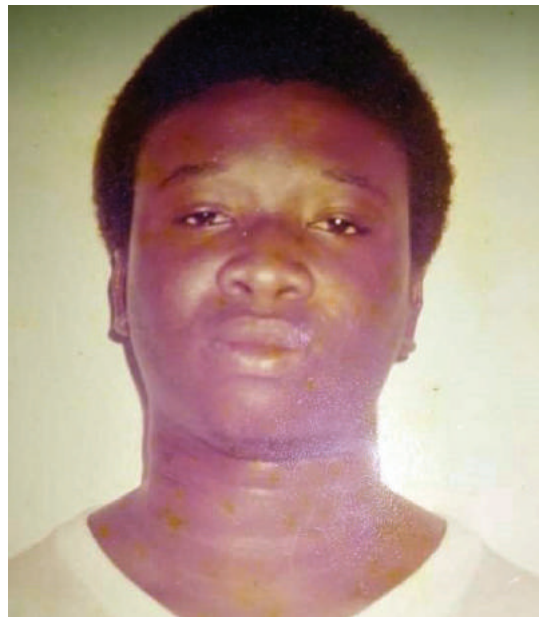
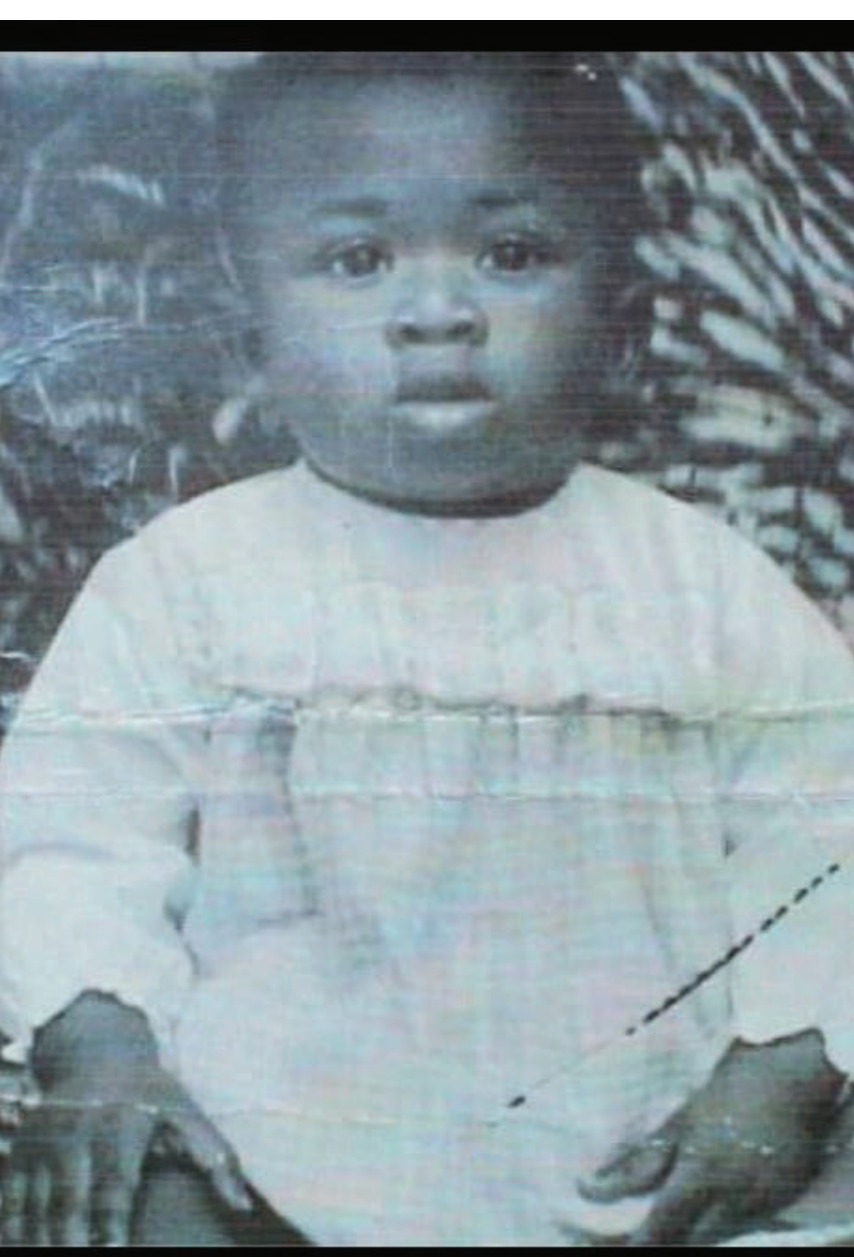


