I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work and play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of day. If my parting has left a void. Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; Ah yes, these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savoured much; Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seems all to brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free



In Loving Memory of a special Husband

The day you left and gained your wings my heart just broke in two I wish you could have stayed with me, But Heaven needed you

You left me with the memories And I love you dearly still No matter how much time goes by You know I always will

You were a very special person With kindness in your heart And the love we had together Grows stronger now we're apart

I know I cannot bring you back Although I wish it everyday But a piece of me went with you The day you went away

THE ELBAH, SACKEY AND TETTEH FAMILIES

SINCERELY APPRECIATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS AND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY DURING THEIR TIME OF SORROW.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE

MAY 9^H, 2021

10:30AM

INTERNATIONAL VICTORY CHARISMATIC CHURCH (IVCC) 4340 s.e. 15th street DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73115

ATTIRE: ALL WHITE



ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR THE LATE

MR. CHRISTIAN OKOE ELBAH

FUNERAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER PASTOR MICHAEL ANNANCY

HYMN (PAGE 18)

BEGONE, UNBELIEF MY SAVIOUR IS NEAR

WELCOME PASTOR HENRY JOHNSON

HYMN (PAGE 18) WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD

BIOGRAPHY REV. HENRY HADJOR

TRIBUTE FROM WIFE MRS. DOREEN CRABBE

TRIBUTE FROM CHILDREN CINDY ELBAH, CHRISTOPHER ELBAH

CHESTON ELBAH, BEVERLY ELBAH

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN CH. 11: VS 1-27 MS. VIDA BLANKSON LARTEY

WORDS OF COMFORT PASTOR HENRY JOHNSON

PRESBY GA HYMNS (PAGE 19) 291; 310; 707 (SOUND MUSIC)

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY PASTOR RICHMOND NETTEY

EBENEZER ANTHEM SOUND MUSIC

REFLECTION OF LIFE VIDEO:

COMPOSED BY MR. GEORGE DODOO

ONE MINUTE SILENCE (PLEASE STAND)

LAST HYMN (PAGE 19) THOU WAY NOT MY OH, LORD

CLOSING PRAYER PASTOR MICHAEL ANNANCY

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

MR. CHRISTIAN OKOE ELBAH



(aka okoe chris)

WIDOW: MRS, BEATRICE DEDE ELBAH

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VIEWING: FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021 AT 3PM -7PM
TEMPLE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
2801 NORTH KELLEY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111

BURIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 2021 AT 11AM
TEMPLE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

2801 NORTH KELLEY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111 LIVESTREAMING WWW.TEMPLEANDSONS.COM CLICK ON "WATCH LIVE"

BURIAL: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 2021 AT 1:00 PM (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE)
SUNNY LANE CEMETERY,

4000 SE 29TH STREET, DEL CITY OK 73115
LIVESTREAMING @ ZOOM.US | MEETING ID: 82022996735 | PASSCODE: CHRISELBAH

ATTIRE: BLACK & WHITE

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HANNSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE: SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2021 AT 10:30AM INTERNATIONAL VICTORY CHARISMATIC CHURCH (IVCC) 4340 SE 15TH STREET, DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA 73115

ATTIRE: ALL WHITE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:
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DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO: 2704 SE 93RD STREET, MOORE, OK 73160
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BEATRICE ELBAH
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GRAVESIDE SERVICE

PRAYERS

PASTOR RICHMOND NETTEY

HYMN

ABIDE WITH ME

ABIDE WITH ME; FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE;
THE DARKNESS DEEPENS; LORD, WITH ME ABIDE.
WHEN OTHER HELPERS FAIL AND COMFORTS FLEE,
HELP OF THE HELPLESS, O ABIDE WITH ME.

