



**BURIAL AND THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE OF THE LATE**

**EMMANUEL  
OSSEI-KUMAH**  
**AKA NANA OSSEI-KUMAH**  
**(Apagya Abusuapanyin)**

**ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL, 2024**

**AT HIS PRIVATE RESIDENCE OPPOSITE  
SERWAA KESSE GIRLS SHS  
- DUAYAWVNKWANTA**

**AT 8: 00AM PROMPT**





# BURIAL SERVICE

## PRE - BURIAL SERVICE - PART I

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| 1. Call to Worship                | - | Cat Charles Koranteng           |
| 2. Professional Hymn              | - | PH 503                          |
| 3. Introit                        | - | Church Choir                    |
| 4. Scriptural Sentences           | - | Cat Charles Koranteng           |
| 5. Hymn of Praise                 | - | PH 18                           |
| 6. Prayer                         | - | PH 18                           |
| 7. Biography                      | - | Family Members                  |
| 8. Song                           | - | Allstars Choir from Kumasi      |
| 9. Tributes                       | - | Family, Children and the Church |
| 10. Scripture Reading             | - | Presbyter                       |
| 11. Hymn of Meditation            | - | PH 789                          |
| 12. Sermon or Creed               | - | Rev. G.B. Appiah-Korang         |
| 13. Prayer for Bereaved Family    | - | Minister                        |
| 14. 1st and 2nd Offertory         | - | Allstars Choir from Kumasi      |
| 15. Offertory Prayer              | - | Presbyter                       |
| 16. Intruduction and Announcement | - | Clerk                           |
| 17. Closing Hymn                  | - | PH 791                          |
| 18. Benediction                   | - | Rev. G.B. Appiah-Korang         |
| 19. Recessional Hymn              | - |                                 |

## BURIAL SERVICE - PART II

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Opening Prayer      | - | PH 789                  |
| 2. Scriptural Sentence | - |                         |
| 3. Hymn                | - | PH 647                  |
| 4. Exhortation         | - | Cat Charles Koranteng   |
| 5. Committal           | - | Rev. G.B. Appiah-Korang |
| 6. Prayer              | - | Rev. G.B. Appiah-Korang |
| 7. Hymn                | - | PH 770                  |
| 8. Vote of Thanks      | - | Family Members          |
| 9. Benediction         | - | Rev. G.B. Appiah-Korang |
| 10. Hymn of Departure  | - | PH 806                  |



# BIOGRAPHY

The late Emmanuel Ossei- Kumah was born on 21st October, 1936 at Duayaw Nkwanta to Nana Adu Kofi II, the then Paramount Chief of Duayaw Nkwanta and Madam Ampomah of the Kontire family . He spent most of his childhood days either in the palace of his father or with his mother at Paakoso and later in the new family house in Nsesreso. After his primary and middle school education at the Presbyterian School in Duayaw Nkwanta, he moved to Ejisu where he initially worked as a shopkeeper with G.B Olivant and through hard work soon acquired his own shop at Konongo.



Kwakumah, as he was affectionately called in the family by his peers, was keen on furthering his education. He was able to put by a tidy sum and was advised by his uncle to invest in a building. But he told him that he wanted to further his education and proceeded to London to pursue further studies. He worked diligently, through self-tuition to become a Chartered Accountant. He later obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of London.



In 1969, he met the beautiful Miss Judith Cox and after a brief courtship they got married in 1970. They were blessed with two children, Louise and Edward.





Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah commenced his career at the Bank of Ghana as an Assistant Manager and Financial Analyst in the then Development Finance Department from 1969 to 1972.



In 1986, he was appointed as a Second Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana by the late Flight Lt J.J. Rawlings. He was subsequently appointed The Executive Chairman of Ghana National Trading Corporation (GNTC) as the Chairman of the then Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) needed someone of his calibre to change the ethos and fortunes of the cooperation. It was during his tenure that the new Ghana House was constructed. In 1996, Flight Lt J.J. Rawlings who had become the President of the Republic of Ghana recalled him as the First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana, where he worked till retirement in 2001. He is the only person to be accepted twice as the Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana.



As part of his responsibilities, he served on a number of Boards including the Meridian Tobacco Limited, Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Bank for Housing and Construction (BHC), Komatsu among others.



In 2008, following the death of his uncle he was appointed as the Abusuapanyin of the Apagya Family. He worked assiduously in this role to unite the entire Kronti-Apagya Family, until he was called by his maker on 20th July 2023.



He survived by three children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

1. Think of me as one at rest  
For me you should not weep  
I have no pain no troubled thoughts  
For I am just asleep  
The living thinking me that was is now forever still  
And life goes on without me now as time forever

2. If your heart is heavy now  
Because I have gone away  
Dwell not long upon it friend  
For none of us can stay  
Those of you who liked me  
I sincerely thank you all  
And those of you who loved me  
I thank you most of all

3. ....  
I found sometime to hesitate, to laugh, to love, to cry  
Matters it now if time begun  
If time will ever cease?  
I was here I used it all and now I am at peace.

*By A.J Stanley*

***Damrifa Due Abusuapanyin!!!***

***The Entire Family Misses You So Much***

# TRIBUTE BY FAMILY

Today, we with deep sorrow, bid farewell to a pillar of strength, a beacon of wisdom and the heart of our family. His presence brought light to our lives, his guidance shaped our paths, and he strove to bind us together in a bond that we hope will never be broken.

Even though you always seemed aloof and removed from the family, it was when you succeeded Nana Asamoah as the Abusuapanyin that we realised the depths to which you had the interests of the family at heart.

As we mourn your passing, we also celebrate the legacy you leave behind – a legacy of integrity and unwavering dedication to your loved ones.

Your spirit will continue to live on in the stories we share, the values and principles we uphold.

Though you may no longer walk among us, your influence will forever be felt in the lives you touched and the memories we cherish. We find solace in knowing that you are at peace and at rest, watching over us from above, guiding us with your wisdom.

You will always be remembered, honoured, and deeply missed. Your legacy will endure through the generations, inspiring us to live with the same grace and strength of purpose that you exemplified in life.

Until we meet again, may you find eternal peace in the arms of the Lord.

Fare thee well, dear Nana, and thank you.

# TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

Your death has left a great chasm in our lives. Our grief is felt by all who knew you and resonates through the family. You touched the lives of many and this legacy will continue.

