

# IN LOVING Memory



**AKWASI ANIN BARIMAH  
"CASSIDY"**

**DECEMBER 11, 1960 - NOVEMBER 05, 2021**

*Psalm 4:8 In peace I will lie down & sleep, for you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

**130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey**

***Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating***

## *Obituary*

For his family he was simply Akwasi or Anin.  
But for most of his friends fondly called him CASSIDY.

Before he emigrated to the United States in the mid-1980s, he earned another nickname, ODIFUO [Prophet in English], because he had left the Catholic faith of his upbringing to become a vehement born-again Christian in a Pentecostal Assembly.

The second of four children (one girl and three boys) of Opanin Yaw Barima and Maame Abena Nyarko, both of blessed memory, Akwasi was born on December 11th, 1960.

Born and raised in Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city, Akwasi started school at Kumasi's St Joseph's Boys' School, continued at Kumasi Technical Institute and then at the city's Workers' College before enrolling at Kumasi Polytechnic for his tertiary education.

Education came with job and job security. For years, Cassidy was a staff at Kumasi City Council [today Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly]. But the attraction to travel to United States was almost like a fashion when Akwasi came of age.

Many young folks particularly newly-minted high school graduates had their sights on United States. Applying to American colleges was the order of the day. This endeavor was widely known as KOMSO and proved a lifeline to the United States for a lot of young men.

Thanks to his credentials and efforts, Akwasi became a beneficiary of KOMSO and in 1986 arrived in the United States. Life as first-generation immigrants is always quite challenging but Cassidy was not overwhelmed.

He was into all sorts of odd jobs in the early years doing most jobs which came his way. But luck smiled at him at some point.

He got a job at Kodak Company, the camera and photo printing giant. He was first stationed in Virginia and later moved to New Jersey.

But over the past 20 years, he had left Kodak to work for a private Housing Security Company in Jersey City near New York City. It was during his time at this company that he suffered a debilitating disease which mainly confined him at home.

Cassidy had been unwell for over 10 years. Some including several of his friends and his own family had not been that hopeful when his malady was initially diagnosed.

But Akwasi was a great fighter! He survived against overwhelming odds. He had been kept going by his unflappable and kind-hearted nature. Yes, Cassidy wasn't a person to be perturbed easily. And he was companionable, and generous both to family and friends.

Death robbed our family and community of a good person on that November day – Friday, November 5, 2021.

But we are dutiful family and community of Christians who believe that our lives and that of brother, uncle, cousin and friend – Akwasi - will intersect again - in God's Kingdom.

Da yie, Akwasi.  
Damrifa due, Aninbarimah.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection  
Emory Lee

Scripture Reading - Rev. Edward Allen  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort  
Rev. Edward Allen

Selection  
Emory Lee

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements - Jospheine Opong-Owusu

Obituary - Asuma Barima

Special Remarks- Dr. Bj Opong-Owusu

Selection  
Emory Lee

Eulogy  
Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

*Interment*  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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