In Loving Memory of

**ANDREW  
MAWUENA  
KAFFE**

**1978-2021**



Burial, Memorial and Thanksgiving  
Service for the Late

*Andrew*  
**Mawuena Kafe**  
[15<sup>th</sup> October, 1978 - 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021]

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 • 9:00am to 10:30am  
Venue: Transitions - Haatso, Accra



## Biography of the late

# Andrew Kwesi Mawuena Kafe

*Andrew Kwesi Mawuena Kafe was born at 8pm on Sunday 15 October 1978 to Mr. Joseph Kofi Kafe and Mrs. Susana Kafe. He was the last of four children and was naturally everyone's favourite. He was fondly called 'Baby- Last' by his close family, and also referred to as 'Nanana' by family and friends – an affectionate derivative of his middle name Mawuena.*

**M**awuena, which means 'God's gift' was given to him because his parents had already had two boys (Michael and Francis) and a girl (Evelyn) and were thus trusting God for a second girl. When he showed up that evening as yet another boy, his parents decided to 'give it to God', acknowledging that children are a blessing from the Lord. The Lord had given another child, and they were grateful to Him. Mawuena, God gave you to us 42 years ago, and that same God who gives, has also called you to eternal rest. In your departure, we again acknowledge that 'Mawuena' indeed. You were a golden gift from God to all of us.

### **The young Andrew**

Andrew attended University Primary and Junior High School, Legon, from 1982 - 1993 where he won numerous prizes for his outstanding performance in class. He was an avid reader and often topped the reading charts in primary school. He then proceeded to the Presbyterian Boys' Secondary School (PRESEC), Legon for his secondary education. He completed PRESEC in 1996 and proceeded to the University of Ghana Legon for his First Degree - a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Resource Development that he completed in 2003. While in Legon, he was the president of the Geography Students Association.

### **Career and professional life**

Andrew did his national service at the Military Academy in Accra in 2004, where he lectured Geography. While at the Academy, he developed numerous relationships and a sense of discipline that turned out to be extremely useful throughout the rest of his adult life. To all the military men who may be sitting here, we salute you on behalf of 'Da General' – the only civilian General in history.

After his short stint at the Academy, he helped start PenPlusBytes, a company dedicated to promoting good governance across Africa, using technological innovations. Andrew served as Board Secretary and Director – the latter position being held until his demise.



He joined Shell Ghana Ltd. as Management Trainee in the later part of 2004, and by virtue of hard work, diligence, discipline, and dedication, he swiftly rose through the ranks to become the company's Retail Sales Manager in 2014. During this period, he was instrumental in the launch of the Shell Card in Ghana. He also contributed significantly towards deepening the reach of Shell's retail sites and expanding the number of outlets.

After 12 years of dedicated service to Shell (later VIVO Energy Ghana Ltd.), Andrew set up his own business – the Maquaisie Group of Companies, whose activities ranged from oil & gas, through music production and artist management to agriculture and advocacy. One of the companies under the group - Maquaisie Trading Consult – which used to manage the Trasacco Shell did such a stellar job that it was retained as managing agent even after the station was sold.