Many will know of your accomplishments. The creation of The Bank Hospital, from which so many people benefit, is just one of those legacies. Your close ties with companies such as Rothmans and Komatsu, and the investment they brought with them, are visible in the infrastructure of Ghana. You were driven in your need to provide for the future.

You were the consummate professional, taking great pride in all that you accomplished with a drive and determination to invest in the future of your country. You were always planning for the long term. This was recognised by many within the business world, and I remember visiting the vast farms and plantations that you managed for Mr. Desmond Charmant, with a great sense of pride that it was my father that had made so much of this possible and had broken barriers to be in this position. Many were only allowed to see the professional, but not the person behind the persona.

You weren't just a father but a teacher, mentor and guide. We looked up to you, we valued your words, thoughts and interactions. Your wisdom and life experiences meant that many benefitted and their lives were significantly improved. Your loyalty was, at times, shaken but you remained strong and determined. Always a hard worker, you led by example and instilled this ethos in others. You encouraged achievements in all and supported many to better themselves.

You invested in people. Your kindness and generosity were undeniable. Paying for medical treatment and supporting those that needed it, but also investing in the future of those around you.

For work you travelled to many countries and experienced many different cultures. I remember the many hours we spent discussing these, history - in particular British history - politics and economics. The news from around the world and our disbelief in the actions of many also provided many topics of discussion over the years. Your love of literature passed it way down the generations and although our tastes differed, we could always be found with a good book.

As a man who shied away from politics, you took immense pride in the fact that President Rawlings saw all that you achieved. Meeting with him after your retirement was also an incredibly proud moment. Your meeting Nelson Mandela was also a moment in your life that you remembered with fondness and pride.



Your love of Saville Row suits and tailored cotton shirts made you distinctive and the 'John Brown' of Standard Bank, and Bank of Ghana. An aspect of your time spent in the UK that never left you. Your intense dislike of the cold being another remnant of student life in the UK. I remember how you would come round to my house, but rarely take your coat off, even though it was a hot day. We used to laugh if you only wore one jumper!

Your grandchildren were an enormous source of pride and curiosity. Their unfailing levels of energy, curiosity and individuality made you laugh and wonder. You loved to speak to them; always taking a keen interest in all they accomplished and engaged in.

In later years you continued to be the quiet, private person but took pride in being Head of the Family, with all the trials, tribulations and diplomacy that this required. You had an unwavering sense of duty and believed in trying to avoid conflict.

Right until the end, the respect that you gained in life never faded and your steely determination persevered. I can only hope that I have inherited that strength and that it will steer me through the remainder of my own life.



# TRIBUTE BY GRANDCHILDREN

*Rom.14:8- If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

Lying here before us today, are the mortal remains of a truly unique man, whom we affectionately call Grandpa. You are spirited and you are to us an embodiment of zest, strength, integrity, valour, ambition, grit and certainly a man of principle.

It is no surprise to us that with these sterling attributes, you rose to one of the highest ranks in the land, as the Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana, playing a strategic and pivotal role in financial leadership and serving your nation, of which we are mightily proud of. As if that meritorious deed didn't suffice, you also took on an additional role of leadership as a family head, which was awe inspiring.

We will definitely miss our hearty chats whenever we visited and your reluctance in seeing us go, a testament to the great bond we share. We will cherish the important queries, advice and queries about our personal lives and career paths, ensuring we are trailblazing in our chartered courses.

We loved how you happily and easily noticed the great resemblance in our physical characteristics to you and knowingly asked who we took after in this regard, only to feign surprise and laugh when we proudly said it was you. Just like any healthy relationship, we didn't always agree with your outlook and actions on certain decisions you took which sometimes caused misunderstandings that hurt us deeply. Nevertheless, we loved you greatly as we are all fallible and not without faults.

We see Ruby, sometimes mirroring your mannerisms and actions and we remember the fact that, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

In the latter days, we painfully experienced your battle with ill-health and your frequent to and fro visits to the hospital. Ruby as a medical practitioner, would study your laboratory results and elucidate the findings which you wanted more light thrown on. We prayed ceaselessly for the Lord to give you respite and total healing. But that was not to be.

Your great grandchildren always looked forward to the next visit hoping you would be stronger to play with them. Our world came tumbling down and our dreams shattered when we heard of your demise that fateful day. It was a pain akin to the one we felt when we lost our mum, your beloved first daughter, Emma Agyemang- Boateng.

We take solace in the fact that, you have lived a full life many dream of but few achieve, and you are free from the shackles of physical pain and resting in the Bosom of the almighty God. As we bid you goodnight, we celebrate your extraordinary life.

Your memories will forever be etched in our hearts and your legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. You left indelible prints on the sands of time, as a beacon of light shining ever so bright. We are grateful for the privilege of knowing and loving you, Grandpa. .

Say hello to mummy in heaven and keep each other company till we happily meet again, never to depart from each other. Rest in perfect Peace, fine Servant of the Great land, Ghana. Rest in peace

***Nana. Damirifa Due!!!***

**Rev. Dr Mrs. Ruby Aikins-Larbi.**

**Mrs Wendy Viganie-Valentine**

**Mr. Samuel Osei Agyenim-Boateng**





# TRIBUTE BY GRANDCHILDREN

Grandpa, as we knew him was someone who we, worshipped from afar. He loved to speak with us on the phone and asked about everything we had been doing. We knew some of his accomplishments but ultimately, he was just our grandpa.

Our visits to Ghana were filled with fun and although Grandpa didn't come with us on our adventures, he loved to hear all our stories. He did come to the swimming pool with us but sat well away from the edge as he hated it so much! Our antics in the water would terrify him. He enjoyed mealtimes with us all at the table and the conversations we had. He loved our games in the yard and our wonderment at all his cars.

When we were younger and Grandpa visited the UK, he would be down on the floor playing with us and reading us stories. Four children with a lot of energy can be daunting but he seemed to relish having us around! We remember that he loved to go for a drive out and about, seeing the scenery and going along to our activities. He thought our pets were funny - especially the gecko in his tank with a heater.

As we grew older his amazing memory never forgot all the moments we had and the individual aspects of our personalities. The affectionate names he had for us remained until the end. He took a keen interest in our academic studies and encouraged us all to do well. He also marvelled at our growing appetites and our individual tastes, often asking mum where we had got these from. There are definitely aspects of him within us all and for that, we are grateful.

