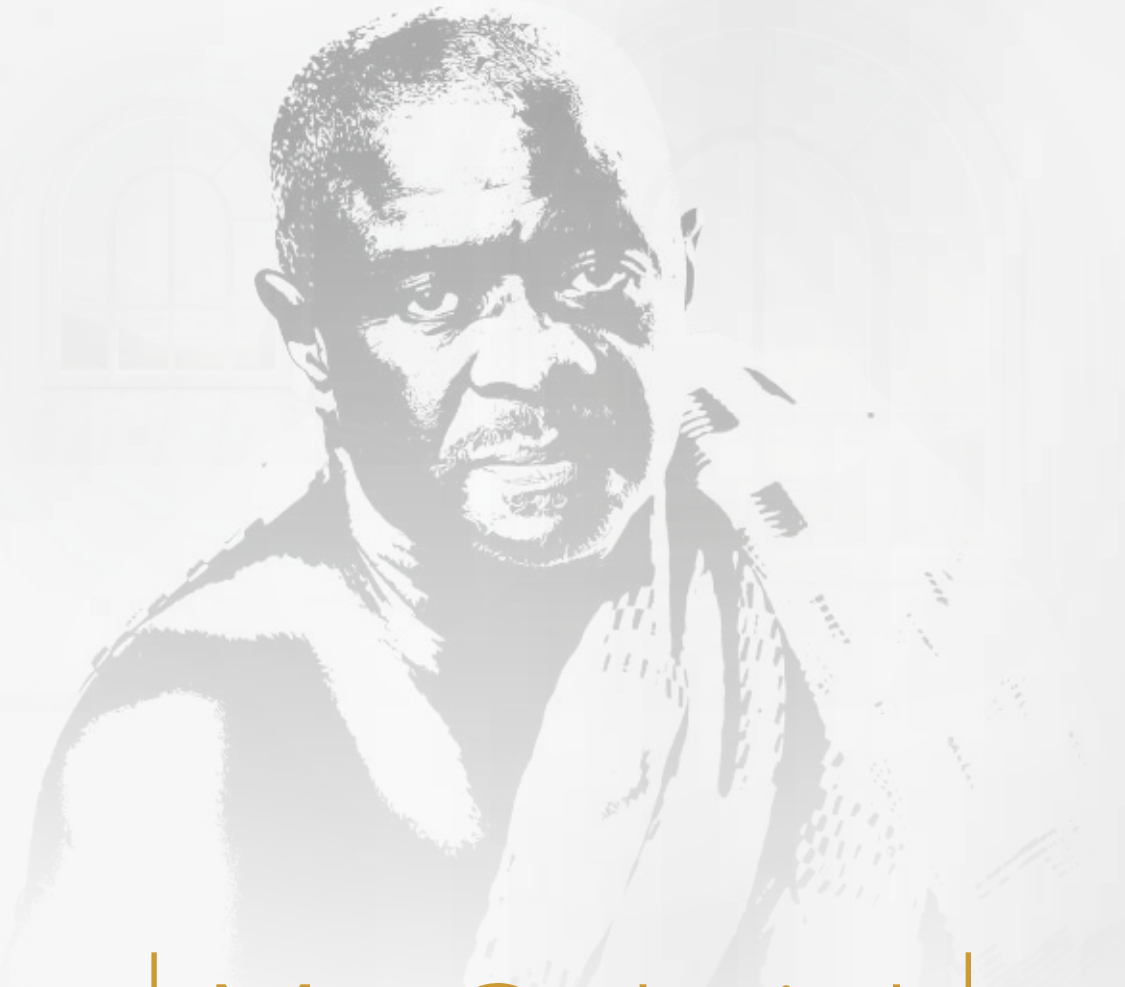


# *The Journey Home...*



Mr. Gabriel  
**HAROLD OPARE**

(A.k.a Chairman 1)

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**On Saturday 16th March, 2024**

@Assemblies of God Car Park, Tema Community 4,

@8:00am – 10:30am

# Order of SERVICE

## OFFICIATING MINISTERS

- Prophet Isaac Anto
- Lady Rev. Esther Pearl Anto
- Senior Rev. James Achampong
- Rev. Joseph Nana Baisel
- Pastor Dr. Nana Kofi Akuako Boamah

