





Okyeame Komla  
**GYANI-KOTIA**

Aged:  
**67**



*Burial Memorial & Thanksgiving Service*

*for the late*

*Okyeame Komla*  
**GYANI-KOTIA**



*on*

Friday 12th May 2017, at St. John Mary  
Vianney Catholic Church, Nkonya Wurupong

# Order of Mass

## **PART ONE**

- \* Preparation of the Body
- \* Entrance Hymn
- \* Opening Prayer

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

- \* First reading
- \* Responsorial Psalm
- \* Aleluia verse
- \* Gospel
- \* Prayer of the faithful

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

- \* Offertory collection
- \* Preparation of the offertory Gift
- \* Preface
- \* Sanctus
- \* Kiss of peace
- \* Agnus Dei
- \* Communion
- \* Post communion prayer

## **PART TWO**

- \* Second collection
- \* Biography and Tributes
- \* Announcements
- \* Final commendation
- \* Procession to the cemetery
- \* Blessing of the Grave
- \* Interment
- \* Laying of wreaths
- \* Final blessing
- \* Departure

## Biography of the Late Okyeame Komla **GYANI-KOTIA I**

*"None of us lives for himself. for if we live, we live for the lord and if we die, we die for the Lord, so then wether we die or live, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14: 7 -8)*

The late Okyeame Komla Gyani-Kotia alias Cletus K. Addea was born in 1950 to the late Angbo Yawo Poe the Father and Florentia Adjowa Oboafor the Mother at Nkonya Wurupong and was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church.

He had his Primary and Middle School Education at Nkonya Wurupong between 1956 and 1964. In 1964 August he was sent to Dzelukope by the Catholic Mission to be prepared for the Priesthood vocation. He completed it successfully on 1st July 1965 with a pass in the Middle School leaving Certificate too.

Upon his successful completion he proceeded to Lolobi Kumasi St. Mary Minor Seminary and Secondary School in September 1965. But in early 1967 he was withdrawn from the Minor Seminary and he then decided to be a mechanic and driver. And so in 1968 he was sent to Kpando to learn his chosen skill in mechanics and driving. He successfully completed in 1972. In 1979 he worked as a mechanic and farmer. As a qualified mechanic, he moved around Kpando, Ho and Kumasi.

In 1979 he contested in the Leadership of Volta Region Association of Ghana famers and won as the vice chairman.

In 1981 he was installed as Okyeame of Kpempiewoe by the name Okyame Komla Gyani-Kotia. He without doubt performed his traditional role and responsibilities diligently, very mindful of our weaknesses as human beings, till his death.

He worked as a National Mobilization Officer from 1986 till 2001. And was also employed in 2003 till his death by the N.G.O (GILLTV) Ghana Institute of linguistics, literacy and Bible Translation at Nkonya Office.

Even though Okyeame Komla Kotia was hard working and dedicated traditionalist, his dedication to his Catholic faith was exemplary till his demise on the 27th of march, 2017 at the Worwora Government Hospital after a short illness.

He left behind a son, Sammy k. Addae and three grandchildren;

they are Sandra Addae, Kingsford  
Addea and kingsley Addae.

May he rest in peace!



## **TRIBUTE FROM RAYMOND ADDAE BROTHERS & SISTERS / I.K MINTAH YOUR MATERNAL BROTHER AND YOUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND GRANDCHILDREN**

*"turn to me lord, and be merciful to me, because i am lonely and weak.  
Relieve me of my worries and save me from all my troubles. Consider my  
distress and suffering and forgive all my sins."*

*(Psalm 25: 16-18)*

All through in life, people are thought many things about life and how to live it, but we forget to teach people about the one and only inevitable thing- death. We are of then left wondering how to deal with it, when it comes and especially the means and time it comes, because we will never know.

We never thought that the dawn of morning would break so soon on us, and though we tried to organize our confused thoughts in the form of this tribute, we keep on doubting if it is a dream that we can wake up from.

A week before your departure, some of us were with you on your sick-bed at the hospital, and as usual, you shared a wide range of issues with us, encouraged us to be united always and be careful and patience in life. My brother, at 66 we have not gotten enough of you and wish you were not gone now.

You were a source of inspiration and hope to our young ones. You diligently discharged your duties as brother, an uncle, and to some of us a father and others a grandfather. You were our pillar of strength on which all your nephews and nieces leaned. You served the entire family of the late mahwe, your maternal grandmother with unlimited love. You were always there for us with your advice, our welfare, family issues or placements in life of the young ones.

Okyeame, you have indeed been a blessing to us; and we wish you had many more years to spend with us especially now that your elder brethren are all weak and look feeble, wan and sallow and whose health conditions are deteriorating at alarming rates.

Traditionalist would remember you as Okyeame Komla Kotia, the Okyeame of the Kpempiewoi of Nkonya Wurupong Traditional Area. This is the role you played for almost four decades, since 1981, to their admistration and satisfaction.