Despite becoming frailer he still wanted to visit and when we collected him from the airport he was still dressed immaculately in his suit or blazer and trousers. These were then discarded for more casual and comfortable clothes once in the house. As always, he liked to come with us in the car to activities, loved mealtimes and the general chaos of family life. Our gratitude for his life is immeasurable and we hope that he will continue to be proud of us all. You are gone, but not forgotten.

**Sebastian Marcus Aitkin**

**Christian Xavier Aitken**

**Alexander Ranulph Aitkin**

**Gabriella Xanthe Aitken**



# TRIBUTE BY GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Dearest Great Grandpa, we are lost knowing we will never share happy moments with you again. We are saddened we will never get to cut more birthday cakes with you and never get to sit on your lap.

Death is so cruel having snatched you away from us just when we were getting to know you and benefit from your guidance.

Mommy says you are now an angel watching down over us and protecting us from above and that is what comforts us and lessens the pain. We love you and we miss you very much already. We will follow in your stead and definitely make you proud just as you made Ghana proud.

We promise to love you forever.  
From your great grandchildren

*Alithia Aikins-Larbi.*

*Kendra Aikins-Larbi.*

*Kaelle Aikins-Larbi.*

*Eliana-Faith Viganie-Valentine*



# TRIBUTE BY HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*"When the day of toil is done, when the race of life is run, Father, grant thy wearied one rest forever more"*

It's with aching hearts and tearful eyes that we constrain to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved and highly cherished brother, Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah to whom we bid farewell today.

"Kwa Kumah" or "Eno Ba" as we affectionately called him was the first of the three children by his mother, Obaapanyin Akua Ampomah of blessed memory. The news of Kwa Kumah's passing came as a shock to all of us even though we all knew he was going through a transition due to his protracted illness and the end was near.

It is said, "the value of a person should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive". And indeed a conspicuous disposition you possessed! You unconsciously pushed us in life to where we are now through your shining life experience.

We salute you, "Eno ba", a truly remarkable individual. We will always remember you as one of the rare individuals who lived to benefit, enrich and elevate the lives of his fellow human beings. What fitting acclamation can we offer to commensurate your illustrious service on earth!!!

***Proverbs 17:17 states "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity".*** Fare thee well, brother. Send us blessings and fortitude when you enter your eternal home so we can stand tall in the vacuum you have created.

May Mother Earth rest lightly on your remains, Kwa Kumah

***Da yie!, Nante yie!, Kose!!! Kose!!!***

***Rest in perfect Peace!***

Brothers and Sisters: Stephen Yaw Asamoah, Evans Kwadwo Owusu Atuahene, Kwadwo Ofori, Edith Animwaa Donkor, Afia Amponsah, Rose Bempomaa, Ama Henewaa, Mary Gyadu, Mercy Boakye and brothers and sisters, Afia Animwaa Reitz, Comfort Asamoah





# TRIBUTE BY NEPHEWS AND NIECES



Uncle Kumah, whom we affectionately referred to as such, held the position of the oldest among all our uncles. He served as a source of inspiration for those of us who aspired to imitate his remarkable life.

We have many shared memories. But, it is important to note that he was an extremely private individual, cautious, and possessed numerous other commendable traits. He possessed exceptional storytelling skills and consistently demonstrated a willingness to impart his extensive

experience and knowledge of the family lineage. Uncle, the impact you have had on both the family as a whole and each individual member is significant and cannot be overstated.

We express our gratitude to the divine creator for guiding you to us and allowing us to benefit from your exceptional adult lifestyle spanning so many years.

We are deeply saddened by your passing, but we find solace in the knowledge that you are now peacefully resting in the embrace of our divine Creator.

We are grateful to the divine Lord for guiding you to us and allowing us to benefit from your exceptional adult lifestyle spanning almost 87 years. We will forever lament your absence. We express our gratitude for your contributions to the family and extend our wishes for divine blessings and eternal peace for your soul.

**Damirefa due! Damirefa due! Due ne amanehunu!**  
**Da yie, wofa!!**



# TRIBUTE BY IN-LAWS



Today, we mourn the loss of a remarkable man who impacted the lives of all who knew him.

I had the initial pleasure of meeting my dear father-in-law when he came to visit the UK. He was a warm, caring and friendly man with a charming smile. Getting to know him was a privilege and he always took the time to be interested in our lives as we were with his.

He had just retired from the Bank of Ghana and was settling into his new lifestyle as a retiree. Although not in the office, he certainly didn't stop working. We enjoyed hearing all the stories from Ghana and his tasks seemed complex. Many carry a great deal of responsibility that he carried with humility and dignity.

When the grandchildren were born, he took great interest in their development and although being distant in miles, he still had a closeness to them. He intuitively knew their personalities and would laugh on the phone when hearing about their exploits. Their energy and enthusiasm for life was a source of great pleasure for him. He always spoke about how much he missed seeing them.

When we visited my father-in-law in Ghana, he loved to spend time with the children, and it was obvious to see the joy he experienced when he was with us and catching up on lost time. Always hospitable, we spent memorable holidays in Ghana being shown around the country that he was immensely proud of.

The respect you commanded and the lives you enriched with your thoughtful actions were obvious to all and will never be forgotten. He loved to discuss medical matters with me and if I was home, we bonded over our love of British history, particularly the World Wars. Our political situation was also a source of discussion too. Those connections and memories are most precious, and I am grateful for the time we had together.

# TRIBUTE BY MRS. YVONNE BROBBEY



Uncle, (Mr. Kumah) as I fondly called you, you stood for me when I lost my father.

A committed and intelligent man who relentlessly faced any challenge that came his way. You often advised me on business and marriage.

I remember my last visit to your home. We talked about your life experiences at the Bank of Ghana, marriage and your children for hours. Little did I know that it would be the last time I was going to see you. Uncle, I was broken when I was informed of your passing but I am assured you fought the good fight of faith to the end.

God saw that you were tired, so he put his arms around you and whispered, “come with me.”