BURIAL

PASTOR HENRY JOHNSON

CLOSING PRAYER

PASTOR PROSPER GASU

DISMISSAL

PASTOR MICHAEL ANNANCY

PALLBEARERS

RANDY FOLEY

CHESTON ELBAH

HAROLD QUARTEY

SAMUEL GYEKYE

DAVID BOLFREY

TONY AKAH MENSAH

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

NANA OSEI SACKEY

RICHARD QUARTEY

BENJAMIN BORTEY

FRED DJAINE

EBENEZER BORTEY

DANIEL GYIMAH

KWAKU BAAH (KB)

EMMANUEL ANUM



OBITUARY

MR. JOSIAH ELBAH, HEAD OF ELBAH FAMILY, ACCRA; VERY REV'D SETH JONATHAN ANNAN SACKEY, HEAD OF SACKEY FAMILY, ACCRA; GEORGE OTOKUNOR SACKEY, ALFRED SACKEY; NII CHORKOR SACKEY II; COL. (RTD) LANTEI LAMPTEY; RICHARD QUARCOPOM SACKEY, ABRAHAM NII SACKEY, MRS. BEATRICE DEDE ELBAH (WIDOW); REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THEIR BELOVED

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(A.K.A. OKOE CHRIS)

FUNERAL & BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VIEWING:

Friday, April 30th, 2021 at 3pm-7pm at Temple and Sons Memorial Funeral Home 2801 North Kelley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BURIAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 11am at Temple and Sons Memorial Chapel, 2601 North Kelley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BURIAL: Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 1pm Sunny Lane Cemelery, 4000 S. E. 29th Street Del City, Oklahoma

CELEBRATION OF LIFE THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE: Sunday May 9th, 2021at 10;30am at International Victory Charlsmatic Church (IVCC) 4340 S.E 15th Street, Del City, Oklahoma WIFE: Mrs. Beatrice Elivah

CHILDREN: Cindy Elban, Christopher Elbah, Cheston Elbah, Beverly Elban

GRANDCHILDREN: Cara Elbah, Craed Elbah

BROTHER: Mr. Robert Elbah

SISTERS: Emma Eloah, Christie Ann Eloah Filirgaard

COUSINS: Stella Sackey. (Accra); Joseph Sackey. (London); Robert Joseph Sackey. (U.S.A); Salome Anim Addo, Accra; Georgina Aryeetey. (Scotland); Isabelia Sackey. (Accra); Joshua Sackey. (Accra); Klorkor Okai, (London); Allottey Acquaye, (Accra); Regina Hammond, Accra; Frank Hammond, Accra; Eric Ashong, Oklahoma City, U.S.A

THERE WILL BE NO WAKE KEEPING

NEPHEWS: Eugene Elbah; Josiah Elbah; Christopher Elbah; Joshua Yartey; Christian Leroy Elbah; Hans Christian Elbah Filigaard: Rev. Hanry Hadjor

NIECES: Courtney l'Lynn Elbah; Gifty Williams

CHIEF MOURNERS: Mr. Josiah Elbah, Head of Elbah family of Accra, Nili Chorkor Sackey II; George Otokunor Sackey, Bro & Sis; Very Rev'd Seth Jonathan Annan Sackey, Head of Sackey family of Acora, Col. (Rid) Lantel Lamptey, Bros & Sis; Richard Quarcopom Sackey, Bro & Sis; Abraham Nii Nii Sackey, Bro & Sis; Abraham Nii Nii Sackey, Bro & Sis; Abraham Nii Nii Sackey, Bro & Sis; Alfred Sackey of Accra, Mrs. Beatrice Dede Elbah (Widow), Mr. Jonathan Tetteh and family (Acora), Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sackey of Accra, Mrs. Beatrice Dede Elbah (Widow), Mr. Donathan Tetteh and family (Acora), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Elbah, Ms. Emma Elbah; Mrs. Christie Ann Elbah Fiirgaard, Mr. Eric Ashong, Mr. & Mrs. John Gellie; Hadisa Abubakar, Mr. Alex Kwaku Botwe Ansah; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Sackey, Mr. & Mrs. John Gellie; Hadisa Abubakar, Mr. Alex Kwaku Botwe Ansah; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Sackey, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Johnson; Pastor & Mrs. Michael Annancy, Pastor & Mrs. Prosper Gasu, Mr. & Mrs. James Crabbe, Mr. & Mrs. David Manison; Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Soweh; Mr. & Mrs. Cariaus Addo; Mr. & Mr. Nicholas Guaye; Mr. & Mrs. George Bampoe; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mills-Tetteh; Benjamin Doku; Sampson Djornoh; Avalon Folley, Richard Akuffo; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Borlabi; Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nettey-Marbell; Edward Akuffo; Mercy Okine; Ransford Adjel Lomo; Joseph Lomo; George Dodoo; Meeky Adjie Boakye; Ivy Clotley; Mr. & Mrs. Seth Atakora; Heartwill De-Souza; Gadangme Of Oklahoma; International Victory Charismatic Church (IVCC); entire Oklahoma Ghanalan Community.

