IN LOVING MEMORY of the Late



FIDELIA YAWA YAOTSE BANSAH

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BURIAL, MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE of the Late



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Saturday 8th March, 2025 Burial Service @ Sokode Bagble Time: 9:00am

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Order of Service



OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Prophet J. K. Basoah – Ho Area Superintendent

Pastor S. K. Amegavi – Sokode District

Pastor Jerry Anipah – Local Pastor

Rev. Angela Adjabeng – Global Evangelical Church, Sokode Bagble

Rev. S. Y. Kwami



PART ONE

- 1. Prelude Chorus Praise & Worship Team
- Opening Prayer Eldership
- 3. Apostolic Hymn TAC No. 314. Hwe Wo Nyame Som So
- 4. Prayer for the deceased / File Past
- Scripture Reading
- 6. English Deaconess Favour Agozie
- 7. Ewe Deaconess Esther Afriyie
- 8. TAC No. 36 Monto Yehowah Akwan Ho Dwom
- Sentence Pastorate
- 10. Thanksgiving Offering
- 11. Biography Family Rep.
- 12. Tributes
 - Children
 - Grandchildren
 - In-laws
 - Church
- 13. Introduction of Dignitaries MC
- 14. Song Ministration Faith Band
- 15. SERMON Pastor S. K. Amegavi
- 16. Observance of a minute silence

- 17. Prayer for the bereaved family **Pastorate**
- 18. Charity Donation Eldership
- 19. Announcements Secretary
- 20.Closing Hymn TAC No. 297 -Akwantu Bi Wo Ho
- 21. Vote of Thanks Family Rep.
- 22. Closing Prayer Eldership
- 23. Benediction Pastorate

PART TWO

AT THE GRAVE SIDE

- Opening Prayer Eldership
- 2. Hymn TAC 298 Ampa Me Kra Ye Kom
- 3. Lowering of Casket
- 4. Committal Pastorate
- Laying of Wreath
- Vote of Thanks Family Rep.
- 7. Closing Prayer Eldership
- 8. Benediction Pastorate









Biography of the Late

FIDELIA YAWA YAOTSE BANSAH

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8–9

The late Fidelia Yawa Yaotse-Bansah (also known as Nkrumah Nor) was born in 1909 to Adogli Kodzo Yaotse-Bansah and Hannah Sumla Boadu, both of blessed memory. She was the last surviving child of her parents. In her childhood, she was so indulged that her parents decided to send her to live with her mother's sister, Kporyameda, at Maame Dede, near Accra.

LIFE AT MAAME DEDE

She helped her aunt, Madam Kporyameda, with petty trading in foodstuffs and selling kenkey. These trading activities took place in Maame Dede and Accra. As she grew into adulthood, her father sent her older brother, Edmund Yaotse-Bansah, to bring her home. Upon her arrival, she was informed of the reason for her return: she was to be married to Nelson Dzogbewu. She objected to the proposal, but one day a man approached her and offered her roasted groundnuts and corn (zorklale). After that, she agreed to the marriage proposal. That marriage produced seven children—six boys and one girl—of whom four survived. The marriage eventually dissolved.

Due to her interest in trading, which she had acquired in her youth at Maame Dede and Accra, she was industrious in her marriage, engaging in farming as well as trading between Accra and Sokode Bagble, where she purchased household items for sale. She later decided to sell smoked Volta fish and koobi, which she purchased from Dambai (now in the Oti Region) and sold in Bagble. As she aged and could no longer make such journeys, she began selling locally made pots (gaze). Her granddaughter, Ivy, added pomades to her wares. Interestingly, though she was illiterate, she sold on credit and remembered all her debtors in order to collect her money.

RELIGION

She was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Sokode Bagble, but later found her faith with The Apostolic Church Ghana. Her love for God led her, when the church needed a place of worship, to consult with her children and decide to offer the frontage of her house as a temporary place of worship.

Tragically, on June 6, 2019, while staying with her daughter, Mabel, in Ho, she fell while retrieving washed clothes from the clothesline. This fall incapacitated her until her death. She had a remarkable memory; as recently as 2023, she received visitors who came to inquire about various matters.









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A unifier, she was always concerned with maintaining family connections, frequently discussing her relatives and visiting them as she was able in Sokode Gborgame, Etoe, Taviefe, Konta, and Ziavi. Her love for people led her to accommodate some of her nephews and nieces in her marital home. Her final prayer and request were, "Pray that Jesus should come and take me away."

On August 31, 2024, the Lord finally decided to take her home.

Dada, with love, we hope to meet you in the Lord's Kingdom. May Her Soul Rest in Peace.







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Tribute by CHILDREN

"And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life." I John 5:11–12

We, her biological children, call her Dada, but she is popularly known as Nkrumah Nor. God brought you into this world, and you performed your role as a mother to many who crossed your path.

Your character and sense of humour were so helpful to us that, although we were raised in a polygamous home, we lived and accepted one another as brothers and sisters. You opened your arms to some of your cousins and nephews, welcoming them into our large family home, where we all lived together in harmony.