I find confidence in God’s word that you’re in glory with Christ. You are not dead; but sleeping and resting in the Lord

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands put to rest.  
God broke our heart to prove to us  
He only takes the “best”.*

**Da Yie, Wofa!**

**Onyame Mfa Wo Nsie Ma Me.**



# TRIBUTE BY PEE, NAAKYIAA, SISTER, LADY, NAAKUA, AGYA, MOTHER AND CHIEF

Today, as we gather to celebrate your life and bid you farewell, we want to take a moment to express the profound impact you have had on each of us. Your presence in our lives was a gift beyond measure, and your passing has left a void that can never be filled.

You were more than just our uncle; you were our mentor, our friend, and our guiding light. Your pieces of advice, and unwavering support have helped shape us into the individuals we are today. Your legacy of kindness, integrity, and compassion will live on through the countless lives you touched during your lifetime.

You were such a principled man but often misunderstood. Through the positives and negatives, our trials and tribulations, our marriages and even our divorces you were always there, giving your support in your quiet way. Just letting us know we could always count on you. When our dear mom passed away almost seventeen years ago, you stood solidly behind us and consoled us in our time of desolation.



Your memory will be a source of comfort and inspiration as we navigate the days ahead. Though we grieve the loss of your earthly form, we take solace in knowing that you are at rest and at peace.

Your spirit will forever be a part of us, guiding us through life's challenges and reminding us of the values you held dear.

We will honour your memory by living our lives with the same grace, dignity, and strength of character and purpose that you exemplified throughout your life.

**Rest in peace, dear Uncle. *Damrifa Due! Due Ne Amanehunu!***



# TRIBUTE BY P. K. O. ADDO

*“When the day of toil is done  
When the race of life is run  
Father, grant thy wearied one  
Rest forever more”*

**John Ellerton**



***We are all saddened by the death of Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah. The scripture says- “the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away” Job 1:21***

My interaction with Mr Emmanuel Ossei- Kumah began in his early days at the Bank of Ghana when he first assumed the role of Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana. It continued during the time he became the Executive Chairman of Ghana National Trading Corporation (GNTC) and when he later went back to the Bank of Ghana.

Though he was older than me, the age difference was not a problem as there was such cordiality and mutual respect for each other. He was a true friend ***“a friend who sticks closer than a brother” Proverbs 18:24***

I found him a gentleman with a keen intellect who would not project himself and always maintained a low profile. He had a cool and positive demeanour, disciplined and would not countenance mediocrity in his work. He was meticulous, not easily disturbed and maintained a calm disposition.

He would not abandon his principles no matter the situation. Little wonder that he was sent back to the Bank of Ghana after a period with GNTC once again to continue his goodwork as a Deputy Governor.

He was a good source of advice. I found him a trustworthy and sincere person. God destined him to come in to my life at the time he did. I shall forever be grateful to the almighty God for bringing us together.

As we turn our fear into faith, our sorrow into joy and loneliness into divine companionship, let us reachout to God our Divine Comforter.

**Rest in Perfect Peace.**

# TRIBUTE BY MR. SAEED OSMAN MARFO



I met Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah, the former Executive Chairman of Ghana National Trading Corporation (GNTC) in 1992.

Following regular meetings and interactions with him, we came to the realisation that we came from the same region. From that day, I found a father, a friend, an advisor, a mentor and a confidante. He was there for my family and I on all occasions.

He was a great counselor, visionary, selfless, kind hearted and a generous man.

I have been privileged to share his friendship and I do express my appreciation for his wisdom and selflessness. He was a blessing to me and I will forever cherish the love and kindness he gave freely to me

His life was well lived and his job well done.

May Allah grant him eternal rest.

*My boss, counselor, uncle, and friend, sleep on till the day of resurrection.*

**Rest peacefully**



# TRIBUTE BY ADDO SUNU FAMILY

## A friendship of 40+ years

Those we love don't fade away from our memories even when they are gone!!!!

42 years ago, Mr Ossei, Uncle, Daddy as we called him depending on the mood, came into our lives and immediately became part of the family.

42 years of a loving and interesting journey as he touched our lives in a special way, each member of the family according to his/her abilities and profession and was always there for us. We always looked forward to his Saturday visits which he hardly missed unless of course he was in London with the family or official travel outside the country and in the latter years to his phone calls checking on us.

It will be so long to recount all the stories and memories so we will just keep them in our hearts and thank God for giving us the opportunity to meet such a selfless and humble man. Would you believe that when our father's car broke down on the Accra-Tema motorway he drove his landrover himself to tow it to the worksho and he was the Deputy Governor of Bank of Ghana at the time? That is who he was to us.

Uncle, when we initially heard you were unwell we prayed for you and you pulled through by God's will for a couple more years. Even though you were not your usual self one thing you still had was your hearty laughter and sharp mind.

If the dead get to meet each other as we hope, you must be united happily with Auntie Judith, Daddy, Mama our sisters Faustina and Margaret. Your death is a big blow to us but it is well. The Lord knows best. You are gone, unseen, unheard no more but you will forever be missed. Rest peacefully in God's Bosom till we meet again. ***May God grant you eternal rest. Doryce, Christine, Dorothy and Emmanuel.***

My daughter Akua and I already miss your phone calls. You checking on us to find out how we were doing in the USA. Those calls were very much appreciated. We miss you. But God needs you more in heaven

***Rest peacefully - Doryce***

In the last year I thank God for the opportunity to spend time with you through admissions at The Bank Hospital and at home. Once you were feeling a bit better, you took delight in recounting some memories and we would always have a good laugh.

Though I knew exactly what your health situation was, you had indicated ***Psalm 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever,"*** and you thanked him for how far He had brought you. What choice did I have but to keep a smile on my face and thank God for your life and presence.

***Rest peacefully with the Lord***

***Christine***

# TRIBUTE BY RUTH DAPAAH



*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. (Isaiah 57 : 1) NIV.*

I came to stay with Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah whom I affectionately called Agya Sei, in 1997, about 26 years until his demise. He took me as his biological daughter.

In fact, we stayed together as daughter and father and he provided all my needs. Agya Sei, as I often called him, would discuss issues with me before he took decisions. He might not take my contributions, but he would make sure that I was aware of what he intended to do.

Whenever he travelled within the country and would spend more than a day, he would go along with me to cook for him as he was very careful about his diet.

His death has created a big vacuum in my life as I least expected that he will leave so soon. But then God knows best and acts in His perfect time.

