



CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF THE LATE

Elder **JOSEPH ADDO**
BULLEY

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C E L E B R A T I O N O F L I F E
of the late

ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY
(AGED 87YEARS)

At the Labone Seventh-day Adventist Church La, Accra
On Sunday, March 19, 2023
At 9:00am

Officiating Ministers

Pr. (Prof) Robert Osei-Bonsu – *President, West-Central Africa Division, Abidjan*
Pr. Pastor (Dr.) Thomas T. Ocran – *President, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Pr. (Dr.) Chris Annan-Nunoo – *Executive Secretary, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Professor William K. Koomson – *Vice Chancellor, Valley View University*
Pr. (Dr.) Paul A. Sampah – *Director, Stewardship Ministries, West-Central Africa Division, Abidjan*
Pr. (Dr.) Alfred Asiem – *Director, Youth Ministries, West-Central Africa Division, Abidjan*
Pr. (Dr.) Solomon O.T Hammond – *President, Accra City Conference*
Pr. Emmanuel D. Poakwa - *President, Meridian Ghana Conference*
Pr. (Dr.) Nii Lante Thompson – *Ministerial Secretary, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Pr. (Prof) Jacob J. Nortey- *Retired Minister, Former President Africa Indian Ocean Division, Abidjan*
Pr. (Prof) Daniel Opoku-Boateng – *Retired Minister, West-Central Africa Division, Abidjan*
Pr. (Dr.) S.A Larmie – *Retired Minister, Former President, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Pr. (Dr.) Emmanuel O. Abbey – *Retired Minister, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Pr. Ambrose K. Waahu - *Retired Minister, Southern Ghana Union Conference*
Pr. Isaac N. Dowuona – *Retired Lecturer, Valley View University*
Pr. Alexander Y.A Briandt-Coker - *Retired Lecturer, Valley View University*
Pr. Nicholas A. Nai – *Retired Minister, Accra City Conference*
Pr. Samuel E. Thompson – *Church Pastor, Labone SDA Church*
Pr. Isaac Akwafo Amess – *Church Pastor, Hansen Road SDA Church*
Elder Clifford Tetteh Abbey – *Head Elder, Hansen Road District*

Program Coordinators:

Pastors Nicholas A. Nai, Isaac N. Dowuona, Samuel Emmanuel Thompson, Isaac Akwafo Amess

Music:

Hansen Road SDA Church Choir
Valley View University Choir
Kings Ambassadors
The Statesmen

Organists:

Samuel Twerefour



ORDER OF SERVICE

PART 1: PRE-BURIAL SERVICE (6:30 am- 8:30 am)

1. Hymn :SDAH 103 - Pastor Nicholas A. Nai
2. Prayer :Pastor E.D. Poakwa
3. Hymns and Filing Past, Tributes, etc.
4. Hymn :SDAH 534
5. Prayer :Pastor A.K. Waahu
6. Closing of Casket

PART 2: BURIAL SERVICE (9:00 am- 11:30 am)

1. The Processional :NAH 529
2. Sentences from Scripture :Pastor S.E. Thompson
3. Declaration of Purpose
4. Hymn :NAH 570 - Pastor Isaac Akwafo Amess
5. Prayer :Pastor (Dr.) T.T Ocran
6. Musical Selection :Hansen Road SDA Church Choir
7. Biographical Sketch :Family Representative
8. Hymn :MHB 511
9. Tributes :Pastor (Dr.) Chris Annan-Nunoo
Hansen Road SDA Church
Accra City Conference
Valley View University
Grandchildren
Children
Widow
10. Prayer for the Bereaved Family :Pastor (Dr.) S.O.T. Hammond
11. Musical Selection :Valley View University Choir
12. Scripture Reading :Professor William K. Koomson
:Mrs. Rosemond Attoh
13. Hymn :SDAH 420
14. Sermon :Pastor (Dr.) S.A. Larmie
15. Love Offering :Pastor (Dr.) Paul Adu Sampah
16. Recognitions and Announcements :Pastor (Dr.) N.L. Thompson
17. Hymn :SDAH 50
18. Dead March in "Saul"
19. Benediction :Pastor (Prof.) Robert Osei-Bonsu
20. The Recessional :SDAH 530