## Part One

- Pay last respect
- Open Prayer - Pastor Eric Afful
- Worship and Praise - Mrs. Benedicta Afful
- 1st Scripture Reading - Madam Cecilia Mireku (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- 2nd Scripture Reading - Sister Princilia Afful (John 11:17-27)
- Biography - Family member
- Tribute - Children, Siblings, Church
- 1st Offering - Sister Belinda
- Song ministration - Vessels Unto Honour
- Sermon
- Altar call
- 2nd Offering - Sister Belinda
- Prayer for the family
- Song ministration
- Announcement - Family P.R.O
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction

## Part One - At the Grave side

- Songs - We are marching to Zion
- Prayer
- Word Exhortation
- Song - It's well with our soul
- Interment
- Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

- Prayer of Committal
- Pronouncement
- Laying of wreaths
- Vote of thanks - Family member
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction



A portrait of Mr. Gabriel Harold Opare, a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a blue polo shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. His hands are clasped in front of him. The background is dark.

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MR. GABRIEL HAROLD OPARE

(A.K.A CHAIRMAN 1)

1963 - 2024

*The Lord has given, the Lord has taken. Glory be to the name of the Lord." Job 1:21*

**M**r. Gabriel Harold Opare (Kwame Opare), was born on Saturday, 14th September 1963, to Mr. Herbert Ernest Opare and Mrs. Comfort Opare (all of blessed memories). He was the 9th born of twelve children. His parents worked very hard to provide for all the children. Gabriel and his family lived in North Suntreso in Kumasi. He started primary school at Anglican School in Tanoso.

He then went to Kumasi Anglican Secondary School (KASS). He was a science student. Even though he was a science student he was very good at English and he was the dining hall prefect and a very brilliant student. He completed his secondary in 1982 where he gain his O level certificate.

He later moved to Tema with his mother and siblings in 1982.

## WORKING LIFE

After completing secondary school, "Chairman 1," as Mr. Opare was affectionately called, was employed with Ghana Ports and Harbour Authority (GPHA) as follows:

1. Employed as Office Account Clerk at the WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
2. Later transferred to the SECURITY DEPARTMENT as Senior Clerk.
3. He then took a voluntary early retirement in 2002.

Later he started his own business.

## FAMILY LIFE

Gabriel was blessed with amazing children Veronica, Comfort, Ernest, Evelyn, Rosepearl, Festus, and Derrick. He was very fond of his children, and his wish for them was to grow up to become bold and confident children.

Gabriel brightened the corner wherever he was in the family. His home was everyone's home. He instilled in his younger ones the fear of God, the act of giving, the essence of education and being self-sufficient, and above all, how to have a personal relationship with Christ. He had a very good relationship with the entire family both young and old.



### RELIGIOUS LIFE

His Christian life was excellent. Gabriel's Christian life began in the Assemblies of God Church along with his mother and siblings. He was a great support system when it comes to mission and evangelism. He later joined Victory Bible Church of Ghana (Tema Community 8) where he enrolled in Bible school and was honoured as the best student.

He finally became a very devoted member of the Conquerors Chapel International, Tema branch where he fellowshiped for about 20 years. His true devotion and impact were greatly felt by all who encountered him. Gabriel was selfless, a realist, a mentor, a motivator, and a great and solid pillar to lean on.

### SOCIAL LIFE

Kwame was a sports enthusiast. He was a number one fan of the Asante Kotoko (WO KUM APEM A APEM BEBA) who can reject his favorite fufu and soup when scored. Gabriel was a very jovial person. Everyone who came in contact with him was always happy.

