

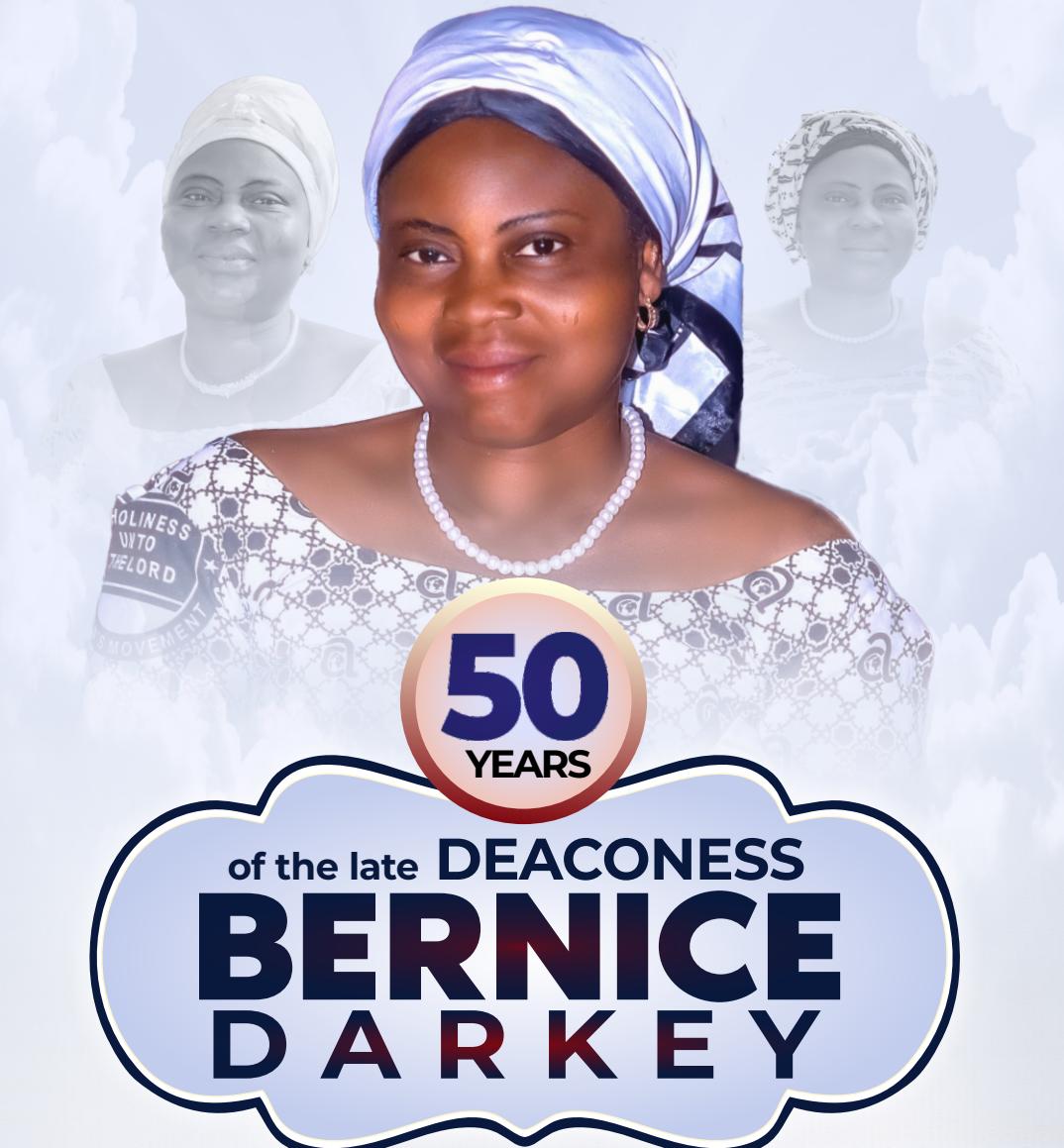
# A Mother Goes Home

## Appreciation

Perhaps you said a prayer, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a donation; perhaps you spoke  
the kindest words any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us  
that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
the Entire family, Children & Friends  
thank you very much in whatever part you played  
that consoled us in our moment of pain