PART 3: COMMITTAL SERVICE (AT THE GRAVESIDE)

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| 1. Sentences from Scripture | :Pastor Isaac Akwafo Amess |
| 2. Hymn | :SDAH 300 |
| 3. Prayer | :Pastor A.Y.A Briandt-Coker |
| 4. Song/ Hymn | :Peniel SDA Church Choir |
| 5. Committal | :Pastor (Prof) Daniel Opoku-Boateng |
| 6. Laying of wreaths | :Elder Clifford Tetteh Abbey |
| 7. Vote of Thanks | :Family Representative |
| 8. Hymn | :SDAH 65 |
| 9. Benediction | :Pastor (Prof) Daniel Opoku-Boateng |





Biography Sketch

OF THE LATE ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY

*"For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under Heaven: a time to be born and a time to die." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2)
Then the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Samuel 3:38)*

Today we are all assembled here to celebrate the life of a man we were privileged to call our elder, father, grandfather, brother, friend, fellow Christian, and Adventist.

BIRTH AND PARENTAGE

Joseph Addo Bulley was born on Saturday 3rd of October 1936 in Accra, Ghana to Emmanuel Addotey Bulley of James Town British Accra, and Comfort Ayele Ayreequaye of Asere Royal family both of blessed memory. He was the seventh (7) child of ten (10) brothers and sisters.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

He started his education in January 1943 at Government Junior Boys' School, now called King Tackie Basic School Adabraka, Accra near Farisco. In 1947 still, at the Primary level he moved to All Saints Primary School and then later to Accra United School where he completed his Primary School education in December 1949. In January 1950 J.A. Bulley started his Middle School education at Korle Gonno Royal School and completed it in 1954 obtaining the Middle School Leaving Certificate.

Being a person more endowed with psychomotor skills and keenly interested in learning the Electrical trade he entered into an apprenticeship at Emmanuel Armah

Tagoe (E. AT) Electrical Works, Accra in 1955. At that time Mr. Emmanuel Armah Tagoe was the president of the Electrical Contractors Association as well as the leading Electrical Contractor in the whole country. As an enterprising and purposeful Electrical Trade apprentice, he sat and passed the Electrical Contractors License Examinations during his apprenticeship period which lasted four years. At that time this was no mean achievement because even full electrical contractors found it very difficult to pass the license examinations.

CAREER AND WORKING LIFE

Young Joseph Addo Bulley entered the world of work in early 1960 having completed his apprenticeship program. To gain experience and have total confidence he decided to work with his master for a year. On leaving his master one of the first electrical works he undertook was acting as a foreman for the electrical works during the construction of the Black Star Square (Independence Square). Another was once again acting as the foreman for the electrical works during the construction of the Atomic Energy Commission buildings at Haatso in Accra. Having acted as a foreman for a company for one year he decided to chart a new path as an Electrical Contractor by forming his own company JAB's Electricals.

As a budding electrical contractor, his first job was electrical works at the Takoradi Port. This was followed by jobs at Half Assini, Ashanti Shoe Factory, Metro Industries, and Liberty Press to name but a few. Due to his industry and by dint of hard work, he was able to secure Signs and Billboard construction and maintenance contracts from reputable companies including Pioneer Tobacco Company, Accra Brewery Company, and Unilever Company's Frytol. This entailed the construction and maintenance of various signs and billboards throughout Ghana. In executing these contacts, he was the first to introduce the Hanging Illuminated Sign Board technology in Ghana.

Many served and trained as an apprentice under Mr. Bulley's electrical and Construction Company. Most of those he trained have flourished and excelled in their profession as electricians and electrical contractors.

In addition to these, as an ardent Christian, he undertook electrical works for the S. D.A. Church and its related agencies. They include Valley View University, Advent Press, the then West African Union Mission (WAUM) now Southern Ghana Union Conference, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), South Ghana Conference now Accra City Conference, Hansen Road SDA Church, Tema Community Six SDA Church, Labone SDA Church, and School just to mention but a few.

