. His sense of humour also made him an icon of great entertainment, giving joyous human feelings and contentment.

You took up leadership of the family, although there were others who were older than you, on the death of your father and you were fearless in your resolve on issues and most members of the family took this to mean a hard nature and therefore always at loggerheads with you.

Your demise therefore came as a surprise to most of us. We would have loved to communicate with you on various issues but God knows best and therefore took you away from our midst and we therefore see this as a mystery.

One thing we are sure of is that although our brother Edmund Laryea Welbeck is no more with us in body but the memory will always be. Our prayer is that he shall be comforted in the arms of the Lord.

May your soul rest in perfect peace.



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IN-LAW

Daddy, it saddens me to know you are gone.

For someone who was loved by all, you left behind a trail of tears. I want to thank you for accepting me as your daughter. I will miss the good times we had and the jokes you used to crack; now you have gained your wings. Please continue to watch over the family.

Wo ojo ban,

until we meet again.

Mrs. Akua Welbeck



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IN-LAW

*"Now praise we great and famous men,
The fathers named in story,
And praise the Lord,
who now as then reveals in man his glory".*

Atta Laryea, as I usually called him was such an easy going, jovial and friendly father. It was such a joy to be around him as he had a way of making me very comfortable especially on the occasions that I had the opportunity to visit him.

You always had such a warm radiant smile on your face and came to know you as one who was full of life, vibrant and engaging and always encouraged us to work hard and strive for excellence in all we did.

Your legacy of love, generosity, humility and empathy would forever remain in our hearts. We know that you are in a better place and pray that the good lord grant you a peaceful rest till we meet again.

A visit to your house at Osu will never be the same without your presence and your humorous but thought provoking opinions about marriage, politics, business and life in general all over a bowl

of fufu and some beer to go with. You go to your maker with my love, respect and a heart full of gratitude for your time on earth and the wonderful memories you left us with.

You have played your part and like scenes in a play your work is done. In the words of William Shakespeare "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances and one man in his time plays many parts"

From your beloved
in-law Fiifi, I say.....
Fare thee well.

*Damirifa due,
Nyame mfa wo kra nsie.*



Hymns

PH 769

1. Bo toi! gbee miibo keje ɲwei kemijjoo mo ni egbo le: mo ni egbo ye Nuntsɔ leɲ, ajoo le ni ejoo ehe!
2. Atsere eke je nes ten, ni eje emlila le mli; ni Kristo jale ha ehe ni ekeba e-Nuntsɔ his.
3. Ehaomoi le fɛe etee, ni eke Kristo ta ɲwei le. Naa, anumnyam babao ne, enaa mo ni es'moo le!

PH 841

1. Nyɔɲmo maɲ ye feo fe maji le fɛe, bo ni ɲmale keɛɔ; woɛɛ aaana pe.
2. Eshika blohui le, kolii agboi le, ashwishwe shikpoɲ le, nes aaana no ye?
3. Nuntsɔ ji ehulu, la kroko be kwraa; duɲ ke nyɔɲ be jemɛi, ela tsoo daa.

PH 562

1. “Gbei ni onyie no le,” ke otsuiɲ nii le fɛe, tuu fɛe owo ɲweinyo le ke ɲwei maɲtse le deɲ! Shi mo ni tsoo kooyoo ke ɲwei atatu gbe, le le ebaaje gbe ko ni bo onyie no pe.
2. “Ɔɔfo Yehowa no koo!” No ni oshwereo; ni le enitsumo no okwe, ni ajoo o! Shi haomo ke naagbamo ke otsuiyeli le, Nyɔɲmo ekplɛɛe no ha mo ja solemo keke.
3. Onyam ke onokwale, bo, Ataa Nyɔɲmo, 'naa no ni hi haa obii le: ke gbomo adesa. Ni no ni bo ohala, kakalo ni he wa, no ohaa gbe: ke mlibaa ye: oyiɲtoo le naa.



