



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE 1942 - SUNSET 2022



ELDER BENJAMIN
**OHENE ASARE
BEDIAKO**

ON SATURDAY 30TH JULY, 2022 @ TAKORADI, C.K MANN PARK-ANAJI ESTATE



Elder
**BENJAMIN OHENE
ASARE BEDIAKO**

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FINAL FUNERAL RITES



IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LATE

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On Saturday, 30th July 2022



Farewell service for the late ELDER BENJAMIN OHENE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

PART 1

1. Opening Prayer:
Elder Solomon Danquah
2. Choruses
3. Acknowledgement / Introduction
Conductor
4. File Past
5. Welcome Songs
 - (i) Other Areas and Districts
 - (ii) Other Churches
 - (iii) PEMEM
 - (IV) Anaji Estate District
 - (v) Anaji Estate Central
6. Scripture Reading
2 Cor. 5:1-10
 - (i) English-Elder John Menyah
 - (ii) Akan-Dns. Juliana Asare-Debra
7. Song
Akwantu bi w) h) a yebetu
8. Prayer of thanks giving
Elder John Otoo
9. Biography
Family member
10. Tributes
Children

The Church

11. Offertory
Elder Wilberforce Yeboah
12. Song
W)behwim yenen afa mununkum yi mu
13. Word ministration
14. Prayer / Altar call
15. Song by bereaved family
16. Prayer for the bereaved family
17. Vote of thanks
Family member
18. Announcements
Secretary
19. Closing Prayer
Elder Charles O Frimpong

PART 2

1. Prayer
2. Song
3. Lowering of Casket
4. Committal
5. Prayer
6. Benediction
7. Conductor - Elder Anthony Bimpong/
Elder Emmanuel Afful.



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Biography

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I will praise the Lord at all times, I will constantly speak his praise, I will boast only in the Lord, let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:1-3 NLT)

We bless the name of the Almighty God for preserving the life of our dear brother for 80 years and, in His appointed time, calling him to glory.

BIRTH

Benjamin Ohene Asare Bediako was born on 26th July, 1942 at Wassa Simpa to Elder John Kofi Kona and Mary Kwaah, both of blessed memory (they lived 107 and 87 years respectfully).

EDUCATION

Benjamin started his early childhood education at Simpa D/A Primary School. From 1967, he schooled at Nkoranza College of Education and completed in 1971 with Teacher's certificate "A"

WORK EXPERIENCE

He started teaching at Samreboi after his training as a professional teacher and later transferred to Sekondi/Takoradi metropolis. He taught in many schools and headed a handful of them. Having rose through the various ranks in the Ghana Education Service, retired as an Assistant Director in 2006.



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Bediako taught for 38 years. While in the service, the Sekondi/Takoradi Metropolitan Educational Director mandated him to organize in-service training for some teachers and also supervise them to earn their promotions.

CONVERSION

Although Benjamin was born into the Church of Pentecost, he accepted Christ as his Lord and personal saviour in 1960 and was baptized by immersion in the same year by Pastor Opoku Ahwennie of Blessed memory at Wassa Simpa. He received the Holy Ghost Baptism in 1961.

FAMILY LIFE

Benjamin got married to Mrs. Ellen Adjei Ohene Asare of Blessed Memory in 1973 and was blessed with beautiful daughters; Doris Ohene Asare, Yvonne Agyenim-Boateng, and Elizabeth Yaaro (Adopted). 21 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He made every effort to provide for all his children's Education, his children were of more importance to him than any other thing else. He showed love to all members of the family. Ohene Asare was a very compassionate, selfless, respectful and above all industrious. He always shared the little he had with others. He was an adviser and peacemaker. We miss your counsel, smile and affection. Indeed, we are grateful to the Lord for the memorable life of our brother Benjamin.

May his Soul rest in perfect peace in the Lord.

Tribute By CHILDREN

With a heavy heart, this tribute is paid to our beloved father Elder. Benjamin Ohene-Asare. We called him Daa. Our world was shattered into pieces on the 28th of January 2022 when you sadly left us to be with the Lord. How we wish it was just a dream, but the Lord saw your pain and took you home to rest. The lord gave and the lord hath taken away as in Job 1:21.