### LAST DAYS

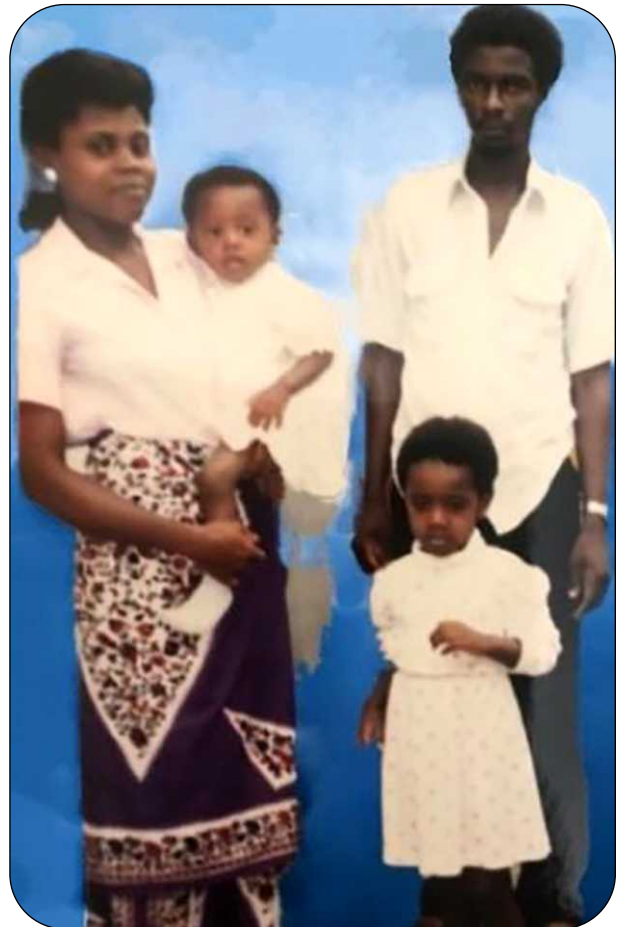
Mr. Opare who battle with recurring illness, unfortunately couldn't make it when death laid its icy hands on him that fateful day, January 31st 2024. He was survived by seven children and fourteen grandchildren. If nothing can escape God and He approved his death, then who are we to question God? God be with you till we meet again.

**WE PRAY THAT HIS GENTLE SOUL  
WILL REST IN PERFECT PEACE.**

**GABRIEL, DAYIE**



# PICTURE GALLERY





# TRIBUTE

## BY SIBLINGS

### TO OUR BELOVED KWAME

God makes all of His children special and unique.

Kwame was exceptional!

Everyone knew Kwame as a man of God.

He was very thoughtful and a sweet and kind person at heart.

He always smiled and greeted everyone he met and always offered a helping hand.

Kwame was a loyal brother, father, and friend and was dedicated to any person he met.

He was a friendly person, had a great sense of humor, and he made people feel welcome.

He talked to and joked with everyone and was always willing to share what he had with others.

Brother Kwame, I remember that when anyone approached you from anywhere, you helped them.

He was influential at his job at the Tema Harbour. He introduced people who needed assistance to officials at his job.

He was very open in giving candid, honest, and jovial expressions.

I call my brother Angel Gabriel. His hobby was football.

He didn't need any invitation when visiting and when he showed up, he was always welcomed.

Kwame spent most of his time assisting in his church.

Kwame had sincere and great love for our family. He compelled us to stay in love and unity, respect each other, and he encouraged togetherness, thus helping to continue the legacy of our parents.

He emphasized that our parents were instrumental in setting the stage for our family's foundation. He always said, "listen to your inner voice and work in God's blessings."





He had one philosophy in life: You can make a difference by helping to

put a smile on someone's face.

Personally, I saw him as a great, well-skilled, and talented man who was also a friend.

He was an endearing father to his children.

My loving brother had a good heart.

He was affectionate and dedicated.

He was open and joked with everyone he met.

He was also a good helper.

Kwame will truly be missed.

We loved him and will miss him dearly.

Your memory lives inside us and will never be forgotten.

May his soul  
rest in perfect  
*Peace*

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# TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

TO OUR DEAR DAD - MR. GARBIEL HAROLD OPARE

It is with heavy hearts and deep sorrows that we pay tribute on this day to our dearest dad. Today, we finally summoned the courage to overcome the mind riddling and sad event that occurred on Wednesday the 31st January, 2024. Your departure sent shocks that have shaken our very foundation. Indeed, the sorrows of losing a father is to the extreme and an emotionally severe one.

Our heart bleeds each time we remember you are gone. We are writing this tribute with tear filled eyes and a heavy heart. We cannot comprehend that you are gone but the Lord comforts us daily with thoughts of the life you have lived, a life worthy of emulation. We miss that Twinkie in your eye.