Over the years, Elder J. A. Bulley evolved into a faithful building contractor for both the circular world and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The following are some of the SDA buildings which were constructed by him.

1. The Hansen Road SDA Church building Extension in 1983.
2. Labone SDA School Complex
3. Dromo SDA Church building at

Sesame.

4. Madina SDA School and Church land acquisition – and the building of the first wooden structure.
5. Advent Press Living Quarters annex.
6. West African Union Mission (WAUM) Living Quarters annex.
7. Adventist World Radio Recording Studio.
8. Valley View University Building third phase.
9. Hansen Road magnificent church building.
10. Nungua South SDA Church - wooden structure for the beginning of the church in the year 1977

With his rich technical and construction expertise as well as experience J. A. Bulley played a major role in the acquisition of the then South Ghana Mission office at Circle where the New Life SDA Church is currently located as well as the land where the Accra City Conference Headquarters building is situated at Dansoman, Asoredaho. Besides these, he played a pivotal role in the beginning and development of the High Street Church now Ga Mashie church, and other churches in Accra.

Apart from putting his rich experience and expertise at the disposal of the Church, when the then South Ghana Mission was in dire need of a place to start the Adventist Missionary College (AMC) in Accra in 1983, Elder J. A. Bulley willingly gave out his parcels of land and houses located at Adentan to the church for use as an Adventist Seminary. No wonder the junction leading to his Adentan premises has been named SDA junction.

In recognition of his selfless and invaluable contribution to the development of Valley View University (VUU) as a pioneer, in 1997 the Administration Block of the University was named after him J. A. Bulley Block.

FAMILY LIFE

In the year 1969, he got married to Mary Odarley Morton now Mrs. Mary Bulley. Their union was blessed with five children, four males and one female namely; Azariah Addotey Bulley, Shadrach Addotei Bulley, Patience Kaarina Addoley Bulley, Emmanuel Meshack Addoquaye Bulley, and Daniel Saka Bulley. In addition to his children, he raised many other larger family children including Mark Opere Tawiah Sampson, Naomi Addokailey Bulley, and Rosemond Bulley. He had a deep love for little children as a result he always made it a point to be close to his 13 grandchildren. In furtherance of this love for children, he provided support for the basic needs of other grandchildren of his larger family.

Elder J. A Bulley loved his family very much and cherished family life. He was loving and caring, a peacemaker, a great counselor, a family builder, forgiving, sharing the little he had with others, a faithful friend, dad, uncle, and granddad who was full of wisdom. During his lifetime never did we see or hear him having a quarrel or an argument with someone. His core values were Integrity, charity, service to others, discipline, and above all excellence. He was a great unifier for both his nuclear and extended family.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Elder Bulley came from a Methodist background. Nevertheless, he sometimes fellowshiped with the Presbyterian Church through his mother. Later a cousin told him about an evangelistic series in Accra called “The Bible Speaks”. The series, held by an American Seventh-day Adventist Evangelist, E.E Cleveland, changed his life. He understood the new truths about the Bible and found new meaning in his walk with

Christ. He chose to give his heart to God anew and was baptized on 6th June 1959 at the Hansen Road SDA Church by Pastor C.D Henri at the age of 23. Since then, he worshipped with the Hansen Road SDA Church, and served mostly in the Deaconry and, family ministry departments. Since 1971 he has also been an elder of the Church.

In 1961, the Accra SDA church became full and congested. The need urgently, therefore, arose for a second church. Plans were quickly made. Church members were divided into bands under 8 leaders to solicit funds for the establishment of the Labone SDA church. J. A Bulley was part of the 8 band leaders and the youngest among them. Elder Bulley served his God, the church, and humanity as faithfully as he could.

As a selfless man, he lived a trustworthy life. His motto “Not I, but Christ” is truly reflected in his lifestyle. Indeed, no trace of arrogance, self-praise, or self-centeredness could be found in his life.

Due to his dedicated life of service to God and the church, he had the opportunity to attend the 1985 General Conference session in New Orleans in the United State of America USA at the invitation of the late and former General Conference President Neal C. Wilson.

Again, in the year 2000 he had the opportunity to attend the camp meeting of the Ghanaian Churches in Europe precisely Holland where he was awarded for his good works.