It broke our heart the day God took you home. we were however, consoled by the fact that you were finally at peace and no longer in pain. Isaiah 55:8 – 9 confirms that our ways are not Lord's, neither are our thoughts His. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than ours and His thoughts than ours.

Everyone here will have their own special memories of our dad. It's difficult for us to explain just how much our father meant to us and we don't think we would be able to put them into enough words, even if we wanted to. What we do know is that we miss him more than anything and we will remember him for the rest of our lives.

He loved talking to everyone he met. It didn't matter who they were, young or old it made no difference to him. He treated everyone with the same respect. Daa, you always knew what to say and cheer someone up even in the most difficult and challenging situation.

A million times we have cried hoping to hear from you again and if love alone could have saved you, you never would have died Daa. We are grateful to God for the years and time we had together.

Our heart still aches in sadness and our tears continue to flow. Daa, we can't believe you are gone, and we will not see you again. However, we take consolation in the Lord in accordance with Psalm 46:7 which says The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

No one will ever know or understand what it means to lose you. But we truly believe God has gained another angel watching over us. In losing you dad we have lost one of our greatest blessings and comfort, though apart you were always that to us.

In life we loved you dearly and in death, we still love you. Your departure has left a huge void in our hearts. You will continue to live in our hearts till we meet again. Rest well dad and you will be missed dearly.

DAADA YIE



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Daa da yie!!!
May your soul rest in the bosom of the Almighty God.



Doris Ohene Asare



Mrs. Yvonne
Agyenim-Boateng



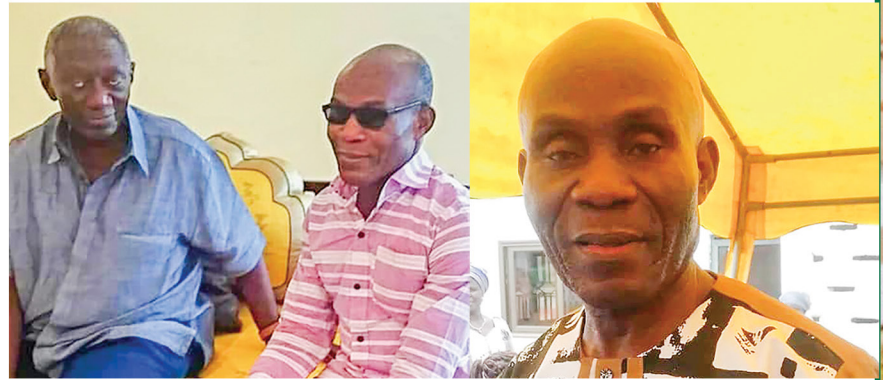
Elizabeth Yaro
(Adopted)



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Tribute By Church

TRIBUTE BY THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST ANAJI ESTATE DISTRICT



The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil (Isiah 57:1 NIV).

Elder Benjamin Ohene Asare was born into the Church of Pentecost but he accepted Christ as his Lord and personal saviour in 1960 and was baptized by immersion in the same year by Pastor Opoku Ahwennie of blessed memory at Wassa Simpa. He received the Holy Ghost Baptism in 1961.

While in Sekondi, he worshipped with the Church of Pentecost the then old palladium. Later, Elder Benjamin joined the new Site assembly, ordained a deacon in 1972 and as an Elder in 1977 by Apostle Abraham Tetteh Nartey of blessed memory.

Elder Benjamin Ohene Asare served the church in various capacities as District Secretary (Takoradi District for 11 years and Effiakuma District for 4 years), presiding eldership (New Site Assembly 8 years, Tanokrom Assembly 8 years, West Ridge 14 months, Anaji Town Assembly 27 months and Mampong Assembly 5 months),

Sunday School, Teacher (Takoradi District 14 years), District PEMEM Leader (Anaji Estate District 4 years), District Ministerial Committee Membership (Takoradi District 11 years, Effiakuma District 4 years and Anaji Estate District 4 years) and Area PENTSOS Chairman 6 years.