ALL SYMPATHIZERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

DRESS CODE FOR FUNERAL: BLACK & WHITE. DRESS CODE FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICE: WHITE

ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOL WILL BE OBSERVED. MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCE REQUIRED

THY WAY, NOT MINE, O LORD

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be;
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the Path for me.
Smooth let it be, or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.

I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might:
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.
Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
Choose Thou my good and ill

Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health.
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things both great and small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom and my all.

PRESBY GA HYMNS 291,310, 707 & EBENEZER

- 1.
 Minuntso Yesu Kristo,
 bo jielo hā jeŋ fɛɛ!
 Kwe bo ni gbomei kāmo
 duŋ kpii kɛ esha mli!
 Bo, jale hulu, tee shi,
 Bo, jeŋ la, tsoo jogbaŋŋ,
 koni jeŋ fɛɛ mli atse,
 ni duŋ le fɛɛ aya!
- 3. Je nsen bii hu ana le, ke eeekojo jen le; ameana enumnyam le, ni am'akoto le.
 Shi mantsemei amantse ji wojielo le pe; ni mo ni kwaa esuomo, aaana emlila le.
- 2. Womiishes nyamo aaafa, ke Kristofoi le fee aaaje jen naagbeehei fee afata Kristo he, nyehāa wo hu wofataa asafo kple nee he, woke wolileii awo wo hu wojielo le!

and the tree tree in

4. Oo Yesu, hã ni mas'mə owalah'remə lɛ, ni wə sɛɛ, kɛ oba lɛ, mi hu mafee obi: koni kɛ ashã jeŋ lɛ, ofee mibobaahe, mijielə kɛ mimaŋtsɛ, ni daa mawo ono!

- 1.
 Tsomo mi gbe, Oo Yehowa, mi gbefalo ye jen fan; migbede, bo ji hewalo, wa mi ke ohewale, Dwei aboloo, nwei aboloo, lee mi keyashi mato.
- 2.
 Gblema ashwishwe nuhiŋmeii
 ni tsama nu jean oham'.
 Ni la atatu kutuu le
 atsam' gbe ye migbefaan.
 Tatse wulu, tatse wulu,
 feema mitsen ke dama.
- 3.
 Ke minyie Yordan faa he le, kaahā ni mishe gbeyei.
 Gbele ni ji enyo le mli jiemo mi sokee keje keya Kaanan, keya Kaanan; jei le majie oyi daa.

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- Leebi la la ete shi;
 mi-Nyonmo, minda o shi
 akashi mihia ka
 lolo ya omobo naa.
 Oo wa mi he ni miyaa,
 ni otsoo mi gba ni ja;
 sramom' ni mikadu gba,
- Joomo, Nuntso mi-Nyogmo, mi ke miden nitsumo, ni nii fee ye mihewo ala oyijiemo!

ha makwe ono keke!