SOCIAL LIFE

Apart from his industry in the Electrical contracting field Joseph A. Bulley was a consummate philanthropist whose works of charity were underpinned by his strong Adventist beliefs. His social life touched many people. He was a man of the people who extended his arms in welcoming guests he did not know. Not I, But Christ reflected in his social life as he had a great passion for offering assistance to those in need. He never celebrated his birthdays with his family alone but also always with the needy. His visits to the Weija Leprosarium are a typical example. In the community in which he lived at Madina, he built a strong cordial relationship between his home, family, and the larger community. His real name even disappeared in certain quarters: and Not I but Christ was the name used to identify him. The inscription on the frontage of his house was and has been till today: "NOT I BUT CHRIST".

Indeed, Elder Bulley lived and worked to fulfill the quotation in Colossians 3:23 *"Whatever your task, work heartedly as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance of the reward."*

His health has been failing in the last few years, and on Monday 23rd January 2023, he died peacefully.

A great family Oak tree has indeed fallen. The family and the Church have lost the best – who can replace him? Except for God.

Now to sum up the whole life story of the man Joseph Addo Bulley, we would say he: A humble family man and a good Christian who exhibited practical Christianity and whose life and works touched many lives both home as well as abroad no more.

Fellow Christians and friends, this is the man whose mortal remains are before us now. 87 good years on earth with excessive joy, thanksgiving, and praise to God Almighty. Let that be our memorial to Elder Joseph Addo Bulley.

Until then, sleep peacefully in the Lord, and rest well. Good night until that beautiful resurrection morning.

E tsu nitsumo agboo ha wo Nuntso le. Eyaa wo odjogbaan! AMEN.

Tribute by

**THE SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH, HANSEN ROAD
TO ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY**

*Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun,
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.....*

As a church, we don't know where to begin. The passing away of our dearly beloved Elder Joseph Addo Bulley has taken us by surprise and our backs are pushed to the wall. O death, why did you do this to us? You could have waited a little longer. Hmmm we have lost a great man.

Elder Joseph Addo Bulley whom we simply called Elder J.A. Bulley was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hansen Road which was then called Accra SDA church on 6th June 1959 by Pastor C.D. Henri. He converted through a mammoth campaign conducted by the American Evangelist called Pastor E. E. Cleveland held at the Baiden Powell Memorial Hall, High Street, Accra in April and June of that year.

The 100 souls that were baptized with Elder J. A Bulley included Mrs. Constance Laryea, Mrs. Eunice M. Brocke, and Pastor J. J. Nortey.

He served in various departments of the church and with his hard work and dedication was ordained as an Elder in the year 1971. He was selfless and easy to approach by every church member. Of his God-given nature and spirit of attending and

addressing the needy, he joined the Dorcas Welfare Society even though it was a women's society. He also joined the church choir and later became the Patron, a position he held all these years until he breathed his last breath.

Elder J. A. Bulley was an all-around man giving support to the various departments in the church when the need arose. He extended his benevolence to the church members as well.

When the church grew in membership and the need arose to extend the church building, being an Engineer, he was given the task to undertake the project. The SDA Church, Hansen Road as you see it today is by the effort of Elder J.A. Bulley. He will be forever remembered as long as the Church Building stands.

We have indeed lost a great man, a good Elder, a philanthropist, and above all a brother-in-Christ.

As we await the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may he continue to sleep peacefully till we meet again. Amen

Tribute by

THE ACCRA CITY CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1 Cor 15: 10)

A tribute to a man whose philosophy of life was "Not I but Christ," will constitute an antithesis. Elder Joseph Addo Bulley believed he was not worthy of gratitude nor praise for his deeds of kindness to individuals and support for the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He aimed to lift Christ and do all things to the glory of God. His reason was, the sufficient grace of God that found him.

