

IN LOVELY MEMORY OF THE LATE

**MAD. ERNESTINA  
OPOKU-ASANTE**

1963 - 2023







# Order of Service

## OFFICIATING MINISTERS

PS. WILBERFORCE ADDO-WONTUMI-AMASAMAN DISTRICT

PS. WILLIAMS KWASI KYERE-AKIM ASENE DISTRICT

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- 2). CHORUS
- 3). FILE PAST
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13. ALTER CALL/ PRAYER - ELDER SAMUEL OWUSU

14. OFFERTORY
15. PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED FAMILY
16. VOTE OF THANKS
17. ANNOUNCEMENT
18. CLOSING PRAYER

- PS. WILLIAMS KWASI KYERE
- FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE
- SECRETARY

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5. COMMITTAL - PS. WILLIAMS KWASI KYERE
6. PRAYER - ELDER YAMOAH FRIMPPONG
7. VOTE OF THANKS - FAMILY MEMBER
8. BENEDICTION - PS. WILLIAMS KWASI KYERE

### CONDUCTOR

**ELDER DR. JOE MENSAH**



# Biography

OF THE LATE  
MAD. ERNESTINA OPOKU-ASANTE



The late Mrs. Ernestina Opoku-Asante, born on the 31st of January, 1963, to Mr. Samuel Botwe Asiedu-Asante and Mrs. Mercy Ankamah Aboagyewaa, both of blessed memory.

## EDUCATION

Ernestina initiated her primary and elementary education at the Presbyterian School in Asene. She continued to Oda Secondary School, completing her studies in 1983. Driven by her love for humanity, she pursued further education at Foso Training College.

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### Heavenly Called

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

Revelation 14:13"

## WORKING LIFE

Upon completing her training, she began her teaching career at Kade R/C Basic School, later transferring to Moseaso L/A J.H.S. She served for over 10 years at Amasaman L/A J.H.S before transferring to Ofankor M/AJ.H.S.

Her dedicated service concluded with retirement at Nii Oto Kwame III Basic School in Pokuase in January 2023.

## FAMILY LIFE

In 1988, Ernestina married Mr. Eric Perkoh, and together they were blessed with five children and five grandchildren. Known as Mama Ernesti, she was a selfless woman dedicated to the unity and well-being of her family.

## SOCIAL LIFE

Yaa Ataa Panyin or Mad. Ernestina, as she was affectionately called, embodied the essence of a mother and virtuous woman. Her kindness extended to family, students, and the community, leaving an indelible mark with her contagious smiles.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

A devout Christian of The Church of Pentecost, Mrs. Ernestina actively served in various church ministries, expressing unwavering faith in God. She shared her conviction through evangelism, always affirming, "God knows what He's doing."

### SICKNESS AND HOME CALL

After a fulfilling career, Ernestina's health declined post-retirement. Admitted to the hospital on September 4, 2023, she peacefully departed on September 8, 2023, at Ridge Hospital. Her last words to her daughter were, "God has won."

### CONCLUSION

Our dear Ernestina, you fought a good fight, finished your race, and kept the faith. The crown of righteousness awaits you. Fare thee well, Mrs. Ernestina Opoku-Asante. Your memory will endure in our hearts. May your gentle soul rest peacefully. Until we meet again,

DEMIRI FA DUE, NYAME NFA WOKRA NSIE YIE.  
AMEN.



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Heavenly Call

Death is inevitable, but  
losing a loved one especially  
a mother is heart breaking.  
— Isaiah 41:10.





TRIBUTE TO  
**my dear  
Wife**

## MRS ERNESTINA OPOKU ASANTE PERKOH

**I**t is hard to accept the death of a loved one, especially when you didn't have the chance to say goodbye, especially when the person was taken so suddenly and so shockingly at the prime of life and most especially when it seems like an irreplaceable part of one's life is gone.

The grief and pain can be unbearable; you cry a river and your sorrow knows no end.

You never really know what it's like until you are there yourself, but you look to God because he is the only one who can comfort you.

Death and indeed a death so sudden and painful like the death of my beloved wife, on 8th September, 2023, makes me realize the brevity of life. It brought clearly to the fore the thin line between life and death.

Her death has made me sit down and reflect. It has made me put things in perspective. I am still in a state of shock.

Ernestie as I affectionately called her, and I lived as husband and wife for 35 years. All through this period she was my pillar of support.

Our relationship started from our college years when both of us were at the Assin Foso Training College of Education. Ernestie was my friend, my colleague, my sister, my companion, my partner and my wife. She gave up herself to support our FOUR children and created a happy home for me to make a success of my career. I gave so much time to my profession and less time to her in the last 35 years and she accepted it with equanimity.

I always figured that we still have plenty of time ahead of us to catch up after the children and grandchildren are on their own. I wish I could go back in time.