Andrew had a keen interest in the welfare of his colleagues – both senior and junior. His staff loved him to the core. Unsurprisingly, he won the Shell Special Award for Best Retailer - Staff Welfare in 2019 and bagged other awards such as the Special Award for Distinguished Service to Retail Fraternity as well as the Convenience Retail (Shop) Growth Award – Southern Sector.

While some may posit that Andrew's ambitions had no limits, his desire to plough back into society was equally insatiable: He was the founder of 'October Royals'; a group of young professionals born in October whose main mission was to help the less privileged in society. He also helped to put several students through school, most of whom he never met. Using the little that he had, he took it upon himself to become a voice for the people of Santoe, where he lived, co-ordinating their water works, road construction and other major projects all on a pro bono basis. Andrew was also a member of the PRESEC Old Boys (Odadee 96) Welfare Committee and was part of the Fundraising Committee responsible for funding the Speech and Prize-Giving day of the school this year.

### Religious Life

Andrew was a devout Catholic and played various roles in the church. He championed the youth concerns of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Legon, where he was a mass server and later became the Youth President of the Parish Youth Council.

### His Last Days

Mawuena took ill on Sunday, 1st August 2021. His situation subsequently improved over the course of the week. However, on the 8th of August, things took a downward turn, and he was rushed to hospital by one of his cousins. Despite being very ill, it is quite remarkable that prior to leaving for the hospital, Mawuena asked to be helped to his closet to spend a few minutes with God in prayer. What an example! We have no doubt that God heard his prayer, though it appears He answered it differently to what one would expect. We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to also invite Jesus Christ into your heart as Lord and Saviour if you haven't done so already.

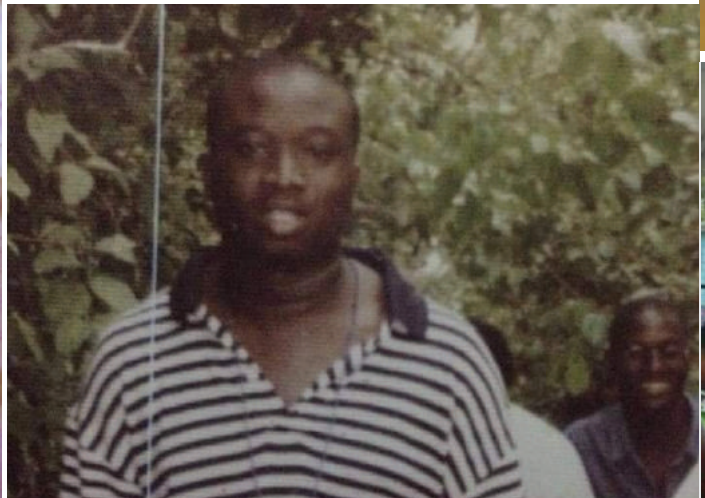
During that fateful night, though gravely ill, he marshalled the strength to send messages to friends and family to encourage them and allay their anxieties. In one of the messages, he encouraged us to keep the faith and pray. Unfortunately, his condition got progressively worse, and sadly, he passed away the following day - 9th of August 2021.

### Final thoughts

Undoubtedly, Mawuena fought the good fight. He has indeed finished the race and he kept the faith. Da General: Xe de nyuie. Rest in Perfect Peace until we meet on Resurrection Day, never to part again.