In appreciation to God, for His grace, Elder Bulley willingly offered leadership in search of land for Church-related projects. He was instrumental in the movement of the South Ghana Mission office from the Labone Seventh-day Adventist Church premises to the Kwame Nkrumah Circle, Adabraka, and to its present location at Asoredanho on the Dansoman Road. As an indigene of Accra, he knew the owners of the land and assisted in the purchase or lease agreement for the planting of early churches in Accra. As a man in the real estate development industry, he did not only offer technical or professional counsel but also constructed schools and church buildings notably Hansen Road Seventh-day Adventist Church and School, Labone Seventh-day Adventist School, and the Valley View University. His support for education went beyond the physical structures of the institutions to the sponsorship of students including the President of the Accra City Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His vision was to have a sustainable proclamation of the Gospel among the Ga people group in the Ga language.

Elder J. A. Bulley, though a man of few words and soft-spoken, will be missed by the Accra City Conference for his depth of institutional memory. His interventions in some land disputes have been very remarkable. Apart from historical narrations of cases, he was able, from his personal archives to produce pieces of documents that were all on point to put the records straight. Until his demise, his memory was sharp. Unfortunately, we could not have a backup.

Knowledge, experience, and wealth could not make Elder Bulley proud. He humbled himself and preferred consultation and dialogue to issue instructions, rebukes, and criticism. That change surely would come was one of his convictions. However, he only associated himself with changes (cultural, political, religious, familial) that did not deviate from biblical doctrines and principles as well as the mission focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a steward of the treasures of God's word, he did his best to conserve and pass it on to our generation by living an exemplary life of selfless service to the Glory of God, his Creator, to whom he owed his life and material possessions. The counsel to continue God's work went to all of us who paid him visits during his last days.

May the Lord depend on us to continue the work until Jesus comes the second time. Maranatha!!

GRANDCHILDREN



Tribute by

GRANDCHILDREN

"A grandfather is someone with silver in his hair and gold in his heart"- Unknown

A great and mighty tree has fallen and it has created a vacuum in our lives. Grandpa as we affectionately called him was a loving and kind person who always got us whatever we needed. We fondly remember how he would take us out to buy items needed for our use. At other times he would send us items especially African dresses and various types of chocolates. These were occasions we greatly cherished and always looked forward to. Grandpa was a peace-loving person. He gave us pieces of advice that he thought would help us live meaningful lives in the future. He always emphasized the fact that as his grandchildren we must unite and not quarrel with one another.

Grandpa touched the life of each one of us through the wisdom he imparted to us. He gave us happiness, warmth, and love. He always encouraged us in our educational pursuits. Any time he calls us on phone he would ask us to study hard to come out best in our education. Similarly, anytime we visited him he would tell us that his wish was to see us excel and successfully graduate at our various educational levels. We were always filled with happiness when we visited him at his residence because of the special warm love he showed to us during such visits. Above all grandpa engrained in our hearts the desire to give reverence to God and also have a cordial relationship with Him. He was indeed a role model to us. His love and sacrifice for us are what have made us who we are today.

When we heard about the death of grandpa on that fateful Monday, 23rd January 2023 at 2:30 pm we were saddened and heartbroken. We wished he would stay alive so we could continue to enjoy his presence. However, God knows best so He has called him to rest in his bosom. As the book of Isaiah says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts" Isaiah 55:8,9.

We would surely miss him as we part asunder but we have the assurance that he rests peacefully in the Lord. We believe as he taught us that when the trumpet sounds and Jesus return to this earth, we shall see grandpa. He would forever remain in our hearts. We love him but God loves him best. Grandpa, was our dearest. We wish him a good night's rest as we await the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ when the dead in Christ shall arise with a body that would no more decay. We believe that on that resurrection morning grandpa would be part of the saints that would rise first with a changed body with no more sickness.

We bid grandpa Good night. Rest in peace.
WOJGBANN



Tribute by Children

TO OUR DAD (ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY)

“A father is the one friend upon whom we can always rely. In the hour of need, when all else fails, we remember him upon whose knees we sat when children, and who soothed our sorrows; and even though he may be unable to assist us, his mere presence serves to comfort and strengthen us.” – Emile Gaboriau

It was 2:30 pm on the 23rd of January, 2023 when we experienced the darkest hour in our lives. Our caring, loving, generous, trustworthy father and friend gasped his last breath in our presence at the hospital. Today, we pay tribute to an honorable father who was a big mentor of the Great Bulley Family Tree. Yes, he is an honorable man because the services rendered to us as his children have been remarkable. His demise makes us comprehend the text in Philippians 1:21, where the apostle Paul states “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain”. In this regard, he lived a remarkable life and that has left an indelible mark in our hearts and minds.

