

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Benjamin Seth Nii Adjei Akrong*

*February 23, 1953 - October 15, 2014*



Saturday, October 25, 2014 - 10:00 AM

**Ledford Funeral Home**

929 S. Clinton Avenue  
Trenton, New Jersey 08611

# *Life's Reflections*

## *Benjamin Seth Nii Adjei Akrong "Father"*

Benjamin Seth Nii Adjei Akrong was born on February 23, 1953 in La, Accra, Ghana, son of the late Florence Odorkor Akrong and Joseph Marley Charway Sowah. Benjamin was educated in Ghana. He attended the Presbyterian Primary school, Presbyterian Boys Boarding School and Presbyterian Secondary (High School).

Following high school, Benjamin was accepted into The Ghana Broadcasting Corporation's Scenery Department as an apprentice in scenery painting and decorating. As a skillful and talented wood carver, Benjamin became employed as a puppet Designer Technician for The Ghana Broadcasting Corporation. As a result Benjamin was inspired to travel abroad to study sculpture.

In 1982, Benjamin traveled to the United States and enrolled in the Johnson Atelier Technical Institute Sculpture's four year program. In furthering his education, Benjamin received a BFA in sculpture from Lycoming College and continued his studies at Rutgers University where he was awarded a Fellowship Grant to study at Princeton in the Princeton- Rutgers exchange Program. Benjamin went on to receive a Masters of Fine Arts from Rutgers University in 1992.

The influence of African Art in the circle of life combined with studies of Western Art was an important inspiration and focus point for Benjamin's creativity. In addition to a variety of freelance projects, Benjamin contributed to Elizabeth City State University's Assistant professor Program. Benjamin also undertook a composition titled "Homage in Bronze". This was a tribute and homage to his family, the traditional royal Family Kowe of La, Accra, Ghana and the culture over which it presided.

Benjamin's overall accomplishments included sharing, exchanging and communicating through teachings and creating various compositions.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Odokor Akrong; Father, Joseph Marley Charway Sowah; Grandfather, Benjamin Seth Adjei Akrong, Grandmother Victoria Odoley Akrong; Aunt, Eugenia Sackeyfio; The Rev. Dr. Abraham Akrong.

Benjamin's memory will be cherished and forever remembered by his loving daughter, Moriah Naa Odoley Boyd Akrong and her mother Delores Boyd Akrong of Princeton NJ; (stepsons) Reginald Wright Jr. and Richard Wright (Rachel) NJ; Sister in law, Frances Ferguson (Glenn) NJ; a sister, Edith Charway (MD); Dr. and Mrs. Okpoti Sowah (NY), Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Akrong and family (VA), Comfort Akrong (Ghana), Emma Akrong (Ghana), Marjorie Akrong (MD), Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Kotei and family (DE), David Sowah (NJ), Nii Odoi Kwabla (VA), Godfried Odoi (NC), Steve Laryea (MD), Mr. and Mrs. Oko Odoi (VA), Mr. and Mrs. Ashitei Amarh (NJ), Mr. and Mrs. Sowah Patterson (VA), Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gyampo (NJ), Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gyampo (RI), Edward Vanderpuije (NJ), Nii Odei Appiah (IL), Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Tagoe (NY); The Akrong and Charway Family of La, Accra, Ghana; Special Friends John Anagbo and family, Francois Guillemin and family, James Howell; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Benjamin will surely be missed by all who knew him.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Linda McGowan

Liturgical Dance ..... Christina Lloyd

Scripture Readings ..... Ashante Thompson

Acknowledgements ..... Dana Hughes Moorhead

Family Tribute

Life Reflections

Liturgical Dance ..... Tori Julious

Eulogy ..... Rev. Wayne Griffith

Recessional

## **Interment**

Colonial Memorial Park  
Hamilton, New Jersey

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgements*

We the family of **Benjamin Seth Nii Adjei Akrong** acknowledge with deep appreciation the many acts and words of kindness expressed during our time of bereavement.

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