4. Kế je neen gbenyiemo eta, ha ni mana o; shi jen kroko nyo ji mi, ye mi-Nuntso Yesu mli!

EBENEZER

- Lesley Nyoymo dromo keke ni
 Wohis kamo ymene nes;
 Ke jey shihile mli wa taake me
 Ejiewo ye feetwem mli
 Ke wofee ekpakpa ko
 Eyeli ke buamo naa
 Hewo wolaa Ebenezer tso ake
 Bis Nyoymo ebuawo kebashi
 Ebenezer bis Nyoymo ye buawo kebashi
 Ebenezer bis edromo keke ni.
- Miishe ke amane
 Esuomo yeo buawo
 Suomo ke solemo
 Sa-ake woke-fa-gbe-nee
 Hewo nyehāa woke
 Miishee asômōa Nyonmo
 koni ke wogboi le,
 Kristo abuwo Mantse fai
 Ebenezer bie Nyonmo ye buawo kebashi
 Ebenezer bie edromo keke ni.



BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE CHRISTIAN OKOE ELBAH

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for He shall receive me. Psalm 49:15

Christian Okoe Elbah was born in Accra, Ghana on the 6th of September, 1951 to the late Christian Codjoe Elbah and Martha Naadza Sackey, both of blessed memory.

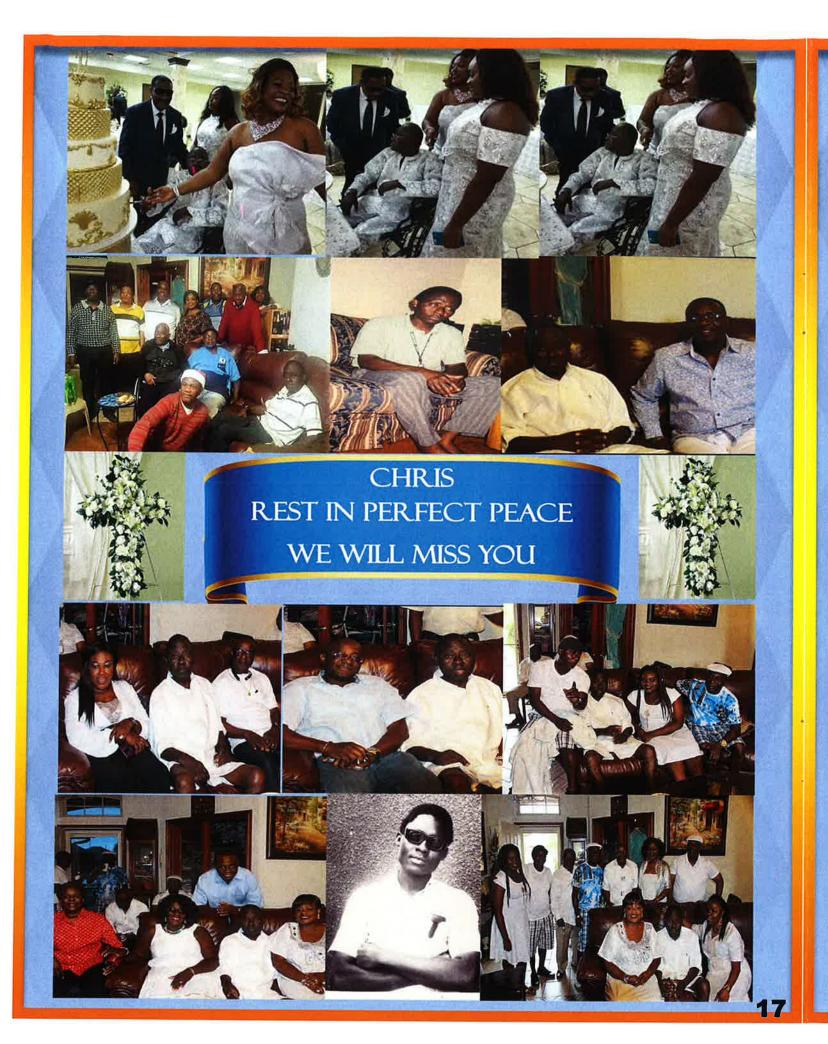
Christian began his elementary education at the Liberty Avenue #1primary School at Adabraka a suburb of Accra and later continued at Kinbu Boys' Middle School. After the completion of his formal education, Christian went to an accounting school in Accra New Town to train in the lucrative field of accountancy.