Okyeame Addressing the Authority and the German Guests



Okyeame Kotia Gyani & siblings





Child

Grand-Children



Sammy Addae



Sandra Addae



Kingsford Addae



Kingsley Addae



Your former colleagues at the National Mobilization, and the now (GILLVT), that is the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation where you worked to date would remember you of your hard work, respect, competence attention to details and loyalty of staff.

Today here we are around your mortal remains lying cold. We miss you. We are grieving; we are grieving because you served us all well. And we will greatly miss you since none of us thought for a moment that when you were being rushed to the hospital on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 was a farewell message.

Finally, Okyeame Komla Gyani-Kotia I alias cletus K. Addea, your transition is a period of reflection, rebirth, and rethinking. You left a big foot print that we may struggle to fill.

We pray to the Almighty God to grant us the wisdom, grace and understanding to be able to stand the test of time for the challenges. We also pray we can follow in your legacy of giving selflessly your wise counsel, love for tradition, encouragement, fond memories and above all your peace-loving character that will always be cherished and missed.

Nanai Okyeame, Papa, Brother Komla, Uncle, Wofa Cletus and grandfather will forever be remembered by all.

May mother earth lie lightly on you and give you the release you always craved for.

Fare thee well  
Due!!  
Rest in perfect peace!!!

Amen

## **Tribute by Dr. P.K Fordjor and the University of Flensburg group of Germany**

Okyeame Gyani-Kotia's sudden death has come to me and our German Friends as a big shock.

Okyeame Gyani Kotia was a founding member of Nkonyaman Foundation for Educational Development since 2007. For more than a decade now he had been a very reliable colleague and an influential officer of the Chief's Court facilitating the activities of all our German visitors to Wurupong.

In particular, he assisted expertly as Okyeame in coordinating the production in Wurupong of Mo Asumang's film "Roots Germania" in the year 2009.

Furthermore, he contributed immensely towards the implementation of most of the educational programmes of the Nkonyaman Foundation in Wurupong. As the attached pictures would show, Okyeame Kotia was deeply involved in the Wurupong Community and School Programmes of the University of Flensburg Teacher Trainees from the year 2010 to 2014.

Throughout this period, Okyeame Gyani Kotia was the principal spokesperson and medium of communication between the German Group at Osaase Lodge in Wurupong on the one hand, and the Traditional Authority as well as the entire Wurupong Community on the other hand.

He played this role admirably well as would be expected from a highly committed and competent Ghanaian Chief's Linguist.

Okyeame Gyani Kotia would be greatly missed by me and my wife Mrs. Ingrid Lipka-Fordjor. Indeed, on hearing about his demise we received several messages of condolence and photos from his German friends, Dr. Wolf-Ruediger Wagner and his wife Sonja as well as the leaders of the Flensburg Group, Prof Dr. Bea Lundt, Frau Alice Herrmann, Frau Ille Westphal and the entire cohort of the University of Flensburg students, who visited Wurupong from the year 2010 to 2014. May he rest in perfect peace!



## **— Tribute by German Friends, Dr. Wolf-Ruediger and Sonja Wagner. —**

Dear Okyeame Kotia, the news of your sudden death after a short illness has shocked us all. It is now about 25 years ago, when we came to Wurupong for the very first time. At that time we got to know you as member of Mr. and Mrs. Peacock's Bible Translation Group. During all of our various subsequent visits, we could be sure to receive your hearty welcome greetings as soon as we entered the street on the way down to Osaase Lodge.

For us, you were an integral part of Wurupong appearing always radiant with smiles and a very warm and friendly character. Any time we saw you, we felt completely at home in Wurupong.

F  
i

F Even though we usually spent only a short time at Wurupong , we got the impression that you played a very important and active role in the life of the township.

We are extremely sorry that we can no longer ask you questions about the life and culture of the people in Wurupong. Whenever we do come to visit Wurupong again in the future we would certainly be missing a very good friend.

Okyeame,  
may you rest in perfect peace!

## Tribute by Nkonya Language Project

*To every thing there is a 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 pluck up that which is planted; 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;;*  
Ecc: 3:1-4 (KJV)

The late Cletus Addae joined the Nkonya Language project in 2003 to transcribe the Nkonya Translation back to English for our consultants to do their checking and later became a typist of the translated scripts.

Despite his age and position as the Linguist of the Nifahene of Nkonya Wurupong Traditional Area, he was very humble and hard working at the office. He was punctual at duty and very friendly and easy to talk to. It was pleasant to listen to his advice and tales of rich experience.

Okyeame, at work, you were quick to give suggestions on what were to be done next. The staff cherishes the role you played when we had visitors in the office.

the Ghana Linquitics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT) especially Nkonya Language Project pray the good Lord will give you a peacefull rest in the bosom of Abraham.

Nanain Okyeame, Baba yile ogyi fo!  
Nanain, Afoyewie!!  
rest in perfect peace!!!





Okyeame interacting with his German friends

.....Appreciation.....

*the entire family of the late*  
**OKYEAME GYANI-KOTIA I**

*thank you for your thoughtfulness,  
your generosity and support during  
this difficult time.  
it is greatly appreciated*

**GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL  
THANK YOU**

**dIGNITY ART & GRAFIX**

024-251-5812 / 027-934-3947