



IN LOVING  
MEMORY

**MAD. GLADYS  
NUERKIE NOYE**

MARCH, 1944 – JANUARY, 2024

A portrait of an elderly Black woman, Mad. Gladys Nuerkie Noye, with short dark hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed blouse and a necklace. She is holding a walking stick in her left hand. The background is white with a grey dot pattern.

**BURIAL, MEMORIAL &  
THANKSGIVING FOR THE LATE**

**MAD. GLADYS  
NUERKIE NOYE**

**80  
YEARS**

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCHAUDITORIUM, KPONE-ON-SEA, TEMA**

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **OFFICIATING MINISTERS**

Very Rev'd Mark N.O Bartlett  
Very Rev'd Samuel Glover  
Rev'd Ebenezer Noble Nartey  
Rev'd Cynthia Asiedua Ameyaw Aidoo  
Rev'd Lemuel Quarshie Martey

## **SOCIETY STEWARDS**

Bro William Enim  
Sis Gertrude Odonkor

## **EVANGELISTS**

Evang. Vincent Narteh  
Evang. E.T. Mensah

## **AT THE ORGAN**

Bro. Amos Adjetej

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Wesley Church Choir, Dodowa

## **PART I - BURIAL SERVICE**

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. Procession             | MHB 651 |
| 2. Sentence               |         |
| 3. Hymn M.H.B             | MHB 528 |
| 4. Prayer                 |         |
| 5. Hymn M.H.B             | MHB 612 |
| 6. Biography and Tributes |         |

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| 7. Hymn M.H.B                | MHB 511         |
| 8. Scripture Reading         |                 |
| 1st Lesson                   | Psalm 90:1-2    |
| 2nd Lesson                   | John 14:1-6, 27 |
| 9. Sermon Hymn               | MHB 498         |
| 10. Sermon                   |                 |
| 11. The Affirmation of Faith |                 |
| 12. Offering                 |                 |

## **PART II - MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Hymn                | MHB 878   |
| 2. Commendation Prayer |           |
| 3. The Lord's Prayer   |           |
| 4. Hymn                | M.H.B 380 |
| 5. Benediction         |           |
| 6. Dead March in Saul  |           |
| 7. Announcement        |           |
| 8. Reccessional Hymn   | M.H.B 490 |

## **PART III - AT THE GRAVE SIDE**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Procession Hymn                   | M.H.B 948 |
| 2. Committal                         |           |
| 3. Hymn                              | MHB 976   |
| 4. Prayers                           |           |
| 5. Vote of thanks by a Family Member |           |
| 6. Hymn (Wreath)                     |           |

# Biography

OF THE LATE

## MAD. GLADYS NUERKIE NOYE

*“When we asunder part, it gives us  
inward pain; but we shall still be joined  
in heart and hope to meet again”.  
(Church of Christ Hymnal 3, Stanza 4)*

Our mother, grandma, great grandma, auntie, sister and friend whom we mourn today, the late Madam Gladys Nuerkie Noye affectionately called Kaaki, auntie Nuerkie or Kabukinye was born in March 1944 to Mr. Emmanuel Ataa Noye and Diana Narkwor Tei both of blessed memory. She was the first of seven siblings.

She started and completed her Primary and Middle School education at the Roman Catholic Primary and Shai Girls Middle Schools respectively. Due to hard work and dedication to duty, she was employed by the Mass Education Unit Dodowa where she worked for some time. It was at this establishment that she met her first love, an expatriate Mr. Johnson with whom she had her first child who is now deceased.

Later, she got married to Mr. Godfried Torgbor Okunor who predeceased her with whom she had the rest of her children. Kaaki took to fish mongering as a trade bequeathed to her by her mother who was then advanced in age.

### Hospitality

If there is something that everyone will remember Kaaki for, then it is her hospitality. Her arms were always stretched to receive anyone needing her services or in need and she is ready to spend her last Cedi to solve other people's problems. No wonder many children both of close or distant relations and others not directly related passed through her hands either to school or learn a trade.



## Discipline

Another attribute of Kaaki was her commitment to discipline. All who passed through her hands can testify that the late Kaaki insisted that we followed laid down social structures in our quest to become “somebody” in life. To her, society/posterity will not spare anyone who wants to circumvent this rule. Even, according to Kaaki, if you overeat, get yourself involved in alcoholism or any social vice, your own body will question you by way of diseases and sicknesses later in life.

## Hardwork

Our late mother like other unfortunate mothers single handedly raised her children to the admiration of all. Some of us including her grandchildren are testimonies of what a determined woman can do. Till her death, she kept on sending whatever she could lay her hands on to us to support our families.

## Religion

Our grandparents were devoted Methodists and Kaaki was no exception. She was baptized into the Dodowa Methodist Church early in life. She loved Methodist hymns as such whenever she was in high spirits will sing along with us all. To her, we should either be devoted Christians or dedicated persons in other religious persuasions. We can simply not afford to sit on the fence.

Even though we are sad and mourn you today, we are consoled by Romans 14:8 which states that .