*Daddy, I bid thee farewell. May you rest in the Bosom of Abraham.*

# TRIBUTE BY SOLOMON PAGONA BOAKYE



It is with a bleeding heart that I write this tribute to honour the impact you have had on my life. Your passing has left a void that words cannot fill, but your legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to inspire me throughout the rest of my life.

You were more than just an employer to me. You were a mentor, a guide and a father.

You had a genuine care for the well-being of your employees, making us feel that we were also your children. We felt valued, and supported.

You will be deeply missed, but your memory will forever live on in our hearts.

Thank you for touching my life in many ways. Thank you for the privilege of knowing you.

*With heartfelt condolences and deep respect. Rest In Peace!*

## TRIBUTE BY MALIK SEIDU



He was my one and only father. In fact my father indeed because he treated me like his own son. It will take forever if I have to describe who he was. He was always thinking about the future, the well being of the family and the progress of Duayaw Nkwanta.

Whenever he was in Duayaw Nkwanta all manner of people came to see him with various issues, majority being financial requests and he was very patient with all of them and gave each of them a listening ear and offered the necessary help .

He called me every single day to discuss various issues with me and allowed me to also proffer my advice.

What he didn't like the most was being lied to and if you did that continuously he would distance himself from you.

He was a very good man and very forward looking. We have indeed lost a gem. It's painful he and I couldn't finish some of the things he wanted us to do.



# **TRIBUTE BY BANK OF GHANA TO OUR FORMER DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANK OF GHANA - MR EMMANUEL OSSEI-KUMAH**

*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”. Revelation 21:4:*

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell. But at the same time we celebrate the life of our former Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana, who served the Bank at various periods for over twelve years: from 1969 to 1972, 1986 to 1990 and 1996 to 2001, culminating ultimately in his assumption of the position of First Deputy Governor of the Bank.

Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah commenced his career at the Bank as an Assistant Manager and Financial Analyst in the then Development Finance Department. Although Mr. Ossei-Kumah had an initial short stint as a staff of the Bank and had a career tour of other public and private sector institutions in Ghana, he returned to the Central Bank in 1986. In view of his very rich years of experience and tireless effort, he was appointed to the position of a Second Deputy Governor from 1986 to 1990, and subsequently to the position of First Deputy Governor of the Central Bank from 1997 to 2001, when he served in these capacities for four and five years respectfully with oversight responsibility for several Departments in the Bank including Finance, Banking Supervision, the then Rural Banking, Non-Bank Financial Institution and the Medical departments.

During the period that Mr. Ossei-Kumah occupied the position and exercised the responsibility of a Second or First Deputy Governor, he supervised the departments under his remit diligently and duly insisted on appropriate accountability. During his tenure as a Deputy Governor, Mr. Ossei-Kumah's attributes and principles of discipline, hard work, firm but fair nature and due regard for merit defined his leadership and guidance.

As a member of the top management team and of the member Board of Directors of the Bank of Ghana, Mr. Ossei-Kumah contributed immensely to the formulation of policies, the setting of the strategic direction of the Central Bank and the implementation of measures in pursuit of the Bank's functions and realizations of its objectives.

As a Chartered Accountant, a seasoned Banker with qualifications in Economics, Mr. Ossei-Kumah had a depth of expertise and experience in the areas of Accounting, Auditing, Financial and Forensic Analysis, Foreign Exchange Markets, Treasury Management and Banking Operations among others. It was therefore a blessing and most appropriate time that Mr. Ossei-Kumah occupied the posts of First and Second Deputy Governor. This was the period of the Economic Recovery Programme (ERP), the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) and the Financial Sector Adjustment Programme (FINSAP), a period of great reform which saw the Bank of Ghana play a pivotal role through this national agenda and process.

The Bank drew on the qualifications, experience, and expertise of Mr. Ossei-Kumah during the process of the Reform. Notably, this was the period that marked the departure from the fixed exchange rate system through foreign exchange auctioning to the establishment of the Foreign Exchange Bureaux in the initiation of the liberalization regime.

Mr. Ossei-Kumah keenly supervised the planning and implementation of the diagnostic study of banks which focused on the non-performing assets of Banks and the cleaning of their balance sheets for operational efficiency, which resulted in the establishment of the Non-Performing Assets Recovery Trust (NPART). It is noteworthy that it was during the supervisory tenure of Mr. Ossei-Kumah, that the then Bank Examination Department of Bank of Ghana was transformed and designated as the Banking Supervision Department with an enhanced mandate and focus in keeping with the reforms. Thus, Mr. Ossei-Kumah's outstanding service to the Bank and his contribution to the country as a public servant is much appreciated and well documented.

During the period that Mr. Ossei-Kumah served as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, other public and private institutions also benefited from his experience, expertise and leadership. He served on the Boards of Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT), National Investment Bank (NIB) among others. He also played a leading managerial role in the affairs of the Ghana National Trading Corporation (GNTC), particularly in its technical division.

Mr. Ossei-Kumah will be remembered for his dedication to duty and service to the Bank and the Financial Sector in Ghana. He served at critical times of national and sectoral reforms, collaborating with teams and leading not only with knowledge, expertise and experience, but also in discipline and work ethics.

Indeed, for his service, devotion to duty and leadership, the Board of Directors of Bank of Ghana, the Management, Staff and Pensioners of the Bank shall always remember him.

The treasured life and service of a consummate professional and a leader has completed its earthly journey. We mourn Mr. Ossei-Kumah's departure but are comforted by his legacy and achievements. The Board of Directors, Management, Staff and Pensioners of the Bank bid Mr. Ossei-Kumah farewell and peaceful rest with the Lord.

*May his soul rest in perfect peace;*



# TRIBUTE BY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“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 labours; and their works do follow them”. (Revelation 14;13)*

Nana Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah was born into the Presbyterian faith on the 21st October, 1936 at Duayaw Nkwanta. His parents were Nana Kwame Kumah and Obaapanyin Akua Ampomaa, both of blessed memory.

At the age of eight, he was baptized at the Emmanuel Congregation, Duayaw Nkwanta on 1st April, 1944 by the then Rev. J. R. Kisiedu with the name Emmanuel Ossei.