# The Young Andrew







special moments



Family Time







# October Royals - his heartbeat



# Treasured friendship



# Colleagues for Life

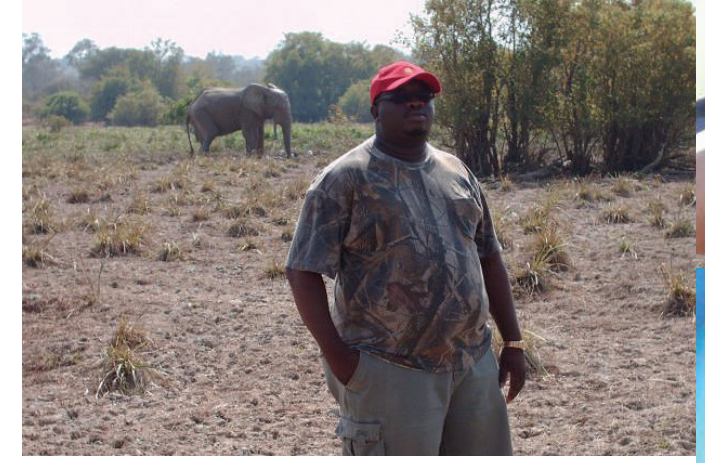
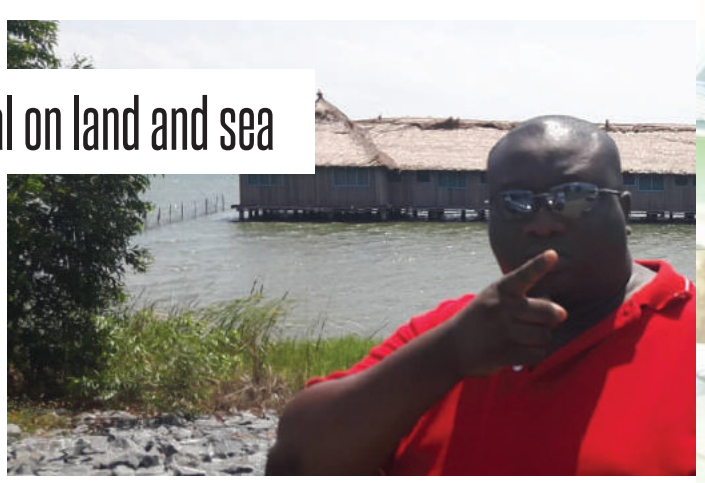




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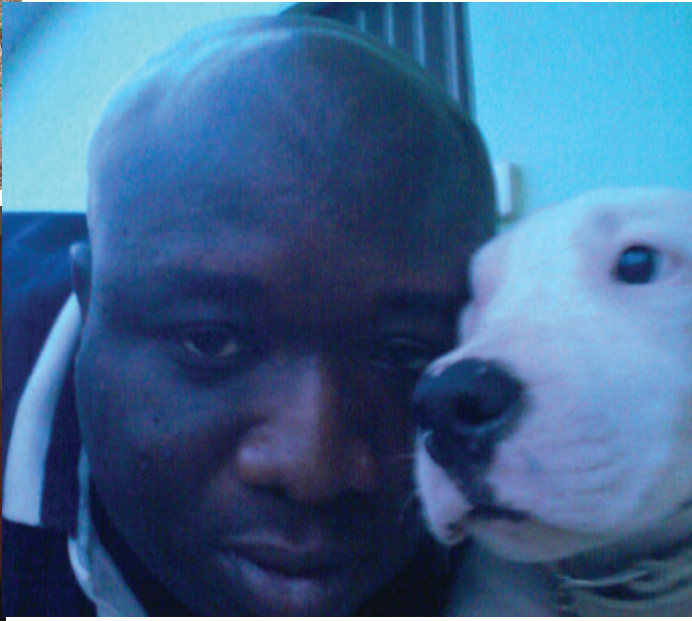
# Da General on land and sea