***“for whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's”.***

**Till we meet again on the day of resurrection; Kaaki yaa wor odjogbann.**

# TRIBUTE BY **THE CHILDREN**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 “to everything there is season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance”.*

For want of pronunciation, our eldest brother Paapa Johnson of blessed memory substituted your name Nuerki for 'Kaaki' as we affectionately called you till your untimely death. You were dependable and reliable. Your sense of compassion structured our childhood and consequently changed our outlook today. For the fact that we were not born into a privileged home, we appreciated the little comfort you could afford us.

Your continued advice and support made some of us face life head-on by engaging in tasks that could lift us from our economic disadvantage to where we have reached today. As we gather here today to celebrate your life and the beautiful memories you have left us with, we are not only filled with mixed emotions for your absence but also expressing our overwhelming gratitude for the love and wisdom you have bestowed upon us.

You were more than just a mother to us, you were our guiding light, our rock and source of strength. Your unwavering love selfless devotion shaped us into the individuals we are today. Your kindness, compassion and resilience were a testament to the amazing person you were.

You taught us to value hard work, the importance of empathy and the power of forgiveness. Your words of encouragement and support carried us through our darkest days and inspired us to reach for the stars. Your laughter was infectious, your hugs comforting and your presence, a beacon of warmth love. Although you are no longer physically with us, your spirit lives on in the lessons you imparted and moments we shared, the stories we laughed about and the love we felt in your embrace.

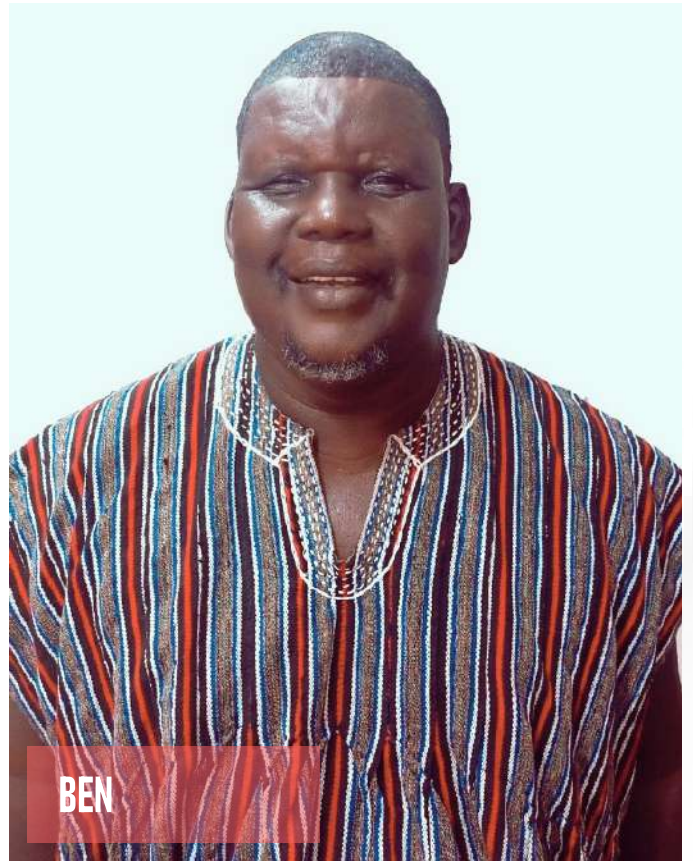
You may have left this world but you will forever be in our hearts. Your legacy of love, kindness and strength will continue to guide us as we navigate this world without you.

Rest in peace Kaaki.

**YOUR LOVE WILL  
ALWAYS BE OUR  
GUIDING LIGHT.  
AMEN.**



EMMANUEL



BEN



THEOPHILUS



SAMMY





GODFRIED



LETICIA



JOHN

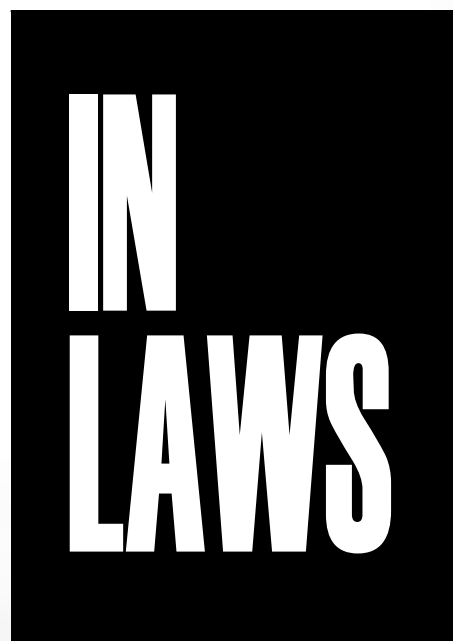
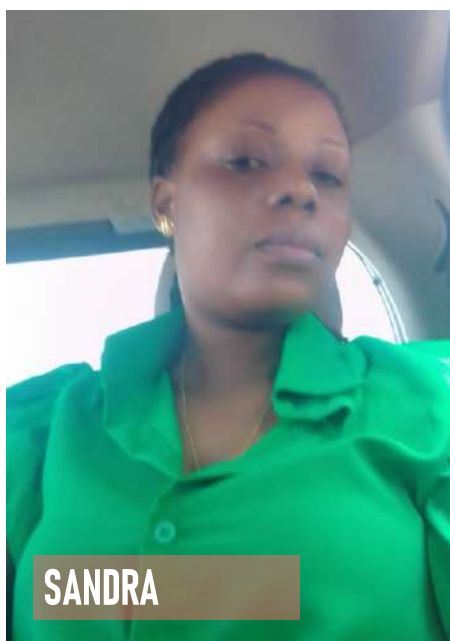