Abusuapanin Nana Ossei-Kumah contributed immensely towards the overall growth and progress of the Emmanuel Congregation. Indeed, throughout his days in life, Nana had been a Presbyterian to the core, and had committed his life to the Presbyterian doctrines and served his MAKER with all his heart. As a result of his sense of dedication to the church, Mr. Emmanuel Ossei-Kumah promptly honoured all contributions being asked for the work of the church.

The late Abusuapanin Nana Ossei-Kumah’s accomplishments towards the growth and progress of the Emmanuel Congregation even when he was outside Duayaw Nkwanta are as follows:

1. He donated the required sand and gravels needed and also provided his trucks to convey them to the site where the Emmanuel new chapel was built.
2. Although he spent most of his days outside Duayaw Nkwanta, his contributions towards our annual harvest yearly will be remembered.
3. Mr. Ossei-Kumah donated Twenty-Five (25) pews to the church just recently in an anonymous manner.

Nana opened his doors to the Church leadership when it comes to assistance. The last time we had an encounter with the late Mr. Ossei-Kumah was when the Emmanuel Congregational Session delegated the Minister, Catechist and one Presbyterian to visit him at his residence in Accra when he was sick.

Truly, the Duayaw Nkwanta Emmanuel Congregation and the Presbyterian Church of Ghana as a whole has lost one of their devoted members who epitomized loyalty, brilliance and readiness to serve the Lord. He would always be remembered by the Church.

*May his soul rest in perfect peace. Rest till we meet again.*

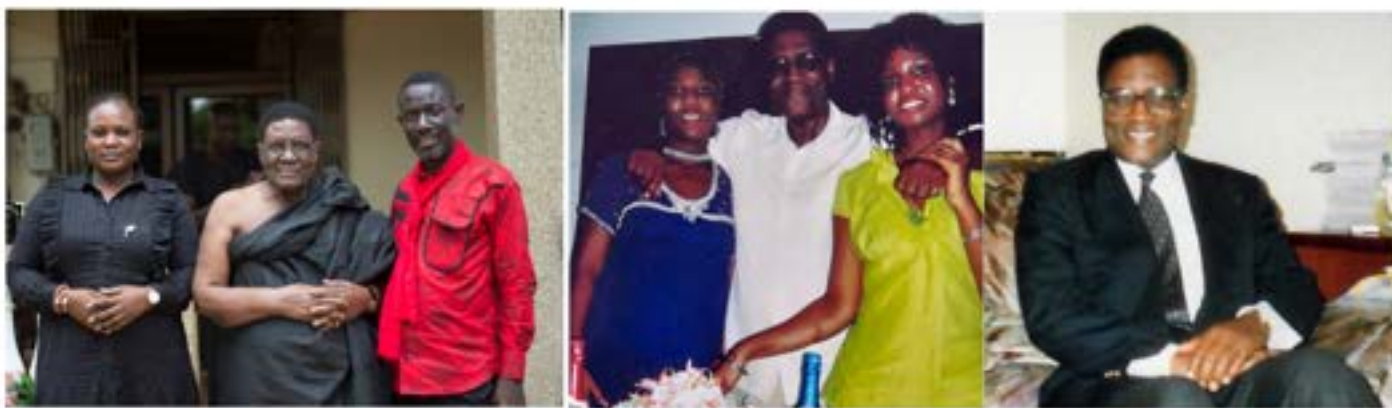
**AMEN!**





# GALLERY













## 18 TWI

1. Nyankopɔn yeyi w'aye  
Wura, yɛkamfo wo tumi!  
Fam ne soro hyɛ w'ase  
w'anɔ'yam tra yen adwene.  
Sɛ woti fi tete no,  
Sɛ wobeyɛ daa ne no.

2. Kerubim ne Serafim  
yi w'aye ɔsoro daa yi;  
na w'ab)fo mpem mpem no  
hyɛ wo din anuonyam bi;  
Wɔto soro dwom ara  
sɛ wo din yɛ Kronkron daa.

3. Tete adiyifo no  
ne Kristo asomafo no.,  
yi wo din adi wɔ fam  
na wɔma wo so ɔsoro;  
na wo mogya dansefo  
nya wo anu'nyam nso bi,

4. Wi yi ase nnipa mma,  
ɛmu akɛsɛ ne nkumaa;  
sɛ sɛ wo yi w'aye daa,  
na wɔde wo nidi ma wo.  
n'Onyame bu mo  
kronkronfo,

5. Yen nso yɛfra wo mma  
mu, yɛntoto w'ayeyi ase;  
na wukura yen nyinaam;  
wontoto yieyɛ ase.  
Wobɔɔ yen, wohwɛ yen so,  
wugye yen fi wu mu nso.

6. Agya Nyankopon, wo  
do de wo Ba koro ama yen;  
de no agye gyidifo,  
na woasi no yen so Hene.  
Na wo, Honhom Kronkron  
[nso sakra yen yɛ  
kronkronfo.

7. Agya Nyame, hwɛ yen  
so! Yesu Kristo, hu y3n  
mmɔbɔ!  
Honhom Kronkron, tew yen  
ho, fa yen fa ɔsoro kwan so!  
Na sɛ yedu h)nom a, yebeyi  
w'aye dabaa monye no sa  
abia!

## 18 ENGLISH

1. Bless the Lord God O my soul,  
Praise the Lord and magnify Him.  
Earth and heav'n are yours O Lord,  
None can comprehend your glory.  
You are glorious you change not,  
You are everlasting God

2. Cherubim and Seraphim,  
Sing your praises without ceasing.  
Host of angels too in Heav'n,  
Glorify and honor your Name.  
They unite to sing always,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

3. Prophets too of old you sent,  
And the Saints already with you;  
All together magnify,  
Glorify your Name and honor.  
All the Saints here join the throng,  
Give you thanks and worship you.

4. We here on earth join this song,  
Strong, weak, young and old we  
[come now. Praise the Lord and worship Him,  
Give to Him the glory due Him.  
Lord, your holy Church on earth,  
Give you praise and worship you.

5. Gracious Father in your love,  
You did give to us Christ Jesus.  
You have saved us by His life,  
You have made Him King forever.  
By your Holy Spirit, Lord  
We are now made Saints in you.

6. Gracious Father, keep us still,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Gracious Spirit cleanse us now,  
Guide us in the heav'nly way Lord.  
When we see you Lord in Heav'n,  
We shall praise you evermore.