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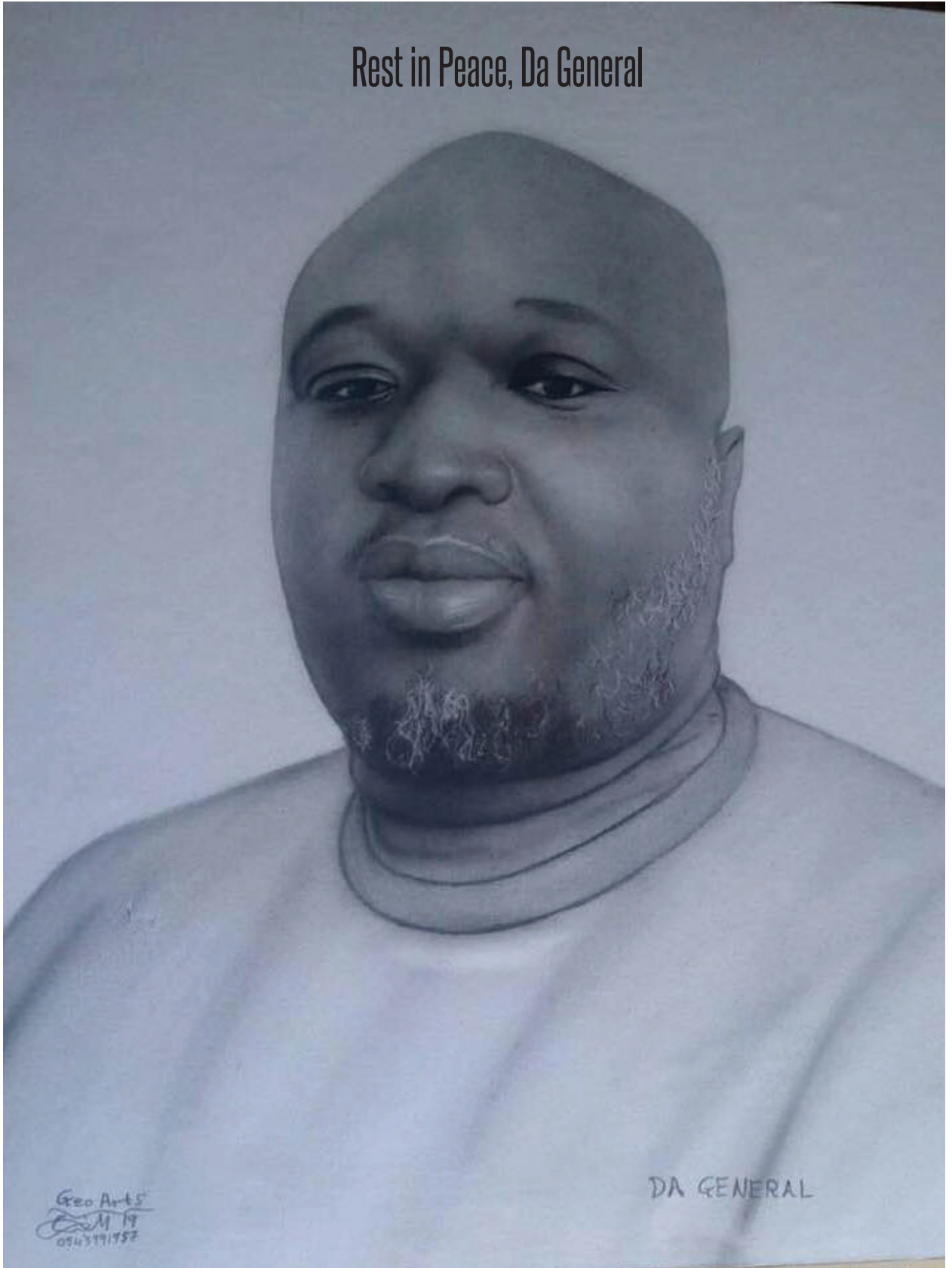
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## Mum's funeral

Rest in Peace, Da General



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## *Gratitude*

To those who heard of him  
To those who knew him  
To those who interacted with him  
To those who worked with him  
To those who cared for him  
To those who loved him  
To all of you who in diverse ways  
Helped us through this difficult time  
We are perpetually grateful  
May the Good Lord  
Bless you all abundantly

*Thank You*