Ernestie was deeply religious when She gave her life to Christ completely.

I miss the wonderful plans we made and the memories we shared will never fade.

Having you in my life, was the best dream come true. Since you have left this world, words cannot describe the emptiness inside me. I get so lost without you but I am sure you are with the Lord. You are with angels singing and praising the almighty whom you served while on earth with all your heart. You can no longer be seen by human eye, but your soul and love that you gave so many will never die.



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Heavenly Call



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#### Heavenly Call

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Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

Revelation 14:13

Since you are with the angels, please we (our children, grandchildren and I) need you as our guide and intercessor in heaven.

I wish I could tell myself that you will be back someday and will be back to be with me again. I guess this is the way life goes. God's will must be accepted.

I miss a million things, every detail of who you are. I miss your mind, body, and soul.

I still say I am one lucky man to have been given the gift of you.

There are many things I think I should have done for you. Please forgive me for procrastinating.

You taught me so much by your actions in the time we spent together.

You taught me the value of a family. You thought the value of the truest of love.

I know that I should not question God obviously because He knows and has His reasons but I can't help constantly asking myself "Why did you have to die"? We have several dreams we hope we will realize. You served God fervently. Anyway, God knows best.

I take it you are the best of the roses in the garden and the almighty wants the best.

I know what you will love to hear and see and I will endeavor to always do those things.

I wonder if I had lived the way you did if God would have taken me too?

They say only the good die in their prime.

**FAREWELL, MY DARLING.**

# TRIBUTE TO OUR Lovely Mum

In cherished memory of our dear mother, who was not just a source of wisdom but a mother for all who crossed her path. While she bore the responsibility of raising five children, her love and care knew no bounds.

She welcomed our friends and even strangers into her heart, treating them as her own, creating a home that felt like a haven to everyone. Her love was a beacon of light and warmth, even during the darkest days

Beyond her nurturing nature, she was an inspiration to us all. With her unwavering belief in the goodness of humanity, she encouraged us to be better people, to strive for kindness, and always to lend a helping hand. Our mother's legacy is one of love, inclusivity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

Her spirit guides us as we strive to honor her memory by making the world a better place.

**Yε frε no εna papa, oni a yenni no a, anka yεnyε papa.**



**Madam Ernestina  
Mummie  
Mama Pokuaa  
Mama Yaa Ataa Panyin**

**Nante yie  
Da yie  
Keep Watching over us, wherever you are.**



TRIBUTE TO

# Our Grandma




Without a doubt our hearts are really broken, Grandma as we affectionately called you, we always felt the pleasure, warmth and happiness in your presence as you never ceased to make memories with us anytime we are around you.

Always cooking our favorite delicious meals with your special spices leaves smiles on our faces.

We will surely miss the birthday parties you organized for us and praying together in your room. We know you always enjoyed it when we were around you as we all did things together.

You are always happy when we visit and even want us to stay with you for long even though we could be very disturbing like sitting on you while lying down to rest.



Grandma we will miss you dearly, you were our spiritual leader, our pillar, our source of joy, our teacher, and all qualities of a good person. Undeniably, one thing we will never forget is how you carried the Word of God to the extent of implanting in us also this remains our favorite.

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### Heavenly Call

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:

3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

**Ephesians 6:1-3**



# TRIBUTE BY Siblings & FAMILY



TRIBUTE BY ASONA NO\_10 AKIM ASENE.”

**A**n honest woman here lies as e'er God with her image blest: the friend of the entire family, a friend of truth, the friend of age, and the guide of youth: few hearts like her, with virtue warm'd, few heads with knowledge so informed, if there is another world she lives in bliss. If there is none, she made the best of this. A mighty tree has fallen. Today we mourn you and want to express our sincere gratitude for the difference you made in our lives.

You were not only a mother to your children but to the entire Asona No.10. May the good Lord keep you until we meet again. Dayie Awono Atta.

MEMORIAL & BURIAL SERVICE OF THE LATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MAD. ERNESTINA OPOKU-ASANTE

**T**hose are beautiful sentiments to include in a tribute to your beloved sister. Here's a start for the tribute:

In loving memory of our dearest sister, she was a beacon of selflessness. Her boundless generosity knew no limits, always giving even when she had little to spare.

Her support was unwavering, and she proved to be one of the best sisters one could ever ask for. Her sympathetic nature and consoling words had the incredible power to calm our nerves and bring solace to any situation. She was not only a sibling but also a peacemaker, bringing harmony to our lives in times of discord.

We have lost more than a sister; we have lost a cherished friend who stood by us through thick and thin. Her memory will forever remind us of the beauty of kindness, love, and the extraordinary bond we shared. May her legacy inspire us to carry forward the values she embodied in her honor.