Benjamin was known to be very zealous and affable. His interpersonal relations was commended by all who were privileged to have had an encounter with him. He was receptive to all, selfless and content with whatever he has. Elder Benjamin was a great teacher of the word, always studying the scriptures to discover profound truths in order to feed his audience with insightful and life transforming message.

Elder Ohene Asare Bediako was also known to be a man of prayer. His prayer life was exemplary, and in every District he served, he mentored and built up the spiritual lives of the members entrusted to his care. Today, this great personality has fallen, and indeed, Anaji Estate District has lost a father, a mentor and a motivator. When he suffered minor illness, we never knew that he would be called home by his maker.

His sudden passing in the early hours of Friday January 28, 2022, came as a shock to all of us. But what can we say!!!! Since it is God who gives and takes away. We know deep in our hearts that his good works shall surely speak for him. We are certain that he is resting in the bosom of the Almighty God

AMEN



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Tribute By IN-LAW



*"Our days may come to seventy years or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow.*

*Teach us to number our days, that we
may gain a heart of wisdom"*

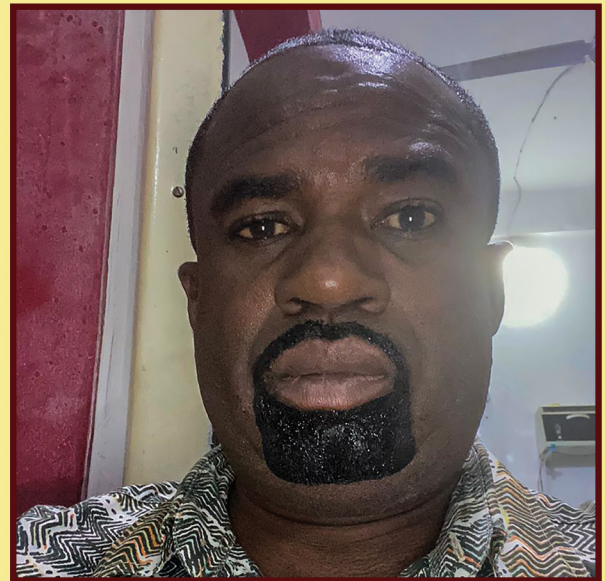
Psalm 90:10:12 (NIV)

Today I pay my last respect to a life that was once with us. A life of God's own making as a role model. I am thankful to God for the privilege I had to experience the life of my beloved father in-law. He was a gift to mankind, a purposeful God's gift in its time and season.

My father in-law had a tremendous faith. Even though he suffered much during his illness, he never complained. He held on to his faith. The word of God gave him hope and comfort.

It's very heartbreaking that he's no more. A great loss and may God comfort the family for this loss.

REST IN PEACE



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Tribute By GRAND CHILDREN

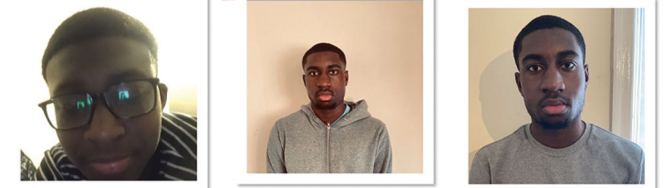
Grandpa, our hearts were broken into a million pieces when we were told that you have left us to be with the Lord. Heaven needed an angel and the one they picked was you. We just wish God could have waited and let you stay with us longer.

Oh, how we wish to rewind the clock or make it turn really slow so that we could have hugged you one more time before you had to go.

No matter how much time will pass, we will miss you every day. Even though this sadness aches and our hearts are broken, we understand it is time for you to rest and not be in pain anymore. Grandpa, you might be out of sight, but we will use the lessons that you have taught us forever as our guiding light. We are grateful and happy that we got to know you and spent time with you. Every moment we shared together will never be forgotten

Although you are longer here with us, our hearts are filled with fond memories. You continue to be in our thoughts each day. You were so kind and caring therefore life without you will never be the same and this makes us sad. However, we know that we were blessed that you were our Grandpa. Keep shining bright in heaven and rest in peace Grandpa.