*God Abundantly Bless you*



of the late DEACONESS  
**BERNICE**  
**DARKEY**

**Saturday 3RD FEBRUARY 2024**  
@ KLO-AGOGO ANGLICAN SCHOOL PARK

*Forever In Our Hearts*

# Tribute by PRESBYTERS' WIVES

*"For the lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Rev. 7:17.*

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to our friend, mother, colleague and a counsellor.

In the evening of Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 just as we were preparing to meet with our husbands to thank God for a successful year, we heard the trumpet sound which you responded to.

In your last meeting with us, you advised that we take good care of our husbands; little did we know that you were preparing to leave us.

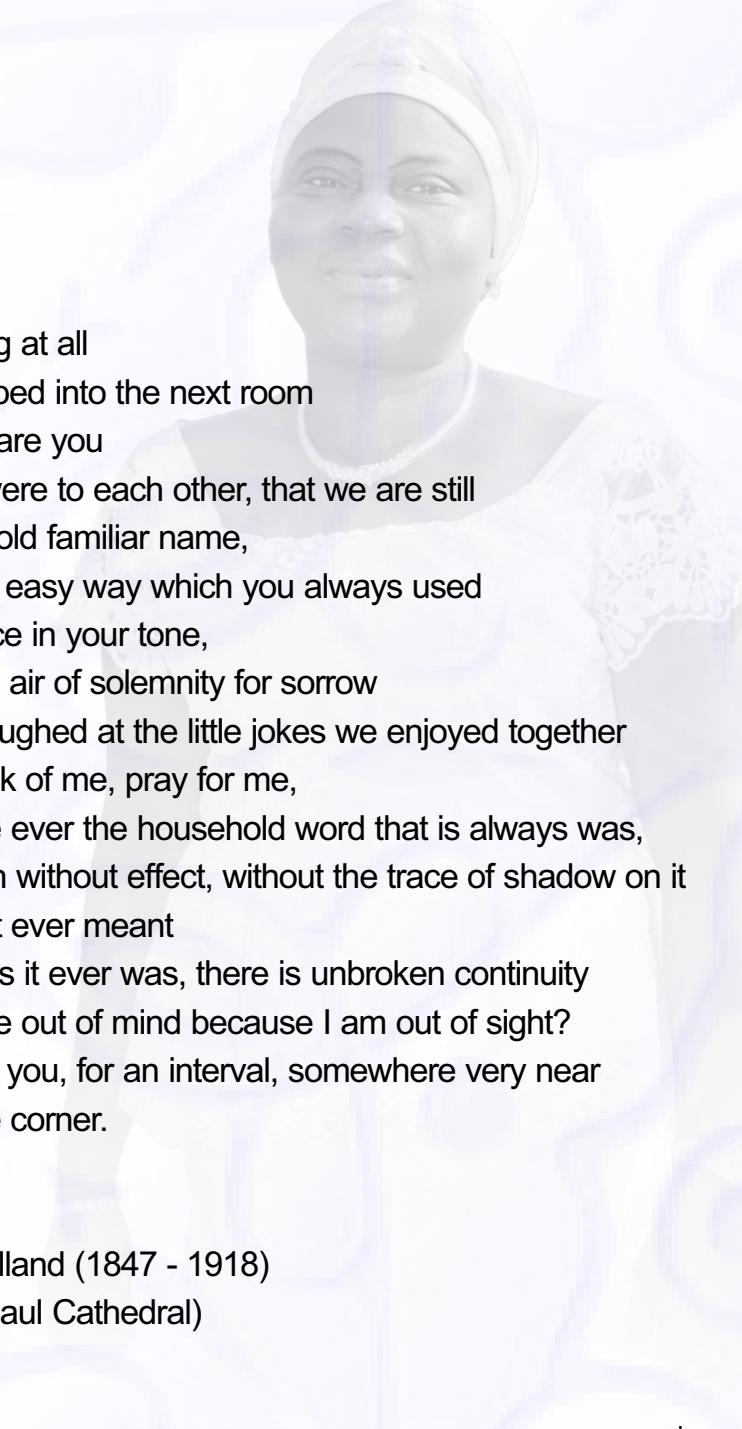
Your death has left heartaches that only God can heal, but your unwavering love and sacrifices have also left memories that we'll cherish forever.