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*Tribute*  
**TRIBUTE BY**  
**SIBLINGS**

# IN-LAWS



# *Tribute* **TRIBUTE BY** **GRAND CHILDREN**

Death has dealt us a big blow. Death has shaken us right to our foundation. Death has taken away the big tree under which we seek shelter. Death has taken away what binds us together. Indeed our joy our inspiration and our protection has been stolen away from us.

You were a hardworking grandmother who worked from morning to morning to support our parents see us through school and provide us with all our needs. A grandmother that inspires us to learn harder and that there is reward after hard work, a strict disciplinarian and our teacher. A grandmother who never gets tired of taking care of her children and grandchildren. We remember even when due to economic challenges we had no television to watch at night, you often gather us around and teach us music and tell us stories.

On the 13th January, 2024, we were informed of your illness. We did everything so you get well again for us as it has been happening in recent times. Little did we know that the worse is about to happen till 18th January 2024 when death laid its icy hands on you. Kaaki we love you but your maker loves you more. We believe the Lord will prepare a comfortable place for you till we meet again..

**Kaaki yaa wor ojogbaa**  
**Kaaki rest in peace.**







**JOSHUA**



**ANNALYNN**



**BENARD**



**DARLINGTON**



**PHILLIP**



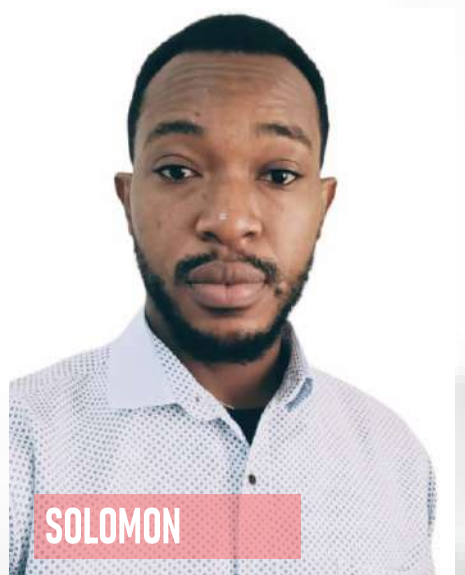
**RUTH**



**THOMAS**



**WELLINGTON**



**SOLOMON**





PETER



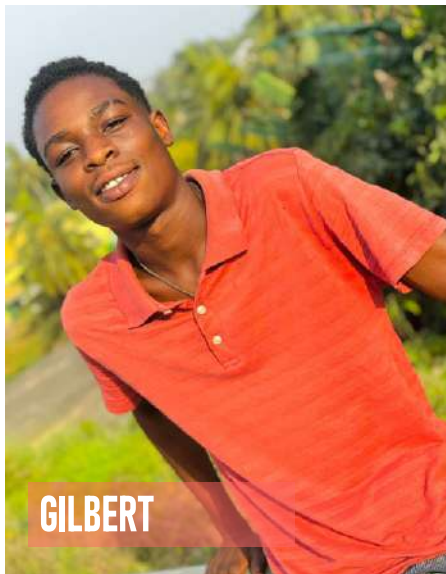
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SAMUEL



SAMUEL



GILBERT



BENITA



ESTHER



GODFRIED



BERLINDA





**REGINALD**



**ELSIE**



**RYAN**



**ENOCH**



**BRENDA**



**BENTIL**



**BARBARA**



**BLESSING**

**GRAND  
CHILDREN**



# GREAT GRAND CHILDREN



# *Tribute* **TRIBUTE BY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

***For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: where we live therefore, or die we are the Lords. Romans 14:8***

Sister Gladys Noi was a full member of the Dodowa Wesley Methodist Women's Fellowship. She was very regular at meetings until she became very sick and was not able to attend meetings again. She pays her dues, contributions and gives to the clergy that we do whiles she was not feeling well.

Auntie Nuekei as we used to call you, we will forever miss you. Rest well in the bosom of the Almighty. Your death came as a shock to the fellowship but God knows best. May the Lord grant you rest from your labour.



**Auntie Nuerkie  
Rest in peace**



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# GRATITUDE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT  
TIME. YOUR WORDS, KINDNESS, AND LOVE HAVE BEEN A  
COMFORTING BLESSING AND WE CANNOT EXPRESS HOW  
MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOU

FROM THE FAMILY OF THE LATE  
MAD. GLADYS NUERKIE YOKE