After successfully completing his training, he gained employment with the Ghana Films Industry as a clerk. After working at Ghana Films, he had the opportunity to travel overseas to the United States of America. He lived in New York for some time and then he relocated to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he found work at UNARCO (a company that manufactured shopping carts). After some years the company moved its operations from Oklahoma City to Wagoner, Oklahoma. Chris was offered the opportunity to continue to work for the company so he also relocated. After several years of working in the manufacturing sector, Chris resigned and moved back to Oklahoma City.

He was not ready to retire yet and so due to his caring and compassionate nature, Chris went back to school to get a nursing degree. After completion, he worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for several years, even while being ill himself, primarily because of the love he had for the profession and his patients. After working as a nurse for many years he eventually retired due to failing health.

Chris is survived by is lovely wife, Beatrice and four beautiful children, Cindy, Christopher, Cheston and Beverly. He also leaves behind many family members and a host of friends to mourn him.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.





TRIBUTE FROM CHILDREN

Cindy, Christopher, Cheston

Thank you being such a great dad to me, Christopher and Cheston. We are going to miss you dearly...

You taught us many things that we will carry with us forever. Respect, work-ethic, loyalty, discipline and humility are just a few of the lessons you've taught us. There was no topic you couldn't discuss. We are going to miss your talks about religion, politics and sports the most; You had an opinion about everything.

You believed there was nothing a person couldn't learn. If it is in a book, you taught us that we could learn it! You believed in education and being self-motivated to learn independently.

You always enjoyed great music and movies; you would tell us stories about your youth working at the Ghana theatre. You loved old cars and motorcycles. You were curious and sought out information. You taught yourself everything from how to fix cars, and motorcycles, to how to make your own special kinds of bread. There was nothing you couldn't do. We remember as children how you always had a weekend project of fixing a vehicle or some new bread recipe to try and make.

In our youth you took us to our basketball games and little league practices, You and mom would take us on family trips across the country. You both made sure we enjoyed our childhood, you made it memorable.

We are so happy that we got to enjoy the fun-loving, adventurous and dedicated father that you were and we will miss all the conversations we would have about life and current events going on in the world as you aged.

When you became ill, you called on us and we didn't hesitate to help you because we loved you!

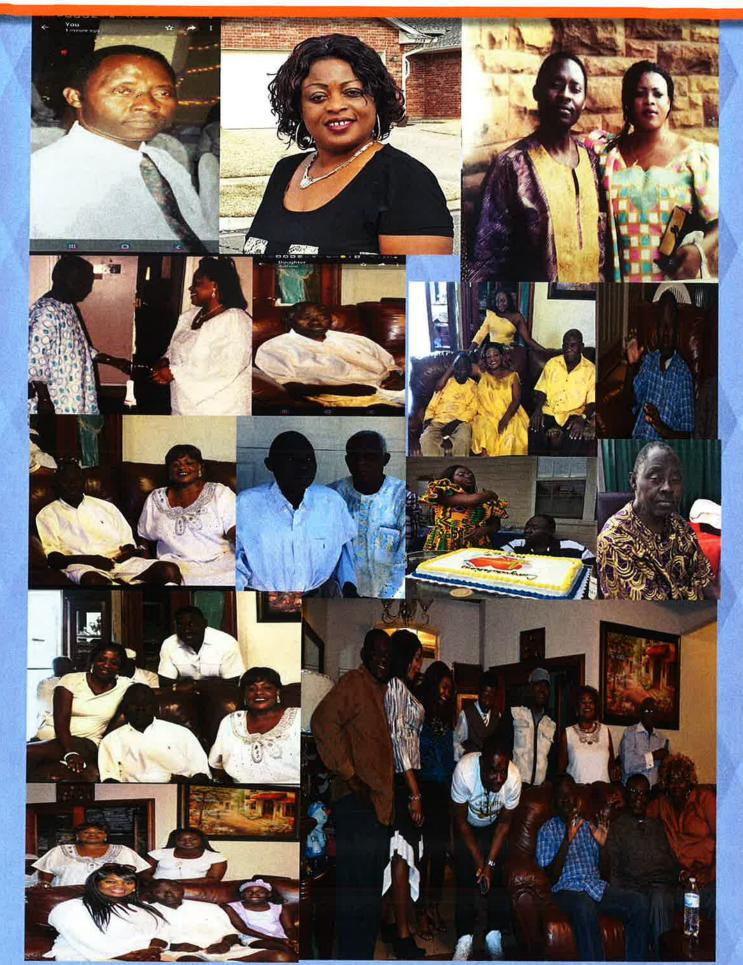
We are so proud of how hard you fought to live! Even while you were ill you managed to find ways to make us laugh and bestow wisdom upon us.