Ebenezer

1. Lelɛɲɲ Nyɔɲmɔ dromɔ kɛkɛ ni
Wɔhiɛ kamɔ ɲmɛnɛ nɛɛ
Kɛ jɛɲ shihilɛ mli wa taakɛ mɛ
Ejies wɔ yɛ fɛɛ tswɛn mli
Kɛ wɔfɛɛ ɛkpakpa ko
Eyeli kɛ buamɔ naa
Hewɔ wolaa “Ebenezer” tsɔɔ akɛ
Biɛ Nyɔɲmɔ yɛbua wɔ kɛbashi

“Eben-Ezer!

Biɛ Nyɔɲmɔ yɛbua wɔ kɛbashi

“Eben-Ezer” Hɛɛ edromɔ kɛkɛ ni

2. Misheɛ kɛ amane
Esumɔ yɛɔ-buaa wɔ
Suomɔ kɛ solemɔ, sa akɛ
Wɔkɛfaa gbɛ nɛɛ
Hewɔ nyehaa wɔkɛ misheɛ
Asumɔa Nyɔɲmɔ
Koni kɛ wɔgboi lɛ
Kristo abu wɔ mantse fai

“Eben-Ezer!

Biɛ Nyɔɲmɔ yɛbua wɔ kɛbashi

“Eben-Ezer” Hɛɛ edromɔ kɛkɛ ni

Hymns

PH 792

1. Ha maya :;
ni mi-Yesu le mana!
Keji na mana le lælæŋ,
bɔ ni manya ehe mahā!
Enyam sei le he mahi!
2. La ni ŋɔɔ :;
bo ji la ni gbeɔ duŋ!
Te be ni mana oŋɔɔmɔ,
nɔ ni ji ohie ke suɔmɔ
ke heyelɔi le hu fæe!
3. Eye fæo :;
bɔ ni bɔfoi jie eyi!
Ha mi fiiji, ha mi fiiji!
Mafliki ye jɔɔ ke gɔji
anɔ keya Zion gɔŋ:
4. Oo te tɛŋŋ :/
keji mayabote maŋ
Salem ke shika blohui le!
Nuntsɔ, minyɛŋ fæe masusu
nɔ tsuijuro ni yɔɔ jei!
5. Eden trom :/
oyibii ke ŋɔɔmɔ fæe!
owalatsei ashishi le
wɔɔtamɔ mei ni laa lamɔi!
ŋɔɔ wɔ, Nuntsɔ, oto jei!

G.Fr.L. Knack R.R.

PH 883

1. Wɔsɛe ko ke jeŋ nii etā,
ke shikpɔŋ nɛɛ sha ke la,
beni ŋulamii egbee shi,
gɔŋ ke ŋshɔ efutu le:
No le nɛɛgbe oootɛ po,
he ni onan fitemɔ?
he ni onan fitemɔ?
2. Gɔŋ ko hiɔ shi shweshweeshwe,
ekwɔ fe gɔji le fæe:
Zion, he ni ŋwei mantse le
saa to le ni ehi jei.
Ŋmene ba mantse le ŋɔɔ,
ni no gbi le eeele o!
ni no gbi le eeele o!

PH 518

1. Mɔ miniji nɛɛ amlɔ
ni wa mi koo
keya minaagbee gbi le
ke naanɔ fæe!
Mi kome miishe gbeyei
ye gbe le nɔ;
ke bo okɛ mi eyaaa le,
mi hu miyaaa.
2. Too mitsui ni 'gbɔjɔ le
ye omli koo!
Ye mishɛe ke amanɛŋ
afee dioo.
Hā ni majɔɔ mihe kwraa
ye omli daa!
Ke minaaa nɔ ko naa le,
osra mi ke!
3. Ke mi le, mije ŋwane akɛ oye!
Bo le, bo ji hewalɔ
ke 'bobaahɛ.
Mɔ miniji nɛɛ amlɔ
ni wa mi koo
keya minaagbee gbi le
ke naanɔ fæe.

*Julie von Hausmann.
1826-1901*



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