The industrious virtue you acquired in your youth at Maame Dede and Accra meant you were always busily engaged in farming and petty trading. You always wanted us to taste the produce from your farm, urging us to take some to our various locations, and also selling fish alongside. As you aged and could no longer travel for the fish expeditions in the Oti Region, you began selling locally made pots, in addition to the pomades provided by your granddaughter, lvy. At 109 years old, you were still in business until the unfortunate accident that incapacitated you.

You spent your time and resources, when the need arose, visiting extended family members in Sokode Gborgame, Etoe, Taviefe, Ziavi, and Konta, telling us stories and trying to maintain family unity. Her remarkable memory meant that people came to her to inquire about certain issues, even after she was incapacitated. When asked how she felt when she saw others being honoured and appreciated, her response was, "Some have theirs in the morning, others in the afternoon, and some in the evening, each and every one according to his time." Her faith in the Lord remained steadfast to the end.

Dada, we love you, but your Maker loved you more. We believe you are now resting in the Lord's paradise, hoping to see you there sooner or later.

May Her Soul Rest in Peace Efe Luwor na Dzudzor le Nutifafa me.











Children Gallery























Children Gallery









Forever in our Hearts









Tribute by GRANDCHILDREN

Tribute to Our Dear Grandma - Mamaa

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26

Mamaa, our loving grandmother, you were a special gift to us. You always wanted us around you, and whenever we were with you, we felt so happy and at home. Your love for us had no limits.

You loved to tell us stories about your past, your experiences, the struggles, and the lessons you learned in life. Your memory was so sharp that we sometimes wondered how you remembered everything so well. Your stories were full of wisdom, and we will never forget them.

You always wanted to be involved in our home activities, helping with chores even when you were supposed to be resting. It was typical of you.

Mamaa, you were a woman of strong faith. You always advised us, prayed for us, and encouraged us to trust in God. Your words of wisdom will remain with us forever.

You were caring, loving, and a cheerful giver. You gave without holding back, always thinking of others before yourself.

Mamaa, though you are no longer with us, your love and kindness will forever be in our hearts. We will always remember you and cherish the moments we shared.

Rest well, Mamaa. We love you and will never forget you.



