



BURIAL, MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE

FOR THE LATE

VERA SERWAA ABBAN



Officiating Ministers

Rev. Anthony Yaw Badu

Former Senior Pastor, Ascension Baptist Church, Bomso

Rev. Edward Boateng

Pastor, Ascension Baptist Church, Bomso

Order Of Service

PART ONE PRE-BURIAL SERVICE

OPENING SENTENCE "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies (**John 11: 17 – 27**)

PART TWO BURIAL SERVICE

1. Opening Prayer - Deacon Joseph Boison
2. Adoration & Praises - Pastor Desmond Ekow Badu
3. Scripture Reading (John 11: 17 – 27)
-Deacon Sammy Forson
4. Tribute - Deaconess Gifty Osei Gyaame
 - * Family
 - * Widower
 - * Children
 - * Church / WMU-Mrs. Philomena Badu
5. Scripture Reading (Luke 10: 38 – 42)
- Deaconess Esther Afriyie

6. Song Ministration - Grace Okai
7. Sermon - Rev. Anthony Badu
8. Prayer for the Family-Rev. Edward Boateng
9. Announcement - Family member
10. Closing Prayer / Benediction
- Rev. Anthony Badu

PART THREE GRAVE SIDE

1. Opening Sentences: - "Then I heard a voice from Heaven say. "Write; blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, "yes, says the spirit, they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them" (**Rev. 14:13**)
2. Hymn
3. Committal & Prayer
4. Vote of Thanks - Family Head
5. Benediction

Biography FOR THE LATE VERA SERWAA ABBAN

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write; Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labours; and their works will follow them (Rev. 14:13).NIV



The late Madam Vera Serwaa Abban was born on 20th May, 1975 to the late Mad. Rose Amma Boamah of the Asona Family of Ejisu-Asawase and Rev. Emmanuel Ato Abban. She was the first born daughter of her parents.

At the age of two years, her mother travelled with her to Ivory Coast to live with her mother's uncle at his invitation. It was during that period that she had her Basic education in Ivory Coast. After completing her basic education, she returned to Ghana to continue her education. Her father enrolled her in the Ghana Institute of Languages to study English Language, since her spoken language was French. After completing the proficiency in

English, she furthered her education at the Garden City Commercial College in Kumasi.

After graduating from Garden City Commercial College, She was employed by Trans-ECOWAS Transport Company which



plies the francophone countries in the West Coast of Africa as Ticketing and Relations Officer of the Company because of her bilingual ability.

The transport company became defunct so she studied Information Technology at CompuNet Ghana Limited, a Computer Institute in Kumasi. By virtue of her brilliance and seriousness, she won the admiration of the company, resulting in her being engaged as a full time staff of the Institute.

By dint of hard work, faithfulness and perseverance, she was engaged by the Coca Cola Bottling Company in Kumasi to manage the Company's cafeteria. She later moved to establish her own catering

service after some few years in Lobito near Kumasi Sports Stadium.

Serwaa happily got married to Mr. Gordon Obeng Nyarko. Their union was blessed with four (4) children namely, Frederick, Gloria, Kezia and Fred-Gibért Obeng Nyarko. She was born into the Baptist family and spent all her life serving and worshipping her Lord with Ascension Baptist Church, Bomso-Kumasi.

Aunty Vera was a devout Christian, who served and worshipped God faithfully. This was evident in the way she even interacted with all those who came into contact with her. Serwaa, we your family members say big thanks for the kind of woman you were unto us.

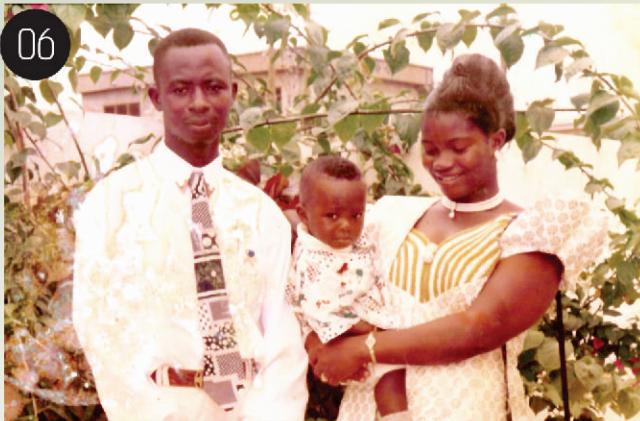
For almost two years she battled with a protracted illness and was in-and-out of the hospital, but little did we dreamt of her untimely demise on the fateful Wednesday 18th January 2023 when she went to be with the Lord. Our granddaughter, daughter, nephew, sister, mother and our everything, we wished you had stayed with us a bit longer. You fought a good fight; you ran the race and kept the faith.

Serwaa, may your gentle Soul Rest in Perfect Peace in the bosom of our Lord Almighty.