*Fare thee well!*

*Kpomo!!*

*Rest in perfect peace!!! Till we meet again.*

## IT IS WELL!



Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped into the next room  
I am I and you are you  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
Speak to me in easy way which you always used  
Put no difference in your tone,  
Wear no forced air of solemnity for sorrow  
Laugh as we laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me,  
let my name be ever the household word that is always was,  
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it  
Life means all it ever meant  
It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near  
Just around the corner.  
All is well.

Henry Scott Holland (1847 - 1918)  
(Canon of St. Paul Cathedral)

# BURIAL & MEMORIAL SERVICE

of the late DEACONESS BERNICE DARKEY

## Officiating Ministers

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Evangelist Albert Narh Sackey | - Nkurakan Area Superintendent |
| 2. Ps. Mark Asabir-Ampah         | - Klo-Agogo District           |
| 3. Ps. Simon K. Teye             | - Nsutapong District           |
| 4. Ps. Peter K. Annor            | - Opersika District            |
| 5. Ps. Jones Martey              | - Ahinkwa District             |
| 6. Ovr. Jonathan Adjateye        | - Obawale District             |
| 7. Ps. Foster Ewusi Rtd.         | - Klo-Agogo                    |

## Order of Service

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|------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. Prelude Choruses          | - Praises Team  |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 2. Opening Prayer            | - Eldership   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 3. ATH No. 314               | - Hwe Wo Nyame Som So Yie   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 4. Laying in State/File Past | - I Thessalonians 4:13-18   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 5. Scripture Reading         | <table border="0"><tr><td>· English</td><td>- Dns. Comfort Boatey</td></tr><tr><td>· Twi</td><td>- Dns. Christiana Nanor</td></tr><tr><td>· Dangme</td><td>- Dns. Agnes Nartey</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>- Akwantu Bi Wo Ho</td></tr></table> | · English | - Dns. Comfort Boatey | · Twi | - Dns. Christiana Nanor | · Dangme | - Dns. Agnes Nartey |  | - Akwantu Bi Wo Ho |
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|                              | - Akwantu Bi Wo Ho  |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 6. ATH No. 297               |   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 7. Offering                  |   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 8. Biography                 | - Family Representative   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 9. Tribute                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Children</li><li>· Grandchildren</li><li>· In-Laws</li><li>· Abusua Kreation</li><li>· Widower</li><li>· Elders' wives</li><li>· District women's movement</li><li>· The Church</li></ul>             |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |
| 10. ATH No. 297              | - Ampa Mekra Yekom Hwe Wo   |           |                       |       |                         |          |                     |  |                    |

*Tribute by* THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH-GHANA  
KLO-AGOGO DISTRICT  
WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ..... "(2 Timothy 4:7)

In this time of sorrow, we stand together as a team, offering our deepest condolences.

Deaconess Bernice Darkey lovingly called Mama Darkey and her family joined the Klo-Agogo District when they relocated from koryere to Klo-Agogo in 2007. She and her husband with their children served the Lord diligently in several capacities.

Due to her zeal and dedication for the work of God, she had the opportunity to serve in the following capacities:

- Klo-Agogo local women's leader: from 2008 to 2009 and
- Klo-Agogo District women's leader: from 2009 to 2017

Maa Bernice has really left indelible marks in the women's movement which are evident for all to see.

Even when she was reviewed as the leader, she still involved herself in ministry meetings, prayers, monthly joints, special events, conventions and even sports activities and she was always punctual and regular at all events.

