

CELEBRATION OF

LIFE



1948-2025



Spanin JOHN
KWABENA
DARKO AFRAM

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KWABENA DARKO
AFRAM (ANYWAY)
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THERE IS A TIME FOR
EVERYTHING, AND A
SEASON FOR EVERY
ACTIVITY UNDER THE
HEAVENS: A TIME TO
BE BORN AND A TIME
TO DIE

ECC 3:1-2

ORDER OF SERVICE

- ALL MOURNERS PAY LAST RESPECT
- FAMILY PAY LAST RESPECT
- ELDERS PAY LAST RESPECT
- CUSTOMARY RITES (VARIOUS)
- COFFIN IS CLOSED FINALLY
- OPENING PRAYER
- BIOGRAPHY BY THE FAMILY
- TRIBUTE BY THE CHILDREN
- TRIBUTE BY GRAND CHILDREN

- TRIBUTE BY NIECES AND NEPHEWS
- TRIBUTE BY IN-LAWS
- SONG/MUSIC MINISTRATION (DJ)
- BRIEF SERMON
- OFFERING FOR BEREAVED FAMILY
- PRAYER FOR BEREAVED CHILDREN
AND FAMILY
- ANNOUNCEMENT
- CLOSING PRAYER

INTERMENT AT MPRAESO PUBLIC
CEMETERY



BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE
OPANIN JOHN
KWABENA DARKO
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"ALAS! HOW IT
WILL END, THE
WAY IT WILL
FADE; OUR LIVES
ARE BETTER LEFT
IN THE HANDS OF
OUR MAKER".

Early Life

The late Opanin Kwabena Darko Afram also known as "Anyway" was born at Kwahu Bukuruwa in the Kwahu South District on 1st July 1948 as the sixth and last child of Opanin Kwadwo Nimo of the Bretuo family of Kwahu Bukuruwa and Obaapanin Akua Yeboah Adiza of the Asona family of Kwahu Mpraeso, both of blessed memory.

The family later moved to Dedeso in the then Afram Plains District in the Eastern Region of Ghana.



Education

Kwabena Afram as we affectionately called him started his basic school education at Dedeso Roman Catholic Primary School in 1955.

He continued his Middle School education at Dedeso Presbyterian Middle School in 1961 and obtained his Middle School Leaving Certificate in 1964 having completed and passed his "Hall" Exams.

Due to his passion and interest in Auto Mechanics, his father enrolled him in apprenticeship training in 1965 with a mechanic at Atibie Kwahu after completing his Middle School.

By dint of hard work, humility, excellence and dedication to work, Kwabena was able to complete his apprenticeship in 1969 and was issued with a Certificate as a certified Auto Mechanic and Driver.

Career Life

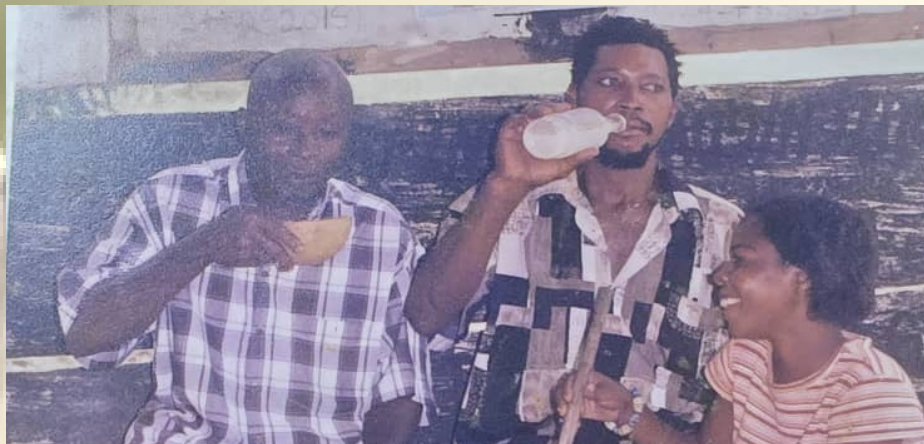
Having obtained his Auto Mechanic Certificate, he worked briefly as a mechanic at Mpraeso before he sojourned to Accra for greener pastures in 1972.

A few months after his arrival in Accra, he gained employment at the Ministry of Health, Mechanical Division at Tema as an Auto Mechanic.

Mr. Afram combined both the Mechanical and Driving duties at the MOH for 7 years. In 1979, he acquired his own car and decided to resign and venture into commercial transport business.

He was nicknamed "Anyway" because he inscribed "Anyway" on his vehicles. He operated the transport business for ten years but had to abandon it due to some sour experiences he encountered.

Kwabena Afram joined TAYSEC Construction Company Limited in 1989 as Operator where he worked for two years.



He left TAYSEC for Ghana Highways Authority in 1991 after he was appointed as a Heavy Duty Operator where he worked until 2010 when he retired.

