



In Loving Memory
of the late

Mr. Joseph
SIMMON LARTEY

ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY, 2020
AT TRANSITION, HAATSO



Order of Service

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Rev. Henry Dela Adehe
Pastor Christian Owiredu
Pastor Alex Asiedu
Other ministers

PART ONE: BURIAL SERVICE

Opening Prayer
File Past
Praise & Worship
Hymn
Biography/Tribute
Song Ministration
Sermon
Offertory
Prayer for Bereaved Family
Announcement
Closing/Benediction
Recessional Hymn

- Praise Team
- My Jesus I love Thee

- Univites
- Rev. Henry Adehe
- Unipraise

- MC

- Amazing Grace

PART TWO: AT THE GRAVE SIDE

Opening Prayer
Song
Committal
Laying of Wreath
Vote of Thanks
Closing Prayer/Benediction

- God be with you till we meet again

- by Family member



Biography

BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE JOSEPH SIMON LARTEY

“Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them.’” Revelation 14:13 NKJV

The late Mr. Joseph Simon Larrey affectionately called Joe was born on 25th December 1953 at Asankrangwa in the Western Region to Opanin Kofi Larrey and Madam Akua Odomah both from Ekumfi Nanaben and of blessed memory. Mr. Joseph Simon Larrey alias Kofi Abban was also called Kofi Bronya by his siblings and parents because he was born on Christmas day.

Joe started his elementary education at Asankrangwa from 1958 to 1968 and then proceeded to the Half Assini Secondary School from 1968 to 1974. After completing the 6th form at the Half Assini Secondary School, he travelled to live in Holland with the assistance of Mr. Stephen Ahor and with the resources of his mother Madam Akua Odomah.

After working hard in Holland, Joe returned to Ghana for one of his holidays in the year 1987 and met his dear wife Mrs. Deborah Larrey

whom he got married to on 23rd February 1988. Two (2) years later, his wife travelled to join him in Holland and God blessed them with a son, Joel Larrey. Later in the year 2000, they both came to settle finally in Ghana.

His wife Deborah, who knew the Lord before their marriage, was very instrumental in Joe's conversion to the Christian faith. He later joined the Assemblies of God church for his spiritual growth and fellowship with other believers. Joe loved and trusted God in everything that he did, as consistently demonstrated by the times of prayer he shared with his wife at midnight. He offered godly counsel and was a great blessing to many people.

Joe had not been feeling well, so he sought for medical treatment with a physician specialist at the Korle-bu Teaching Hospital. Unfortunately, he passed away while receiving the treatment on 20th February 2020.

Mr. Joseph Simon Larrey may your soul rest in perfect peace.
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Picture Gallery



TRIBUTE FROM WIFE

“1The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. 2 He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.” Isaiah 57:1-2 NKJV

Thirty four (34) years ago, I met a remarkable young man who was intelligent, knowledgeable, confident, eloquent and charming. His name was Joe Lartey. He became the love of my life and one of the best gifts God gave me. The Lord brought us together and He preserved our union till your demise.

I met this amazing man when he gave me a lift in his car with my friend, Ewuradjoa.

We had a lovely discussion as we rode along. Two weeks later, I saw him in my house and I was curious as to how he found where I lived. I was unhappy when I discovered that Ewuradjoa had directed him to my house. In our conversation he intimated that I was a good Christian and believed that God could use me to help him become a better Christian, so I was patient with him and developed our friendship.

Eventually, we got married and moved to Holland where we spent 15 years together and had our, son Joel. We subsequently returned to settle in Ghana to build our wonderful family.

Indeed, Joe was very hardworking, gentle and bold. He always had answers to every question and was fond of ensuring that the right thing was done even when it didn't concern him. Although he appeared tough, he was very calm and compassionate when you get to know him.

Joe was my best friend, my brother and a God fearing father to his son. He was always ready to instil discipline in his son. He was completely dedicated to his family in every way.

Friday, 20th February 2020, is a day we never expected you to leave us. However, I believe the Lord has a purpose for everything He does and I am comforted in my times of sorrow by the fact that you spent your life living for God and seeking to please Him.

Thank you for all you did to make the world a better place for us. We love you and miss you terribly. My only consolation now is that you are with the Lord. Till we meet again, Joe, my love, rest in perfect peace.



TRIBUTE FROM SON

My Father, Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey or Father Joe as I called him was a strong, intelligent, dedicated and honest man. He worked hard and sacrificed to provide for his family, something I am forever indebted to him.