Maa Bernice had both inner and outward beauty as the lady praised in Proverbs 31. She also demonstrated this inner beauty outwardly in how she carried herself in her speech, dressing, calmness, and beautiful smiles.

Mama Bernice, your cool dancing steps at church functions can never be forgotten, we will continually missed your dangme reading at church and the way you held your hymn book when sang at joint services.

We always feel your departure when we meet in our programmes, at times your usual sitting place is reserved, thinking you were going to join later.

Maa Bee, we knew death would come someday knocking but we never knew it could come so soon. It happened suddenly and there is nothing we can do to reverse it.

Your death is so painful, we are devastated and deeply grieved by your sudden demise. But we know you have gone to be at a better place with your Maker.

*The Women's Leadership and entire women will forever miss you.*

*Kpomooo Maa Bee*

*Kpomo Maa Bee*

*Kpomo Mama Bernice*

*Till we meet again*

*Kronkron ma Awurade*

# *Tribute by* THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH-GHANA KLO-AGOGO DISTRICT

*To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Parting comes and hearts are broken, loved ones go with words unspoken. Deaconess Bernice Darkey was a staunch member of The Apostolic Church-Ghana, Klo-Agogo District.

She joined the Church when her husband (Elder Robert Darkey) married her at Koryire in 1991. She was baptized into the Church on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1991 at Koryire in the Nsutapong district by Ps. S. K Amoatey.

Deaconess Bernice Darkey was a devoted member of the church who made sure her children also devoted their lives to the things of God.

In 2007, she and her family relocated from Koryire to Klo-Agogo and continued to serve her maker faithfully in several capacities. Maa Bernice, a devoted and a faithful Christian displayed an exceptional interest and love for the Women's Movement with a passion that was remarkable and worthy of emulation. She was always regular and punctual at meetings and functions of the Women's Movement, Church conventions, dawn services and other programmes even when her health could not permit her.

She served in the following capacities in The Apostolic Church-Ghana:

- Koryire Local Sunday School Teacher
- Koryire Local Women's Movement Leader 2000 to 2007
- Klo-Agogo Local Womens Leader 2008 to 2009
- Klo-Agogo District Women's Secretary 2009
- Klo-Agogo District Women's Leader 2009 to 2017

Deaconess Bernice Darkey worked faithfully under the following Pastors :

- Ps. S. K Amoatey Nsutapong District
- Ps. Albert N. Sackey Nsutapong District
- Ps. Korley Nsutapong District
- Late Ps. Lawer Klo-Agogo District
- Ps. Abraham Klo-Agogo District
- Ps. Kudjoe Klo-Agogo District
- Ps. Kwakye Klo-Agogo District
- Ps. Anane Klo-Agogo District and
- Ps. Mark Ampah Klo-Agogo District

The Apostolic Church-Ghana has lost a courteous and submissive comrade, always ready to serve, humble and dedicated daughter of God.

The Apostolic Church-Ghana, Klo-Agogo District can never forget that black Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 when you left us without any sign or whatsoever.

Maa Bee, your departure at this time has created a great vacuum which only God can fill.

*May the good Lord grant you rest in His eternal home.*

*Fare thee well, Till we meet again! Kpomo!! Forever in our heart!!*

11. Introduction Of Dignitaries
12. Song MinistrationPraises Team
13. SermonPastorate
14. Observance Of Minute Silence
15. Prayer for the familyPastorate
16. Charity DonationEldership
17. AnnouncementSecretary/Family
18. Closing Hymn No. 112 - Agyenkwa Yesu Do Me
19. Closing PrayerEldership
20. BenedictionPastorate

## *Grave Side*

1. Opening PrayerEldership
2. ATH No. 185 - Yesu Kristo ye do fo
3. Lowering Of Coffin
4. CommittalsPastorate
5. Laying Of Wreath
6. Vote Of Thanks - Family Representative
7. Closing PrayerEldership
8. BenedictionPastorate

*Biography of* **The late  
DEACONESS BERNICE  
DARKEY (1973-2023)**

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)*

His ways are not our ways indeed. Otherwise, we would have questioned God; why at this time, but who are we, mere mortals, to question the wisdom and decisions of the Most High God, creator of the heavens and the earth? We however take solace in the knowledge of the fact that in His wisdom and judgments lie in what He knows the best for us.