Due to the nature of his job at Ghana Highways, he had to travel the length and breadth of Ghana. The last three among the many locations he worked were Suhum, Apam and Adeiso.

Kwabena Afram retired from active service in 2010 and decided to settle at Asuaba, near Adeiso where he engaged in farming. He finally moved to his hometown (Mpaaeso Kwahu) in 2023 where he lived until he beckoned to the call of his maker on 2nd May 2025.

Marriage Life

Opanin Kwabena Afram married his wife Madam Beatrice Okomah popularly called 'Afua B' in 1971.

He was blessed with 6 Children, 21 Grand Children and 2 Great Grand Children.



Personal/Social Life

Opanin Kwabena Afram did not just work as a Mechanic/Driver, but also took keen interest in the welfare of others in the society in which he lived.

He was passionate at the well-being of his neighbours, a great adviser and a peacemaker to many families. Kwabena was a problem solver, a teacher, a caretaker and a father to all.

The Last Call

Opanin Kwabena Afram fell sick briefly

on Wednesday 30th April 2025. The Almighty God whose ways are not our ways, beckoned his son to join him peacefully on the morning of Friday 2nd May 2025 at the Atibie Government Hospital.

KWABENA, MPRAESO ASONA
ABUSUA NYINAA MA WO DA YIE!

AFRAM, ADOFO NYINAA MA WO DA
YIE!!

ANYWAY, ONYAME MFA WO KRA
NSIE DAA!!!

Tributes





TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

"THE JUST MAN WALKETH
IN HIS INTEGRITY; HIS
CHILDREN ARE BLESSED
AFTER HIM".

PROV. 20:7 KJV

As the morning comes and the night goes away, as the light paves way for darkness, as the Sun disappears for the Moon to appear and the rain ends for the sun to shine, so shall life pave way for death one day!

It is the desire and pride of every parent to see his children grow to be of good character, so was the pride of our dear father. As the Bible says, a wise Child brings joy to his father (Proverbs 10:1).

As we stand here this morning to pay tribute and last respect to our father Mr. John Darko Afram, our hearts are filled with pain and grief.

In fact, we were all shattered and felt so grief stricken that sleep departed from us for days when we got the news of your death on the morning of 2nd May 2025.

Paapa, your loss has left us confused, shattered, devastated and dumb founded as we least expected death to deprive us so soon of your love as a father.

The memories we hold are precious as your love and care was steadfast. Your absence has left a void that will be difficult to fill.

Paapa was more than just a father to us; He was our mentor, he was our counsellor, he was our friend, he was our rock, he was our hero and he was our guide.

His love for us was boundless and unconditional.

His guidance, wisdom and unwavering support shaped us into becoming who we are today.

Through his actions, he taught us the true meaning of respect for elders, humility, compassion, resilience, hard work, discipline and above all, integrity.

He always put others before himself and had a heart that knew no bounds.

As we grapple with your physical departure from us, we are overwhelmed with tears and longing.

However, millions of words wouldn't bring you back; Cascading tears won't either. We know because we have tried.

In our minds you are gone but we pine for your return one day.

While this truth brings little solace, we know your spirit remains in our hearts, guiding us through life's journey, as we have the assurance that one day we shall meet again

FARE THEE WELL, PAAPA!!

MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE!!!

TRIBUTE BY GRAND CHILDREN

GRANDCHILDREN ARE THE CROWNING GLORY OF THE AGED; PARENTS ARE THE PRIDE OF THEIR CHILDREN."

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude as we bid goodbye to our beloved "Grandpa."

It is a great privilege to honor a great man who made significant impact in the lives of many including we his grandchildren.

We still find it very difficult to accept the fact that our 'Grandpa' has left this world for good. His passing has left a gaping hole in our lives, and we're heartbroken.

Grandpa, you did not need any fancy titles to be the wonderful great grandfather you were.

To us, you were simply a father for all. We appreciate the kind of love you showed us by embracing all of us.

Grandpa, we shall continue to remember the pieces of advice you used to give us whenever we visited you and also had the chance to interact with you.

You taught us to learn hard and also to maintain good moral values – respect for each other,

humility and living a righteous life.

As King Solomon said in 'Proverbs 13:22, A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children'. We are indeed the crown and glory of your children and we are privileged to be your descendants.

We wish we had more time with him. We wish we had asked him about his life, what he believed in, what he struggled with and what made him proud.

We wish we had sat with him more just to listen to his pieces of advice and life stories. But life didn't give us that chance. And so, today, we stand here not with stories, but with respect and love.

It is our humble prayer that, the good Lord who perfects all things through Christ shall continue to lead us, guide us, guard us, and steer our affairs so that we shall live lives that will enable us not to just maintain your legacy but rather lift the bar.

All of us, your grandchildren say we love you Grandpa! Good Byeeee!!