You brought so much joy into our lives and left memories too precious to be erased.  
The times we shared and the laughs we had are things we miss when we think of you  
Realizing that's all we hold on to,  
Only memories of what once was you  
Hmmmm dad  
Many memories in our minds some we laugh ,some we cry  
You're dearly loved and dearly missed

You'll live forever in our memories

We miss your morning calls  
We miss you calling to say don't you have any coins today  
Your constant birthday messages especially when we were young you would make sure the radio station will wish us happy birthday.

We will surely miss you calling us "my beautiful daughters and handsome sons" anytime you called any of us. Dada, we call ourselves blessed for being your children. You were our best friend, our confidant and all that is in the world to us. You were a precious gift from God, so much grace, love, and kindness you possessed. You touched our hearts and many others in so diverse ways. Even on your dark days, your strength and smile made us realise we had an angel beside us. We fervently pray that all you've prayed for us during your lifetime continue to follow us .

Words will fail us to express how much we missed you. We feel an empty void very difficult to fill up, because we have no one to send us pictures of you to admire. You did that with passion. You were more exuberant in your determined optimism.



That was how close we were. Dad you have brought so much pain into our hearts.

Dada, who will we call when we want to talk to someone?

Who will send us messages and check up on us?

Who will comfort us in difficult situations?

You are unforgettable

We believe above all things that you are in the Lords bosom and we only ask for you to watch over your family.

We can't finish this without appreciating all those who stood with us at the time of our grief No doubt, your presence here, your outpoured prayers, and consolations is overwhelming, calming, and encouraging. We really can't thank you enough, but we pray to the Almighty God to reward you abundantly.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN OUR HANDSOME DADDY. WE LOVE YOU.

*Rest  
in  
Peace*



# CHILDREN



Veronica



Comfort



Ernest



Evelyn



Rosepearl

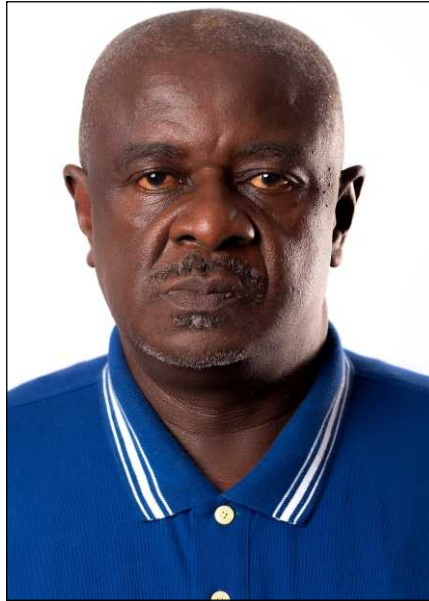


Festus



Derrick











# TRIBUTE BY GRANDCHILDREN

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and anyone who lives and believes in me shall not die'  
" John 11:25-26*

**G**randpa's gone to heaven. One quiet day the angels came and took our grandpa away. But in the stillness of the day " we could hear him say, Dear grandchildren I will miss you. You mean so much to me. But Jesus called me to his side in heaven. We are so sad that our grandpa is gone.

We wish heaven had a phone so we could hear your voice for the last time. We have a guardian angel in heaven. We will always remember you grandpa because there will never be another one to replace you in our hearts . We will always love you



Reindolf



Oakes Meron



Marybetty



Arianna



Jedidiah



Darion



Arella



Colette



Marilyn



Kimathi



Chana



Aricela



Dionne



Arlane

# TRIBUTE

## FROM NIECES AND NEPHEWS

Today, We are here as Family, as Friends and Loved ones to give you a proper good bye, but one thing for sure is that your name and most especially the kind of person you were to all of us will never leave us.

A person with a great sense of humor and a big heart to accommodate every single person he comes across with has left us and today we are here to part ways with you here on earth but not from our hearts.

Mr Opare, as we all call you, your nieces and nephews are here today asking just one question, and the question is, who will go with us to the very length you would have gone should the need arise for you to do what you do best, being there for everyone regardless of the time and hour and not thinking of how inconvenient it might be to you.