Deaconess Bernice Darkey, a remarkable woman whose warmth, resilience, and love touched the lives of all who knew her, left an indelible mark on the world during her time on Earth. Born on June 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1973, at Koryire, in the Eastern Part of Ghana. Maa Bernice's journey unfolded with a unique blend of challenges and triumphs that shaped her into the extraordinary woman she became.

Maa Bernice was the Last Born of ten siblings, born to Late Mr. Wilfred Charkitey Mensah and Late Mrs. Alice Korkor Charkitey. Growing up in a close-knit community, Maa Bernice displayed an early aptitude for empathy and a nurturing spirit. Her childhood was marked by a passion that would stay with her throughout her life.

Maa Bernice's thirst for knowledge led her to excel academically. She started her basic education at Koryire R/C primary, moved to Tafo to continue her primary education. She again returned to Koryire to complete her primary education. She then proceeded Klo-Agogo R/C middle school to obtain her middle school certificate. She was then the office prefect of their year badge.

It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Elder Robert Darkey, a fellow student who shared her passion for learning and intellectual pursuits.

Maa Bernice and Elder Robert married shortly after completing their middle school and started a family. They got married in the year 1992. They began their family life at Koryire and through her efforts, support and dedication,

*Tribute by* **ABUSUA  
KREATION**

*"A woman can be a mother, but it takes a special woman to be called a mother".*

*It still seems to us like a dream that we anxiously await to be awoken from over the news of your sudden but peaceful demise.*

*Maa Darkey, was a very happy person, full of life, SHE was a person who wanted to involve herself in everything. Those who knew her can attest to the fact that, she has a welcoming heart that attracts all to her.*

We promised to come as a team to visit after our booked Christmas errands and as usual you responded okay; and advised we take good care of ourselves.

Madam Bernice Darkey was an epitome of sacrificial love. She was a mother, a teacher, a mentor, and a reliable shoulder to cry on. Her home was full of love and kindness. Though you were not very rich, you always had food on the table for everyone who enters your home.

20th December is a day that will be forever honoured. Because my Precious Mum 'Sophia Okine' also died on the same day thus 20th December 2019. Both of you played a remarkable role in the upliftment of the Brand through your prayers and advise.

We had diverse plans for you but God has proved us wrong with the saying "Man proposes but God disposes".

The sun has set painfully on our lives again, casting shadows of confusion, pain and sorrow and it is with grief stricken hearts that we pay this tribute to you - Maa Bernice.

*Fare Thee Well  
Virteous Woman*

Maa as I always called her, had a way of making everyone feel valued and cherished. Her home was a haven of warmth and hospitality, where laughter echoed and love flowed freely. Whether it was a simple family dinner or a grand celebration, she made every moment special.

In times of joy, she celebrated with us wholeheartedly, and in times of sorrow, she offered solace and understanding. Her compassion knew no bounds, and her legacy lives on in the kindness she shared and the lives she touched.

Maa may no longer be with us in the physical sense, but her spirit lives on in the lessons she taught, the love she gave, and the countless memories we hold dear. Today, we honor her by carrying forward the values she instilled in us and by cherishing the bonds that she helped create.

Today, as we say our goodbyes, I feel a profound sense of loss, but also an overwhelming gratitude for the time we shared. Mother-in-law will forever hold a special place in my heart, and her legacy of love, care, and service will continue to inspire me.

Finally, let us not dwell on the sorrow of her passing, but instead, let us celebrate the beautiful tapestry of memories she leaves behind. Let us remember her laughter, her wisdom, and the love that she showered upon us all.

Rest in peace, dear Mother-in-law. You will be dearly missed, but your legacy of love will continue to shine brightly in our hearts

May Maa Bernice find eternal peace.