## 503 TWI

1. Me da Yesu basa so,  
ne ne kokom hɔ kɔmm;  
ne dɔ kata me so hɔ,  
me kra bɛhome kɔmm.  
Tie abɔfo no nnwom a  
egyigye nnɛ wɔ ha,  
fi anuonyam sare so,  
fi Yaspa po agya.  
Meda Yesu bada so,  
ne ne kokom hɔ kɔmm;  
ne dɔ kata me so hɔ,  
me kra bɛhome kɔmm.

2. Meda Yesu bada so,  
m'afi dadwene nsam,  
bɔne renhaw me honhom,  
m'afi ha nnyigye mu.  
M'afi suro, akyinnye  
ne aw'rɛhow nyinaam  
sɔhwɛ kumaa bi n'aka,  
ne nusuwa kakra.  
Meda Yesu basa so, n.a.

3. Yesu me kra Guankɔbea,  
me Yesu wu maa me;  
tete botan no mu hɔ,  
na me were bɛhyɛ.  
Hɔ na mɛfam na matwɛn,  
adesae sum nyinaa mu;  
kosi sɛ ade bɛkye  
asuogya h)nom.  
Meda yesu basa so. n.a.

## 503 ENGLISH

1. Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His  
gentle breast,  
There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my  
soul shall rest.  
Hark! 'tis the voice of angels, borne in a song  
to me.  
Over the fields of glory, over the crystal sea.  
Refrain  
Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle  
breast,  
There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my  
soul shall rest.

2. Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe from  
corroding care,  
Safe from the world's temptations, sin cannot  
harm me there.  
Free from the blight of sorrow, free from my  
doubts and fears;  
Only a few more trials, only a few more tears!  
Refrain

3. Jesus, my heart's dear Refuge, Jesus has died  
for me;  
Firm on the Rock of Ages, ever my trust shall be.  
Here let me wait with patience, wait till the night  
is over;  
Wait till I see the morning break on the golden  
shore.  
Refrain

## 647 TWI

1. Yesu nko na me ne no tu kwan yi, me ne no di  
ahyɛmfiri daa.

Yesu nko n'ɔkyerɛ me kwan pa so; ɔno mu na  
menya nhyira pa. :/:

2. Kwan mu mmepɔw so ɛne abon mu, sare so ne  
po so, mmaa nyinaa, okita me nsa na menam  
dwoodwoo,

:/: ɔde me rekɔ soro fi pa. :/:

3. Ade sa, na mekɔda a, ɔwɛn me, na mesɔre a,  
m'adamfo ni! Sɛ anka mefom a, ogyigye me,  
:/: nantɛbrɛm ɔsan bɛhyɛ me den. :/:

4. Yesu nko na mehwɛ no me kwan so; ɔyɛ  
m'aduan, m'anonne po; ne nkutoo na ɔma me ho  
tɔ me; :/: ɔhwɛ me honam ne me kra pɛ. :/:  
monyɛ no sa abia!

5. Na sɛ ɛredu me wu so po a, ɔbɛfrɛ me sɛ  
memmra ne kyen; mɛkɔ makɔhyɛn n'ahotɔ man  
mu :/: makɔfra ne soro didifom. :/:

## 647 ENGLISH

1. Jesus is close by me, as I travel,  
With much joy I travel with Him now.  
By Him only I shall walk life's journey,  
He alone, gives peace in all dwellings.

2. On the mountains and in all the valleys,  
In the seas and deserts and perils,  
Jesus shall be with me and shall lead me,  
Without Him I shall be lost in life.

3. When I sleep at night Jesus protects me,  
When I rise, my Friend is still beside,  
He alone shall guide me in God's ways,  
In my travels, Jesus my comfort.

4. I desire no one in life but Jesus,  
He is all in all for me in life,  
I have always gracious blessings from Him,  
He provides for body, spirit, soul, .

5. When my life shall end in death here on earth,  
Jesus brings me Home eternally,  
I shall enter everlasting peace then,  
I shall dine with Jesus in glory.



## 770 TWI

1. Yɛn nnipa mma nkyɛ ha koraa;  
yɛsɛn rekɔ sɛ sunsuma.  
Yɛn sunsuma reware a, yehu no sɛ ade resa.

2. Ampa, yɛaba ammekyɛwa! Ɛden nti na  
ayɛ yɛn saa? Efi onipa asehwem; Nyame ne  
nnipa atetem.

3. Bɔne ama yɛatew yɛn ho afi yɛn Agya  
Nyame ho; enti yenni ne nkwa bio, owu nko  
na ɛda yɛn ho.

4. Na gyidifo de, wonsure, na wobenya nkwa  
foforo. Sɛ Yesu hann tew yɛn mu a, yehu no sɛ  
yɛanya da nkwa. monye no sa abia!

5. Na sɛ obi mpe no mpo a, onii no betena  
sum mu daa, na da a awufuo nyinaa benyan  
no, ɔrennya nkwa bi.

6. Me Gyefo pa, mesrɛ wo sɛ,  
ma wo dom frɛ mmenyan me [nnɛ!  
Wo hann betew me mu ampa, na m'abeyɛ wo  
hann no ba.

7. ABɛhran me koma kusuu nom na pam owu  
ne bɔne sum.  
Sɛ wiase pɛ sum no a, me de, mɛnantew hann  
mu daa.

8. Ɛnna miwu a, meye komm.  
Yesu bɛka m'ani agum, na matetew m'ani bio  
mahwɛ n'anim me hann mu ho.

## 770 ENGLISH

1. Life is so fleeting and so short, It is but few  
days with troubles. It is like shadow passing on,  
The night comes soon and we are gone

2. Truly our years are few and short, The Lord  
God made it so for us. Because of sin, God made it  
so, Sin that has separated from God!

3. In sin we are apart from God,  
We are apart from life of God. There is no life in  
humankind, Death is our lot in life on earth.

4. Those who have faith, fear nothing here,  
They have new life in Christ the Lord. The Light  
of Life in Jesus Christ, Eternal life, Christ gave  
them all.

5. Those who have no love for the Lord,  
In darkness they dwell here on earth. And on the  
day the dead shall rise, They shall not have  
eternal life.

6. My loving Savior, hear my prayer,  
Speak gently to me, wake me up. Shine in my  
heart Your light of love, Confirm Your love for  
me Your child.