My dad set a good example of fatherhood to me by being firm, principled, disciplined, truthful and hard on me. Although I didn't understand then, I am now seeing their significance. You made me strong as a young man and strong in the Lord, and now I am convinced I can overcome the challenges of life with the principles instilled in me.

I can't thank you enough for helping me to draw closer to God; these are precious experiences I will cherish for the rest of my life.

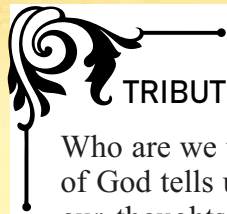
Dad, I was surprised by how you always knew and got me exactly what I desired. You used these moments to teach me to continually pray and trust only God to provide the true desires of my heart.

Dad loved the Lord and his family dearly.

I miss you Father Joe and I love you very much. May your soul find a perfect rest in the Lord.

Isaiah 57:1 & 2 tells us that “The righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk upright enter into peace. They find rest as they lie in death”.

Rest in Perfect Peace; Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey



TRIBUTE BY BROTHERS & SISTER

Who are we to question God? The word of God tells us that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways. It and also encourages us that in everything we should give thanks for this is His will for us in Christ Jesus.

Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey, Joe as we affectionately called him was our brother, whom we loved dearly. He was brilliant, bold, courageous and never shied away from his responsibility. Joe was a selfless man who made the best out of every situation and enjoyed life. He was the third born amongst his six siblings namely; Mr. Kwamena Lartey, the late James Lartey, Comfort Lartey (Holland), Georgina Lartey (Germany), Agnes Lartey (Mankessim), Kweku Benson Lartey (Holland) and Elvis Kwaku Lartey (UK).

Joe your demise came to us as a shock and you will be greatly missed by us. We pray that the Lord Almighty whom you served faithfully will grant you peaceful rest until the Resurrection when all believers will meet again in the arms of our Saviour and King.



TRIBUTE BY THE OFOSU-APPIAH FAMILY

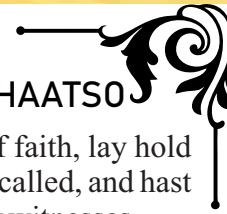
“38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

Both the young and old called him Uncle Joe, his sudden departure came as a shock to all of us and left a terrible pain in our hearts. We did not expect to hear such sad news soon after our meeting on 1st January 2020; that is, our traditional annual family meeting where we pray and break bread together.

When we heard of your sickness, we all prayed earnestly for your speedy recovery, only to hear of your passing few days later. Your death has had a harrowing and devastating effect on the Ofosu-Appiah family. We took you as our own and did many things together with you. You have left a vacuum in our hearts that cannot be filled, especially

in the life of our sister Deborah, who now feels completely empty. But our consolation is in the Lord that the Holy Spirit will comfort Deborah, your son Joel and the entire family.

Rest in perfect peace, Joe



TRIBUTE FROM UNITY A/G, HAATSO

1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. Whereunto thou and also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

We are gathered here today to mourn the death of our brother and friend Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey. We do so with grief and profound sense of loss.

In life there are certain moments we cannot avoid. We may have experience a lot of knowledge to solve problems but there are some that are beyond the scope of humanity.

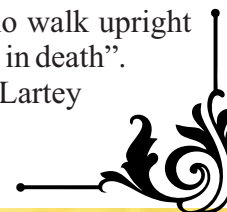
Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey joined Unity A/G Church about five (5) years ago. He was a committed and dedicated member of this church who fulfilled his membership obligations.

He enriched the local church with his loyalty and regular attendance. He was affable and related favourably with every member of this church.

Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey participated actively in Sunday school discussions and his contributions were helpful. Although his demise has robbed us of his wise counsel and fatherly loving presence, there is no doubt that he had a fulfilled life.

Isaiah 57:1 & 2 tells us that “The righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk upright enter into peace. They find rest as they lie in death”.

Rest in Perfect Peace; Mr. Joseph Simon Lartey



HYMNS

MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me
breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my
brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear

The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home
And Grace will lead us home

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
Was blind, but now I see

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.

[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.

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.

3. God be with you till we meet again;

Keep love's banner floating o'er you;

Smite death's threat'ning wave before you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: William G. Tomer, 1833–1896



Appreciation

THE ENTIRE FAMILY WISH TO RENDER THEIR
HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO IN DIVERSE
WAYS SUPPORTED AND SYMPATHIZED WITH
THEM DURING THE FUNERAL OF THEIR BELOVED

Mr. Joseph
SIMMON LARTEY