Even in your lowest moment, you always had a way of lifting others from what ever situation or state they find themselves in, and that is something we aren't sure how we going to replace.

Odikro, we (nieces and nephews) would always love you and remember you not because we are family but for the fact that your presence is always felt anytime you were around.

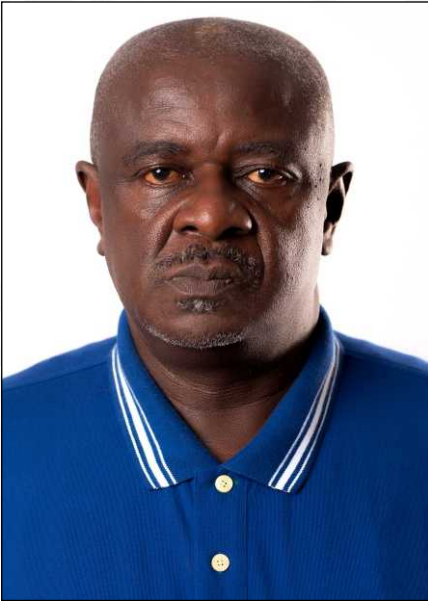
It is our greatest prayer that the Good Lord will find you a better and befitting place to rest, as a Father, a Friend and an Advisor to us always we say your good teachings and words will forever be with us.

We love you and will always do, May you find peace as you journey to meet your maker.

**Rest in Peace Uncle.**









# TRIBUTE

## BY IN-LAWS

It is always very sad to lose a dear one, especially our In-laws. It leaves us empty for a long time thinking and mourning. That is why we have this article titled: "Tributes to Late in-laws"

Daddy, you have a place in our heart that no one can ever fill. Our heart was pricked with pains tears and shock on that fateful afternoon, Wednesday 31st January 2024. Your sudden death has created a space that no one can replace. An important father-in-law we had, our efficient soldier, our gist mate who never grew old. You were essential to our heart and knew how to handle issues and challenges no matter how rigid they may be.

A man of peace and an impartial hero. You made us understand that the only way you can succeed is to be committed to your responsibilities as humans. Your smile and laughter were infectious, and they will continue to bring joy to our hearts. You were a father-in-law who treated us like your own. We are forever grateful for your love. Your kindness and warmth made us feel truly blessed to have you as our father-in-law.

Although you have gone to your eternal home, we are sure that you are still watching us. We will live in a way that honours your love and the legacy you left behind.

Rest forever in God's bosom our efficient peace maker



Mr. Hicks Acheampong



Mr. Ernest Ampah



Mrs. Barbara Cole



Mrs. Miranda Cole



Mrs. Christiana Afriyie



# TRIBUTE BY FRIENDS

It is with a heavy heart and deep sorrow that we pay this solemn tribute to our late brother, Gabriel Harold Opare.

He was a remarkable, handsome, intelligent and sociable young man who never joked with his studies. While in school, He was a science student and a very good English student during our time. He was a dining hall Prefect who normally said, "hey no food is going out". He was active in various extracurricular activities especially sports. He had passion for table tennis. He was affectionately called Toscano during school days.

After 1982, we all dispersed on completion to pursue different paths in life but he still kept in touch with most of us. The enthusiasm and good vibe he brought whenever we had an interaction was outstanding. He was an affable person with a great personality.

Last year November our brother Prince Boateng who reside in Kumasi spent a week with him here in Tema. During his stay with him we had a lot of phone conversation and little did we know that was the last time we were hearing his voice and seeing him, and taking pictures with anyone of us.

We were therefore very saddened when on the 31st of January 2024, we were hit with the news of his sudden demise. The pain and shock we went through that day cannot be expressed in words. Even now, it's still very difficult to wrap our heads around the fact that he is no longer with us in the physical. The school group will never be the same without him. He bound us in innumerable ways.

Gabriel, you will always be in our hearts and we will never forget the days we spent together as mates and our eventual transition into friends and then family.

May you rest peacefully in the bosom of our Lord till we all meet again on the resurrection day.