With deepest sympathy, We say!

Kpomo, Kpomo, Kpomo. Ya huɔ kpoo

they later moved from Koryire to Klo-Agogo in year 2007. Their union was blessed with Four children: Abigail, Augustine, Samuel and Peleg. Maa Bernice devoted herself to creating a loving and nurturing home, instilling in her children the values of kindness, compassion, Unity, and the importance of education.

She was a member of Roman Catholic Church and later joined the Apostolic Church-Ghana after they got married. She was baptized into the Apostolic Church-Ghana at Koryire on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1991 by Pastor S.K Amoatey.

Maa Bernice's life was a testament to the power of love, resilience, and the enduring impact one person can have on the world. She was a strong pillar in the family who helped the family in conflict resolutions and always makes sure there is peace and unity among the members of the family and children as well. Maa Bernice cherished her family so much that she adopted some of her nieces and nephews in so many ways including their educations.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 death layed its icy hands of our beloved. When Her sudden death occurred, the entire family was covered on total darkness. All hopes were lost because a light had gone out.

*Fare thee well Maa Bernice  
Kpomo! Kpomo! Kpomo!*

Ya huɔ kpoo

## *Tribute by* **WIDOWER** ELDER ROBERT DARKEY

Yo kpakpa mε nɔ ma na? E he jua wa kulaa pe juni.  
E huno ngɔɔ e hε fɔɔ e nɔ kε e tsui tsuo, nε e huno o  
be ohia yee gblegbleebgle. (Abe 31:10-11)

Aoo Mama Darkey, kε ma de kε, jeha babau nε i na mo  
kaa I yo o, wa suɔmi o nge kaa madaa amutum I kε mo  
le yaa kε baa.

Wa sɔlemi yami, ngmɔmi yami, I kε mo. Nε kε ba lε kε  
nε o kpalee nge I se tlukaa nε I lii o.

Wa bi Abigail, ba bi si kε, Dada jije Maa nge. I nε nya  
je mi.

Auguatine hu bimi jaa nɔɔ, I nε nya je mi

Wa bi Samuel hu ba bimi jaa nɔɔ.

Wa bi Teye Peleg hu ba bimi kε Dada, Yomo nee. I nyε  
we nya jemi

Aoo I suɔlɔ jije ma na mo nge,

I suɔlɔ, jije wama kpe nge.

Jama a ligbi o, nε I le kaa gbenɔ maba ngɔ moo o, I ko  
duɔ dade nya nε I kε mo ko laa nge I se, aloo I ko la  
tu kε fɔsi, se I li nε gbenɔ ba sa mo tlukaa kε ho.

Aoo Mama Darkey, I hε nge jaae tsɔ, I suɔlɔ Mama  
Darkey, Menɔ I kε maa fie.  
A:a:a Mawu lε le nɔ nε e pee o.

Mama Darkey, Kpomo, Kpomo, Kpomo.  
I suɔlɔ, Kpomo  
Yaa hwɔ kpoo.

## *Tribute by* **IN-LAWS**

*She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: [PROVERBS 31:26-28]*

Today, as we gather to bid farewell to a truly remarkable woman, my heart is heavy with grief and gratitude. We come together not only to mourn the loss of my lovely mother-in-law, Maa, as I normally called you, but also to celebrate the profound impact she had on my life.

Maa Bernice Darkey was not just a mother-in-law; she was a second mother to me. Her love, care, and unwavering support shaped the person I am today. She embraced me with open arms, and in her, I found not only a guide but a true confidante.

From the early days of our relationship, Maa Bernice showered me with kindness and understanding. She went beyond the role of a mother-in-law, providing not only physical care but also spiritual support that nurtured my soul. Her presence was a source of comfort in times of struggle and a beacon of light in moments of darkness.

I will forever be grateful for the countless times she selflessly extended herself to render service, not out of obligation, but out of genuine love. Her acts of kindness, both big and small, painted a portrait of a woman whose heart knew no bounds.