Onua Pa, Damirifa due  
Nante Yie.  
Rest Peacefully

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Heavenly Call



TRIBUTE BY

## THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST, AMASAMAN CENTRAL

(MERCY TEMPLE) TO THE MEMORY  
OF SIS. ERNESTINA OPOKU ASANTE



*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.*

*(John 11: 25 NIV)*

**Y**es!! It is said that life is only a short and brief experience and will end up in death sooner than expected. The late Ernestina Opoku Asante joined and fellowshiped with The Church of Pentecost, Amasaman Central Assembly then known as the Amasaman Assembly with her husband and children in 1996.

She was baptized in 1992 by immersion after professing her faith in Christ Jesus by Pastor Edison Nii Lamptey, the then district minister of Anyinam District.

She has served God and the Church diligently through diverse roles, key among them was as a local secretary of the women ministry and a long-standing teacher of the children ministry.

As a wholly committed Sunday school teacher she was devoted to her calling and carried out her role with love and joy and had the interest of the kids at heart, she did not discriminate and treated the children as her own whilst inculcating into them Godly character from some of the personalities in the Holy Bible. It is worthy to note that some of the children she taught then at Sunday school are now Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and other workers in the Lord's vineyard and are doing well in their chosen career.

A short while ago, she came to thank God for graciously seeing her through her career when she retired and we all celebrated and blessed God for his wondrous love. We least thought that it was going to be the last time we were going to see her publicly giving testimony in Church.

As Henry Longfellow succinctly stated "They who leave the scene of life feel not the pain of parting; the shock and pain are felt by those left behind"; As a church we are deeply pained by her sudden departure, yet we bless God for her selfless commitment to the things of God and availing herself to be used for every good work in the Lord's vineyard.

As mere mortals, we sob and wail at her demise, but we are consoled by the text in **Romans 8:28** "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and to them whom are called according to his purpose*". We have a solemn and firm belief that this is only temporal, with the absolute certainty that she will be resurrected among the saints on that fateful day when the roll shall be called up yonder.

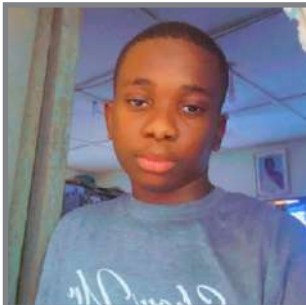
MAMA ERNESTINA, REST PEACEFULLY IN THE BOSOM OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
FARE THEE WELL, NYAME NFA WO N'SIE. AMEN.

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Heavenly Call



## NEPHEWS & NIECES



## IN-LAWS





# SIBLINGS





# FAMILY





# MEMORIES





# MEMORIES





# SONG

## 1. WO BEWHIM YEN AFA MUNUNKUM YIMU

Wo bewhim yen afa mununkum  
yimu Ako yen  
Agya nkyen wo soro ho nom  
Yen koma beto yen yem  
Wo bema yen akwaaba  
Yen koma beto yen yem  
Wo bema yen akwaaba

## 2. AKWANTU BI WOHO A YE BETU

Akwantu bi woho a ye betu,  
ennye wiase mu ha akwantu no  
bi Soro ho akwantu naa yere  
twen, anigye ben na saa da no  
beye.

## 3. DABI YEBE DI DEW BI, DABI YEBE DI DEW BI,

Dabi yebe di dew bi,  
Dabi yebe di dew bi  
Onyame n'adwuma.  
Obre wo mu oo  
Dabi yebe di dew bi.

## 4. YERE KO MAN PAPA BI MU

Yere ko man papa bi mu, yere  
ko man papa bi mu  
yere ko man papa bi mu aa  
yere ko ooo yere ko oo  
nkakra kakra yere ko oo, yere  
ko oo  
Ye nam kwan so aa, yere ko oo,  
yere ko oo.

## 5. MOROTWEN NE MBAE NO

Morotwen ne mbae no  
Wo sor adampan mu  
Morotwen me Jesus, Onkekyer  
na w'oaba  
Meretsew, na meretsie  
Ndzea ebetseam odasum  
Morotwen me Jesus, Onke kyer  
na w'oaba

W'oahye bo de obefa m'edze  
me aketsina N'enuonyam mu  
W'oahye bo de obema ma  
nkonyim ahenkyew na m'asoa  
Meretsew, na meretsie  
Ndzea ebetseam odasum  
Morotwen me Jesus, Onke kyer  
na w'oaba

## 6. OWUSORE TUMI NO

Erepem se asubonten  
Nea awu no benya nkwa  
Nea anya nkwa befifi  
Nea efifi beso aba  
Owusore asuten no nti





# GRATITUDE

*The entire Family, Express their sincere gratitude to all who since their bereavement have shown concern with prayers and other expressions of condolence.*

*May the good Lord bless you abundantly.*