**Gabriel Nante Yie.**



# TRIBUTE TO

## MR. GABRIEL HAROLD OPARE BY CONQUERORS CHAPEL INT. TEMA BRANCH

**I**n a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.  
1 Corinthians 15:52,58

Chairman Wontumi is what we affectionately used to call Mr. Gabriel Harold Opare. He was one of the founding members of Conquerors Chapel International Tema branch. Most of the colleagues he started with went out of the church but he stayed and remained faithful and loyal to the church till his death. Thus, we made him "church father" and he was proud of that position.

Mr. Opare was the first person to come to church and last person to leave after church service on Sundays and even week days. In fact, he was always in church whether there's a service or not. He was a church guy. He made our church services lively and lovely with comments and questions during preaching.

Mr. Gabriel Opare was one of our faithful tithers even when he wasn't working. Our number one soul winner. No one beat him when it comes to soul winning. Mr. Opare was a cheerful giver. He is down to all, both the old and the young and loved by all. Oh, such a wonderful and lovely soul. Indeed, there's a time for everything including death.

We were aware of the on and off health challenges he was passing through. We always prayed for him and with him. We ensured he had healthy health advice and financial support from the church.

Mr. Opare was in church on Sunday 28th January and as usual, he made the service lively and lovely though, he complained about his health to us and we prayed with him and supported him financially.

When we heard that he was dead on the Wednesday, 31st January, it was a heartbreak and a shock to us because some of us spoke to him on the Monday and Tuesday. Death is a mystery indeed. Today you are alive, tomorrow you are dead. We never saw it coming. We asked ourselves questions upon questions but we had no answers to them.

But the Lord knows what is best for us. The Lord knows what we do not know and sees what we do not see but as believers, we know that death is a blessing to us. Our endless joy is that he worked for Christ and died in Christ.

We miss your presence Sir. We miss you and everything about you. You are a good man. We shall forever remember you and your contributions towards the progress of the church. We are certain that our path shall cross again.

We know that you are resting perfectly in the bosom of our Lord Jesus. Your labour shall never be in vain, chairman 1.

**Rest In Perfect Peace Sir.  
Fair well thee.**



# HYMNS



## WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

When peace like a river attendeth my  
way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to  
say  
It is well, it is well with my soul  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless  
estate  
My sin, not in pain but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
more

### Refrain

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is  
well with my soul.

Though satan should buffet, though trials  
should come

And hath His own blood for my soul  
My sin oh bliss at this glorious thought  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my  
soul

For me, be Christ, be it Christ hence to  
live

## GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah (Redeemer)  
Pilgrim through this barren land, I am weak,  
but Thou are mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of heaven feed me till  
I want no more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream shall flow,  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar Lead me all my  
journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

Lord I trust Thy mighty power, wondrous are  
Thy works of old  
Thou delivers Thine from thralldom  
who for naught themselves had sold:  
Thou didst conquer, Thou didst  
conquer sin and satan and the grave, sin and  
satan and the grave?

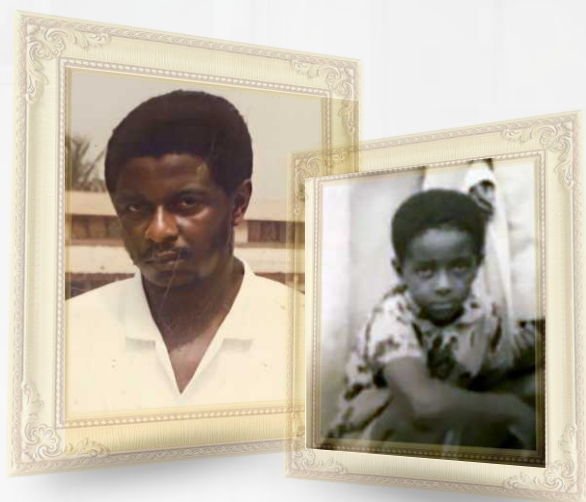
When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside, Death of deaths  
and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever  
give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.



*I've learned that people will forget  
what you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made  
them feel...*

The Peace  
Of God I  
Leave  
With You  
All...

GABRIEL  
OPARE



# *Appreciation*

The entire family of the late  
**GABRIEL HAROLD OPARE**  
wish to express their  
profound gratitude to you, our friends  
and all sympathisers who through prayers  
and support mourned with us during the period  
of bereavement.



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