We grieve you and we mourn you but we know that you are at peace. You were sick for so long and you never complained. You were always bravely looking forward towards the future! You even had plans of returning to Ghana to see your beloved family; however, your illness robbed you of that chance. We will go back for you, carrying you in our hearts and spirits.

They say that grief is the evidence of love's existence if that is the case we will grieve and mourn you forever. But we will also find comfort in knowing that you are in a better place and at peace. The bible scripture John 3:16 says that "...whoever believes in the [Lord] shall not perish but have eternal life." We know that you knew the lord and believed in him so naturally we will see you again! Until then we will tell your grandchildren all of your stories, your name will live on. Cara and Creed will always remember their grandpa.

We will forever cherish all the wonderful moments we had as a family.

Love Always.



A FAMILY TRIBUTE FROM SISTER CHRISTIE ANNA ELBAH-FIIRGAARD FROM: ELBAH FAMILY (GHANA) AND ELBAH-FIIRGAARD'S (DENMARK)

Bro Okoe! Bro Okoe! Bro Okoe!

You were born a warrior and a helper! You shared your code with your twin sister 70 years ago in our mom's womb, but she left you at a very tender age to eternity.

What a heart-breaking feeling to your dear mom and dad, but, the Lord never gave up on you, Amen! You grew and brought happiness to our family, to God be the glory!! And when our dear dad passed on you stood as a father through thick and thin to help our mom to raise us up! Bro Okoe, WELL DONE AYEKOO!! Bro Okoe, all your battles and trials brought you closer and closer to the Lord and this is what matters in this life! Ho!! Yes, Bro Okoe, the Lord has used you to be a blessing to many generations to His glory Amen!

Bro!! We will always remember you and celebrate you in Jesus name. Bro, with great love May you rest in perfect peace, 'til we meet again.

TRIBUTE BY THE GADANGME OF OKLAHOMA INC

We, members of the GaDangme of Oklahoma were saddened by the announcement of the passing of our dear friend and member, Mr. Christian Okoe Elbah whom we affectionately called, Okoe Chris.

We recall the generosity of the late Mr. Elbah and his dear wife, Mrs. Beatrice Elbah who opened up their home to be used as the venue for the first Homowo Festival in 2018. That decision brought together the Ga people from near and as far away as Tulsa to come and celebrate our culture which our forefathers handed down to us. It's a time to celebrate our Thanksgiving to God, "Okpeledzen" for all the goodness He bestowed upon our ancestors and on us today.

We do appreciate and thank the late Okoe Chris for making us feel welcome in his home and to share and partake of the Kpokpoi with us. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Ataa Okoe Chris, Yaa Wo Odzogbaa.





TRIBUTE TO MY LOVING HUSBAND

It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you all and the mortal remains of my beloved husband, Chris, to pay my tribute. I will truly miss him. Not only was he a special and wonderful husband but a loving father and a good friend. In the midst of his own illness, he always wanted those around him to be comfortable and not to be distracted by his condition. He never complained about not being able to do the things he loved to do.