"Nante yie". "Onyame nfa wo nsie" till we meet again "Damirifa Duei! Duei ne amane hunu"

"Dayie! Dayle! Dayie"

Children's Gallery



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Fred



Gloria



Kezia

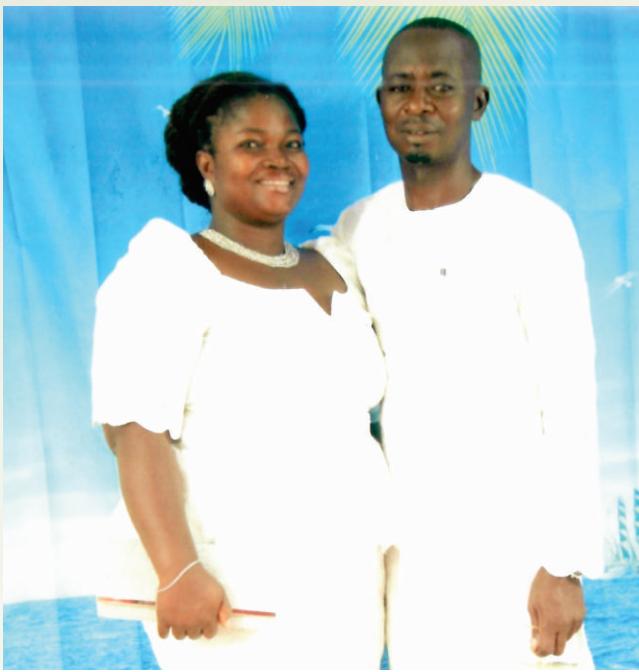


Fred Gibert



Tribute From The Husband

Then I heard a voice from heaven say "write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now. "Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them". (Rev. 14:13) NIV



My dearest Vera, as I affectionately call you; you were my world and made life a Heaven on earth for our beloved children and me. I want to say THANK YOU for firstly accepting to marry me. We first met at Ghana Institute of Languages in the year 1992 to study English after your French basic education in Ivory Coast. We became friends but later separated to pursue different careers in different schools.

We met again after some time and became serious lovers and got married on 15th July, 1995. We were blessed with four lovely children namely Frederick Obeng Nyarko,



Gloria Obeng Nyarko, Kezia Obeng Nyarko and Fred-Gibert Obeng Nyarko. Vera and I lived happily as husband and wife for 28 years (1995 - 2023).

All through this period she was my pillar, my friend, Sister, my companion, my

partner and wife of my youthful age. In Proverbs 31: 10 - 29, she was a woman I describe as "serenity". Vera was not only a wonderful wife and a mother but also meticulous homemaker and a housekeeper.

She was very honest, cheerful and friendly and made many warm friends.

You inspired me in many ways in which I cannot explain. Vera will never shade the wrong, no matter the consequences. She loved God and her Church, Ascension Baptist Church, Bomso and was faithful to her allotted tasks. You were a benefactor and mentor to numerous people, showing mercy and generosity to all who came your way especially to my friends and family members.

Now I close this tribute with a feeling of humility and submissiveness to divine authority. Vera may your gentle soul rest in perfect peace until we meet again.

Damirifa due, Damirifa due.

Tribute From The Children

"He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will abide in the shadow of the almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" (Psalm 91:1-2).

Dear Mama,

We know that you are in a good place, a place without agony and sorrow, a place where you can keep watching over us with your loving gaze. We honour you for a life well-lived, despite the fact that we are all assembled here in deep sorrow.

Although you were unable to teach us French as you had always hoped, your children are grateful for many things, most notably for teaching and raising us to know God. We are appreciative of how being a disciplinarian taught us to be content with our possessions. We will never forget how strict you were with our education, going beyond your limits to ensure that we had what we needed to focus on our studies.

Thanks to your skill with computers, we got introduced to them at very young ages. We are grateful for being our support system and our life coach. Auntie Vera, we will miss the endless conversations about your daughter's wedding ceremonies, your innovative ways of cooking, and your wonderful sense of humour. Your sons will miss the disciplinarian that made sure we lived upright and stayed responsible.

While separation and the grasp of death are undoubtedly difficult, we believe that dying in Christ is gain just as the Apostle Paul said in **Philippians 1:21**, which say, *"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*

We will continue to uphold and live on the legacy you left behind. Till we meet again, Mama...

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MADAM VERA SERWAA ABBAN BY ASCENSION BAPTIST CHURCH / WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my thoughts higher than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)



Sister Vera Serwaa Abban was one of the pioneers of Ascension Baptist Church during its establishment on 19th May 1991. She was baptised in 1993 by Rev. Kingsley Arthur at Grace Baptist Church.

Death is inevitable to all mortals, but little did we know that you would leave us so soon. The news about the death of Sister Vera was received with great shock on Wednesday, 18th of January, 2023. Sister Vera as we affectionately called her, was a godly woman with so much grace. She was a very active member of the WMU even when she was not part of the executives. No wonder she

became the Local President for two terms as the constitution demands.

She was very passionate about the work of God and invested her time and resources in the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) at Local, Association and even National level. She was always there to help when the need arises. She was indeed a good listener whenever she was spoken to.

She was committed to the cause of igniting prayer in the hearts of many women and Christians as a whole. Sister Vera was the brain behind the Rescue Prayer (Ogyes Mpaebø) at Ascension Baptist Church held every Tuesday from 7am to 9am.

Vera, although it is terribly painful, the entire WMU Local, Association and National levels will submit to God's decision to have you take the lead into eternal rest at this time. He is indeed our Lord both while we live and when we die.

We will surely miss you, we are proud of the great legacies you left with us. The memory of your passion for souls, faith and perseverance in prayer will help us all to continue to be faithful and true to our common mission!

Farewell, Vera Serwaa Abban!

Fare thee well!

Rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord!

Goodbye, till we meet again.



APPRECIATION

The Widower, Children and the
entire family of

MADAM VERA SERWAA ABBAN

thank you most sincerely for your kind
support expressions of sympathy during
our bereavement. May the Lord Almighty
bless you all. Thank You.