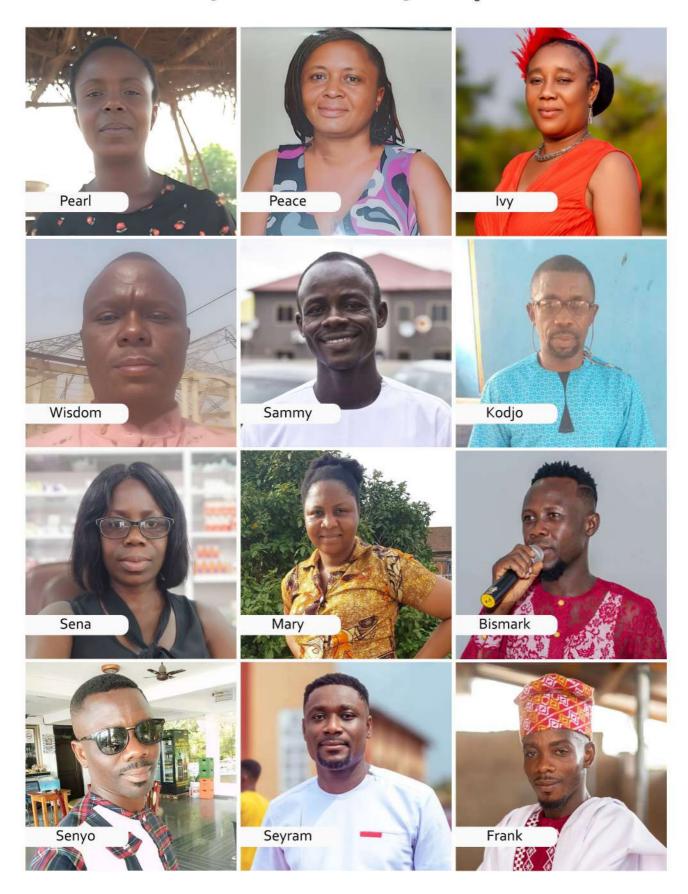








Grandchildren Gallery





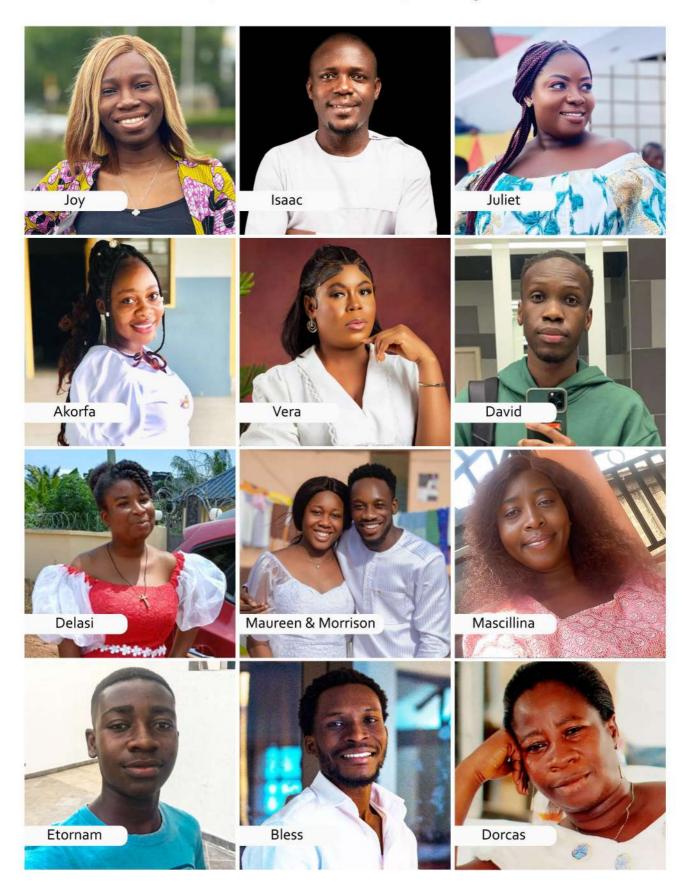








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Tribute from

DAUGHTERS-INLAW

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Dada Fidelia Yawa was more than a mother-in-law to us; she was a true mother in every sense. She welcomed us with open arms and loved us as if we were her own biological children. Her heart belonged to God, and her closest friend was Jesus. It's no surprise that we, her daughters-in-law, also love the Lord. We believe she prayed for her sons to marry women who feared God, and that prayer was answered.

Dada treated all of us with the same love and kindness. She never showed favouritism and always made sure we felt like part of the family.

Sister Ethel

Ethel remembers a time she asked Dada why her husband was such a quiet man, especially since she herself was not the quiet type. Dada smiled and told her that even as a child, he had a strong personality. If anyone upset him, he would not argue; he would simply pick up a small stone and throw it. Because of that, his friends were always careful around him. This story helped Ethel understand her husband's calm but firm nature.

Sister Faustine

Faustine will always remember Dada as someone who spoke the truth without fear. Whenever her husband did something wrong and she complained to Dada, she would not ignore it. Instead, she would call him out and correct him right away.

Sister Mary

Mary had many special names for Dada: Da Yawa, Bansah Yawah, Da Fidelia Yaotse, and Mama Korkor. They shared a deep bond. Although Mary grew up in the E.P. Church, Dada lovingly guided her to join the Apostolic Church, Ghana. Whenever she faced challenges and went to Dada for advice, Dada would simply tell her to pray the Apostolic way. Those prayers shaped her into the woman she is today.

Dada, though you are no longer with us, your love remains in our hearts forever. We will continue to honour your memory by holding onto the values you lived by: kindness, love, and family. Rest in peace, Dada.

Let us sing together from the E.P. Church Hymnal (Hadzigbale), hymn number 435, to honour Dada Fidelia Yawa and celebrate her life filled with love, wisdom, and devotion to God.











9nlaws Gallery







We Love You

Dada









Tribute by

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH GHANA (FAITH WORSHIP CENTRE) SOKODE GBOGAME

Madam Fidelia Yaotse was a devoted member of The Apostolic Church-Ghana, having joined in 1995 from the New Testament Ministry, then pastored by Pastor Adzabo. Along with five other women, she faithfully travelled from Sokode to Ho for worship, a journey that eventually led to the establishment of an assembly at Sokode Gborgame. Recognizing the challenges of distance and transportation, the leadership, under the guidance of then-Elder William Kwame (now Pastor William Kwame), initiated the new assembly, which became a place of spiritual growth for many.

She was a woman of deep faith and unwavering commitment to the Church. Through her generosity and dedication, she significantly supported various church projects, contributing both resources and encouragement to leaders and members alike. Her passion for the ministry extended to the establishment and development of new assemblies, ensuring that worshippers had suitable places of worship. She remained steadfast in her beliefs, upholding the tenets of the church and actively participating in its growth.

Madam Fidelia possessed a sharp memory and a keen sense of organization. She remained actively involved in the planning and execution of church programs, ensuring that services were conducted with excellence. She was known for her passion for worship, often stepping in to lead praise sessions when needed.

Even in her later years, when illness prevented her from attending services in person, her dedication to the church never wavered. She continued to contribute her tithes and offerings from the gifts she received from loved ones. Her life was marked by faith, kindness, discipline, and an unwavering love for God and His people. Her legacy of generosity, service, and devotion to God will forever be remembered.

May Her Soul Rest in Perfect Peace.











Dada's Gallery













Appreciation

The family of the late Fidelia Yawa Yaotse Bansah expresses its deepest gratitude to all friends and sympathizers who offered their support, donations, compassion, and prayers during the funeral rites.