Chris and I were introduced by his niece while I was still in Ghana. We had a long distance courtship by phone and I looked forward so much to his phone calls. When he came to Ghana to meet me, we hit it off and we fell in love with each other all over again and he proposed to marry me. The customary ceremony was done in 1998 and 1999 we got married in Oklahoma. He loved it when I called him *Chief*, my special name for him. He was my soul mate and inspiration and always had a word of encouragement when I needed it most.

Chris was a staunch Christian. We were both of the Methodist faith. In fact, when he came to Ghana we both went to Wesley Methodist Cathedral Church in Accra a few times and when I moved to Oklahoma and we got married, we continued to attend the Sunny Lane United Methodist Church until I joined the International Victory Charismatic Church. But Christ continued to attend the Methodist Church until illness made it impossible for him to go.

Chris had a few but loyal friends because he was a quiet, private and reserved gentleman. But those who got close to him would remember his love of his music and his passion for his profession. He was a hardworking man and loved his work and those he cared for.

Chris may have left me and Beverly in the physical but we know that he is looking down on us and wishing we wouldn't mourn so much. We may not fully understand the reason for his long illness but as God says in the Book of Isaiah 55:8: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...God knows best. We as a family are comforted by the words of Jesus in John 11:25: He who believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he live. I know Chris is in the company of the angels and the presence of God. For us this is not goodbye but just good night because he's asleep in the Lord and we shall see him again.

May you rest in perfect peace my Love, my dear loving husband, until we meet again

BEGONE, UNBELIEF, MY SAVIOR IS NEAR

Begone, unbelief,
My Savior is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear;
By prayer let me wrestle,
And He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel,
I smile at the storm

Though dark be my way,
Since He is my Guide,
"Tis mine to obey,
"Tis His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken,
And creatures all fail,
The word He hath spoken
Shall surely prevail.

His love, in time past,
Forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last
In trouble to sink:
Each sweet Ebenezer
I have in review
Confirms His good pleasure
To help me quite through.

Why should I complain
Of want or distress,
Temptation or pain?
He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation,
I know from His Word,
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet
Shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet,
The medicine, food;
Though painful at present,
'Twill cease before long,
And then, oh, how pleasant
The conqueror's song



WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, When the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Chorus.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love

It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand, For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand; And the cables passed from His heart to mine, Can defy the blast, through strength divine It will firmly hold in the straits of fear, When the breakers have told the reef is near; Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,

Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow

It will surely hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil

Yaa wo odjogaa

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TRIBUTE TO MY DAD

Beverly

My Dad was a very quiet, reserved and private person. I remember when I was a little girl, my Dad would take me along to run errands after which he would take me to McDonalds for a treat. This was always so much fun. Those moments I got to spend with my Dad are some of the memories I will cherish as long as I live. I will miss him.

One of my Dad's favorite things is music. He loved music. I think that's where my love of music comes from. As a young girl growing up, I think I was a Daddy's Girl. We spent a lot of time together and that's how I got a lot of his personality. I'm quiet, reserved and private, just like him.

Many years later, my Dad got very ill and that hurt me very much. Being an eight year old girl, I didn't know what to think. All I know was that we could not go out and do the fun things we used to do. I'm going to miss his noisy yawns and his snoring while sitting on the sofa. My dad had a unique way of calling me. He would say, "Beverly, come fix me something to eat." I loved the way he said my name.

Dad, January 11th, 2021 was the last time I saw. When you came home from your dialysis treatment, you looked so frail lying in your bed. Then my Mom called the ambulance the next day and you went to the hospital. I thought as usual you would come home when you got better. But it was not to be. We didn't get to see each other again. God knew what's best for you, considering your condition in the hospital.

My birthday was March 4th and though you wanted to be with God, you stayed on earth to celebrate my 20th birthday. That was the best birthday present I've ever gotten. I will always remember that day. On March 5th, 2021, God called you home. The Lord spoke to me and comforted me. The Lord said you loved me and you wanted me to always love you and remember you forever and always. I will always love you, Dad.

Dad, rest in peace. Dad

Yaa Wo Odzogban!