THANK YOU GRANDPA!

WE WILL KEEP YOUR
MEMORY IN OUR
HEARTS AND LOVE
YOU FOREVER!

TRIBUTE BY NIECES AND NEPHEWS

"THEN I HEARD A VOICE
FROM HEAVEN SAYING,
"WRITE THIS DOWN:
BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO DIE IN THE LORD
FROM NOW ON, SAYS
THE SPIRIT, THEY ARE
BLESSED INDEED, FOR
THEY WILL REST FROM
THEIR HARD WORK &
THEIR GOOD DEEDS
WILL FOLLOW THEM".

REV. 14:13

In our minds, we remember our Uncle as a man of action, hardworking, supportive, compassionate and very resilient in whatever he does. That is the uncle he was during his active days: touching lives and never hesitating to be of help.

Wofa Afram, as we affectionately called him, added value to all his nieces and nephews who approached him. We never left the same any time we had an encounter with him - both in kind, cash, wisdom and knowledge.

It is therefore with profound anguish and pain that we pay this tribute in honor of this noble departed uncle, whose lifeless body lies before us after Seventy-Seven (77) eventful years of existence on this mortal earth. Wofa Afram loved us so much with pride and joy

since our childhood days. He handled each one of us at one stage or the other whilst we were growing up with visits to him at James Town, Suhum and Adeiso.

His doors were always open and we actually learnt a lot from his wisdom, advice, and life experiences. It is indeed sad to relate that he has left us without a single word. Our dearest uncle, we shall surely miss you.

As we shed this uncontrollable tears for this obvious separation, we want to believe that you are still so close to us, just that you are hidden from our view and we shall surely see you again when the trumpet sounds on the Resurrection Day.

MAY THE GOOD LORD FIND A
PERMANENT PLACE IN HIS VINEYARD
FOR YOU!

UNCLE, REST IN THE EVERLASTING ARMS
OF THE FATHER TILL WE MEET AGAIN
ONE DAY AND PART NO MORE. AMEN!

Although we got to know our in-law Mr. Afram when he was fairly grown, we did not miss the best part of him, that is his humility, wisdom and hardworking.

He was so humble that he could relate with us as friends and he was so gentle that he could hardly offend anyone of us.

We wish we had known Mr. Afram for long but our relatively short contact with him is worth remembering.

He was a man of few words but that did not deprive us of his good talks. He was father to us more than a father-in-law. He never discriminated against any of us. He welcomes us warmly anytime circumstance brought us together.

We will forever remember you for your pieces of advice and we will

forever be grateful for blessing us with cultured, humbled, industrious, supportive and above all, God fearing wives and husbands.

They are evidence of the discipline you instilled in them. We pray that your gentle soul finds rest with your maker. May God keep you in his bosom forever.

DAMIRIFA DUE!!

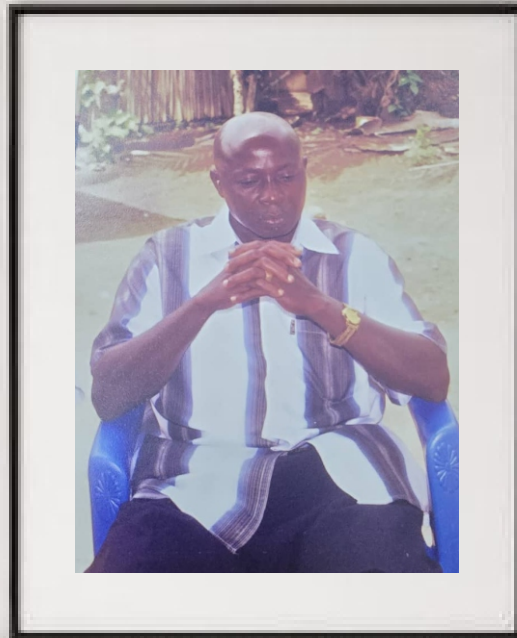
MR. AFRAM, DA YIE!!!

TRIBUTE BY SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN-LAW

"ONE WHO HAS
UNRELIABLE FRIENDS
SOON COMES TO RUIN,
BUT THERE IS A FRIEND
WHO STICKS CLOSER
THAN A BROTHER".

PROV. 18:24

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I EAGERLY EXPECT AND HOPE THAT I
WILL IN NO WAY BE ASHAMED, BUT WILL
HAVE SUFFICIENT COURAGE SO THAT
NOW AS ALWAYS CHRIST WILL BE
EXALTED IN MY BODY, WHETHER BY LIFE
OR BY DEATH. FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS
CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-21



The entire family of the late

OPANIN JOHN
KWABENA DARKO AFRAM

Acknowledge your prayers, presence and diverse expressions
of sympathy during our bereavement. We are indeed humbled by the
outpour of love and generosity.

May the Almighty God Richly Bless You!



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