REST IN PEACE GRANDPA



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TRIBUTE BY THE 1982 YEAR GROUP OF REV. COBBAH YALLEY SCHOOL

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.
Revelations 14:13 [King James Version]*

With a heavy heart and a profound sense of loss, this tribute is paid to the memory of our late teacher whose remains lie here before us motionless. Mr. Bedie, Sir, Papa, as we affectionately call you, it is so sad that you chose to leave us without warning. We realized that God saw you were getting tired, so he put his arms around you and whispered, come to me. In peaceful sleep, you slowly passed away in the hours of that fateful day, Friday, 28th of January 2022.

We are having a terrible dream and it seems unending. It comes as a relief if one wakes up from a terrible nightmare only to realize that it was a dream. But this one seems real because we sleep and wake up to be confronted with this painful reality which is difficult to accept. The pain is so excruciating and the grief is so deep that we cannot describe exactly how we feel.

Although we loved you dearly God loved you best, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating and became still, hardworking hands and mind at rest. The great teacher who was full of service to God and humankind, always inspiring people unto



steadfast devotion to their maker has been taken away from us. God broke our hearts to prove to us that he only takes the best.

Dear Mr. Bedie, we thank God for giving you to us as our teacher, an active member of our WhatsApp group, and above all a father. You groomed and equipped us for life. You were our mentor, our role model. You encouraged us to dream, to have a sense of wonder. You encouraged us to be prudent and wise in our judgments. You taught us to be humble and respect all human beings regardless of their calling and status in life.

Dear Sir, we thank God for your life and for all that you did for us. We shall forever miss your good counsel, kindness, and hospitality. You will always be in our hearts and minds and even in death, as in life, we will honor you with our lives.

You took life and its challenges in your strides so much so that even in pain you still cracked jokes.

You deserve rest teacher; you have labored well. We are happy you are at rest now. Sleep on teacher, there is no more pain where you are, sleep teacher, sleep...

St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:8 that 'To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord'.

Goodbye Papa. Rest peacefully in the Lord till we all meet at the sound of the final trumpet.

Sir da yie! Da yie!! Da yie!!!



SONGS

1. Akwantu bi wə hə a yebetu

Enye wiase ha akwantu
no bi,

Soro hə akwantu na
yeretwen,

Anigye ben na saa da no
beyə

2. Sə sum hye kabii ma
apranaa bobom,
Ma Kristo mu awufo sɔre
kan,

Na sə yene wən bom
kəhyia Kristo a,
Anigye ben na saa da no
beyə

3. Anigye na yede betu
kwan no,
Ahurusi na yede behyia
Kristo
Gyedifo nyinaa bebom
anantew,
Anigye ben na saa da no
beyə

2. Wəbəhwim yen afa mununkum yi mu

Ako yen Agya nkyen wə
soro hənəm

Yen koma bəto yen yam
Wəbema yen akwaaba

Yen koma bəto yen yam
Wəbema yen akwaaba

2. Sə yepue Kristo anim
wə

soro hə a

Yebenya anuonyam
ahenkyew pii

Abəfo bəto yen nnwom
Na wəama yen akwaaba

3. Məbrə m'akoma ase;

Na maye nea wahye me
no;

Nea Awurade pə sə Oye
no;

Ode me aye

4. When peace, like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows, like sea
billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast
taught me to know,

"It is well, it is well with my
soul

It is well... with my soul...

It is well, it is well with my
soul

2. Though, Satan should buffet,
If trials should come

Let this blest assurance
control,

That Christ hath regarded my
helpless estate,

And hath shed his own blood
for my soul.

3. My sin-oh, the bliss of this
glorious thought

My sin - not in part but the
whole

Is nailed to his cross; and I
bear it no more;

Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord,

O my soul.



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Appreciation

The entire family of the late

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Wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who sympathised
and supported them during the burial and funeral rites,

We are particularly Grateful for your prayers,
presence and kind donations.

God bless you all.

Thank you