7. Lord, shine Your light into my heart,  
To drive away all fear of death.  
And drive away the works of flesh;  
I seek to walk in Your light, Lord.

8. With You, Lord, I shall die in peace,  
Lord Jesus, close my eyes in death.  
Grant me to sleep in You my Lord,  
Until I see Your glorious face.

## 789 TWI

1. Ohwɛfo wui dua ho  
n'ode ayi yen bone:  
enti se ne nguan wu a,  
na wobu won se wɔada.

2. Wɔnka se mumɔyɛfo  
wonsuro weredifo;  
wote se akofo a  
wɔawie ko, na wɔada.

3. Daa afobu no nhaw  
won,  
wɔkɔ won fam ha piam  
se wɔkɔhome, ansa  
na Yesu abenyan won.

4. Wɔn honam da wupa so  
te se won homebea,  
wɔtɔ nko da se mmofra,  
ahometew nni won mu.

5. Onyame ahummɔbɔ,  
ne Yesu dɔ kɛse no,  
ne honhom pa adanse  
ma wowu asomdwoe wu.

6. O, Yesu, w'ahummɔbɔ  
ayi me wu mu nwene;  
Wo wu no nti, ma minwu  
menko w'ahotɔ pa mu.

7. Ma memfa gyidi pa do  
minwu wɔ w'abasa so,  
na fa me nnompe sie  
kosi se wobɛfrɛ me.

8. Enna benyan me bio  
wɔ w'anin anigye mu,  
na ma minnya wo nkyen ho  
anuonyam ahotɔ!

## 789 ENGLISH

1. On the Cross Christ Jesus died,  
Our sin He nailed to the Cross. Therefore, when  
His sheep shall die,  
They are known to be asleep.

2. They depart like sinful men, Not afraid of  
God the Judge.  
They are warriors, going Home,  
Battle over, must return.

3. No condemnation waits them,  
They are home with Christ, their Lord. They  
have come to Rest in Him,  
They shall rise with Jesus Christ.

4. On death's bed they shall all lay,  
Like those resting in their sleep. They all sleep  
sound as a child,  
Nothing troubles them in death.

5. Mercy of God too they have, This is found in Jesus  
Christ.  
Holy Spirit, confirms this,  
Therefore they all die in peace.

6. Jesus, You are full of love,  
Your compassion is so great. Pain of death, You  
took away, In Your death, I must now leave.

7. With faith in You, I shall die, In Your arms,  
Lord, I shall rest, Keep my bones safe till at last,  
When You come to raise the dead.

8. When You raise me from the grave,  
On that Day when You shall come,  
Joy in me shall be so great,  
I shall praise You, evermore.

## 791 TWI

1. Ohoho ne mamfrani  
na nneyɔ wɔ fam ha.  
M'asase mmen ha baabi,  
minni fi pa wɔ ha.  
)haw, ɔbrɛ, amane na yɛde tu  
ha kwan;

2. So mamfi me mmofraase  
manhyia haw ne brɛ, ahoguan  
ne amane, ɔko ne ɔpere?  
Mannya nea me kɔn dɔ,  
m'ani anwie gye; enti mema  
m'anan so na mentena ha  
menkye.

3. Eha amane kwan no,  
bebree adi so kan;  
Onyame adiyifo. ne ne man mu  
mpanyin. Boasetɔ ne gyidi  
a wɔde tuu wɔn kwan; na wɔn akyi  
na medi wɔ nkwa ne wu nyinaam.

4. Kae Abraham akwantu, na kae  
ne nhyira bi!  
Ohoho ne mamfrani.  
na sua no ye bi. Atamfo no, di wɔn  
so, amane no fa mu!  
Osraani pa nokwafo bedi nkonim  
dabaa.

5. Ende meremia so  
makodu kwan n'ase. Nea sesɛɛ  
masoe yi, Enye me fi no nen.  
Onyankopɔn kuro no, soro  
Yerusalem, hann ne ɔdɔ kuro no,  
m'ahotɔ fi no nen!

6. Ehɔ na m'ani gyina,  
'hɔ tena na meregye. Awurade, bra begya me,  
na minhu kwan yiye! Bra bema m'anw'ramanbo  
na me brɛ dɔm no ntwa! Bɛfa me ha brɛ kwan so  
konya hɔ anika.

7. Ehɔ na metena daapem,  
menye hɔho bio. Me ne w'ahotew mma no  
betena daa homem hɔ. M'ani bɛpa akwantum  
Ohaw ne brɛ no so; me yaw bɛka akyiri;  
me ho benya atɔ.

## 791 ENGLISH

1. I am a sojourner here,  
A stranger I'm on earth.  
My Home is far from this world  
My Home is not of this earth. With pain and  
hardship and toil, I travel here on this earth.  
Heaven where God Himself dwells,  
There is the Home for me.

2. From childhood I have struggled,  
And still wrestle with life.  
Distress and troubles and sin,  
The battle has been fierce. What I seek, I  
cannot get, My heart is not in this world.  
I must be ready to leave, I must not stay here  
long.

3. The way of life here is hard,  
Throngs had already passed.  
The prophets and men of old, Great men of  
faith had passed. With patience and with great  
faith, They journeyed, travelled this earth.  
And I shall follow them soon,  
Follow in life and death.

4. Remember Abraham's faith,  
He travelled much through life.  
God blessed him in his travels,  
You also shall be blessed. You'll overcome  
enemies, You'll pass through tribulations.  
faithful soldier you are,  
A conqueror you shall be.

5. With, perseverance I'll go,  
The goal shall soon be reached.  
When I decide to take rest,  
Remember, Home above. Our loving Home is  
in Heav'n, God's new Jerusalem Home.  
A City of Love and Light,  
There I shall have great Peace.

6. This place I long to be soon I thirst for Jesus  
Christ. Lord, come to show me the Way,  
I shall not lose my way. Lord end my toil and  
struggles, The sting of sin You've removed.  
Be with me in death's valley, Bring me to Home  
above.

7. There, shall I forever dwell,  
I am no stranger there. Among the saints, I shall  
be, In peace we shall live there. The toil of travel  
forget, There shall be no more burdens.  
All pain shall be over soon, I shall be in God's  
rest.



# **Appreciation**

The entire family of the Late  
**MR. EMMANUEL OSSEI-KUMAH**  
**AKA NANA OSSEI-KUMAH**

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