As we reflect on her life, I am reminded of the countless lessons she taught me through her actions. She taught me the true meaning of compassion, the value of selfless giving, and the strength that can be found in a loving family and in the face of challenges and her ability to find beauty in even the simplest things. She was a pillar of support, a source of wisdom, and love for her family and friends.

She was a woman of grace, kindness, and unwavering love. She touched the lives of everyone she encountered with her warm heart and infectious smile. Her presence brought comfort and joy, and her absence leaves a void that words can hardly express.

Maa Bernice was a woman of profound spirituality, and her faith was a guiding force in her life. She shared that faith generously, not just in words but in the way she lived her life. Her example inspired me to seek a deeper connection with the spiritual aspects of life, and I am grateful for the wisdom she imparted.

## *Tribute by* GRANDCHILDREN

As we gather here today to bid our final farewell, our hearts are heavy with grief, yet filled with the love and memories you gifted us throughout the years. Your departure has left a void in our lives that can never be filled, but your legacy will forever be in our hearts.

You were more than a grandmother to us; you were a source of love, wisdom, and warmth. Your stories, laughter, and comforting hugs shaped our childhood.

The lessons you imparted were not just words; they were the building blocks of our character. We carry your values with us, a testament to the remarkable person you were.

The memories of your love will be a guiding light in our lives, and your spirit will live on in the laughter of the family you nurtured.

Though you may no longer be with us in the physical sense, We will continue to celebrate your life by living with the same love, grace, and strength that you exemplified.

Grandma, thank you for the love you shown to us, you will forever remain in our heart.

Rest in peace, knowing that your grandchildren Alvin, Benita and Bryan loved you beyond measure.

With all our love, we say Good bye Grama.

Rest Well

## *Tribute by* CHILDREN

### *Heartbreaking News*

*The Passing of Our Beloved Mother: (Yomo)*

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit  
(Psalm 34:18)*

It is with a shattered heart and profound sorrow that we share the devastating news of the passing of our dearest mother, Maa Bernice Darkey (Yomo as we affectionately called you). We were hit by the sudden and the sad news of our mother's death on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. In fact, that Wednesday was a very bad day for us. You left behind a void that words can hardly express.

Our loving mother was not just a parent; a source of unconditional love, strength, wisdom, devoted friend, and an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her. She was the cornerstone of our family. Her departure has left an indescribable emptiness that no amount of time will ever fill.

She faced life with grace, courage, and a heart full of love for those around her. Her kindness touched everyone fortunate enough to know her, and her memory will forever be engraved in our hearts.

While we mourn the physical loss of our beloved mother, let us celebrate the incredible woman she was and the profound impact she had on our lives. May her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration, guiding us through the challenges of life with the same strength and grace that she exemplified.

In our hearts, Our beloved Mother will forever remain alive through the memories we shared, the lessons she imparted, and the love she so generously gave. As we say our final goodbyes, let us remember her not with tears of sorrow, but with smiles that reflect the joy she brought into our lives.

The loss we feel is immeasurable, and the pain is profound. As we navigate through this difficult time, we find solace in the beautiful memories we shared and the lessons she imparted. She will be remembered for her warmth, compassion, and the countless ways she enriched the lives of those around her.

*Our beloved mother, Rest in perfect peace.*

Your light will continue to shine brightly in our hearts, and your love will be a guiding force for generations to come.

*Yomo!*

*Abigail, Augustine, Samuel and Peleg says*

**KPOMO, KPOMO, KPOMO**

# Children



Abigail



Augustine



Samuel



Peleg



*Death ends a life, not a relationship*

- Jack Lemmon -



# Photo Gallery



*Life is pleasant  
Death is Peaceful  
It's the transition  
that's troublesome*

- Isaac Asimov -



# Grandchildren



Alvin



Bryan



Benita



Deaconess Bernice Darkey and Husband



Deaconess Bernice Darkey showing gratitude during Praises at Church



Deaconess Bernice Darkey showing aerobics moves during District Women's Games

# GOOD OLD DAYS