The life he led was an exemplary one. He was a man of simplicity, very calm, patient, soft-spoken, caring, generous, hardworking, and a great counselor. He was a man of humility, discipline, proactive, and a man with few

words. He inculcated in us the values that he espoused. He taught us humility and above all how to share even the little that we had with others. Dad was a visionary leader, very selfless, his plans were always geared towards the success and benefit of his children and others for the future. There was no trace of egotism and selfishness to be found in his entire life. He would always like to pave a way for us and others to benefit. No wonder he bore the Surname BULLEY meaning bull clearing- one who set the pace for people.

In his social life, our Dad had a bag full of proverbs His discourse with us was spiced with proverbs which helped us to understand life issues. He created humor which though funny helped us to draw moral lessons from the humor he created.



His dedication to the work of the Church made us to be the Christians we are today. He served God and humanity faithfully and with zeal. His diligence in carrying out the duties of the church set a very good example for us. He always urged us to be hard working and to die working very hard rather than die as lazy person. Throughout his career, he worked faithfully and honestly and never bowed to any unscrupulous pressure. When at times we feel discouraged by the impediments we face in church work and we decide to give up he would say to us “Has God ever offended you? Then we reply that” no God has not offended us”. Then he would say “If your creator has not offended you but it is His creation that has, why do you want to abandon His work”. These are words of our father that motivated us to be strong in the faith and to continue to do the Lord's service.

Our Dad also encouraged us with the words of the hymn writers. His favorite hymn is SDAH 375 “Work for the night is coming, Work through the morning hours” He used this hymn to advise us that in our prime age or youthful days, we must work for the Lord, because our night may come that we may no longer be able to work. We feel so privileged, blessed, and honored to have him as our father. With the Grace of God, we promise to live by whatever he taught us and remain steadfast in our Christian walk.

Dad believed in the blessed hope. In his old age, he told us that he had finished his work and would go to rest in the Lord, and inspired us that we should speed up the work of God by preaching the gospel to hasten the second coming of Christ so that he would not sleep so long in the dust (his grave).

Yes, we are saddened by the fact that he is no longer with us and would not be seen at our family gatherings as he often did. However, we believe with our hearts and minds that when Jesus returns to this earth to redeem His faithful ones, He will call him, look into his eyes, and say, well done, thou good and faithful servant. “Death is not a period but a comma in the story of life” Paul Lee Tan. Ency of Illust. P. 315

Indeed, Death is but a night of sleep before the resurrection morning. “For the LORD Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Today, in this sad moment as we grieve with hope, we the sons and daughters of Elder Joseph Addo Bulley bid our Dad Good Night. Until that resurrection morning, may our dad rest in the arms of the LORD till that GREAT DAY. Eyaa Wo Odjogbann. AMEN.

Tribute by Wife

TO ELDER J.A BULLEY

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

My husband was a blessing to his nucleus family, extended family members, both young and old, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the community in which he lived, and his motherland Ghana.

May the good Lord our Father in heaven whom he served faithfully to the end grant him a peaceful rest until the resurrection morning when we shall meet and part no more.

Elder Joseph Addo Bulley
Mr. Joseph Addo Bulley
JAB'S Electricals
Ataa Addo
Papafio Gbom) Dzi le
Rest in peace. Eyaaw) odzobann
AMEN.



Tribute by Surviving Sister

TO JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY (ATTA ADDO)

*"Now the labourer's tasks is o'er.
Now the battle day is past.
Now upon the farther shore
Land the voyager at last
Leave we now thy servant sleeping"*

My beloved brother was a keen family man who took so much interest in the organization and directed the affairs of the extended family. He always made suggestions as to how we could work together for the mutual benefit of all.

Papafio was a quiet and soft-spoken person who had three great outlooks in life; his family, his work, and above all his worship and service to God. We had lived together as siblings of ten, but since we live in a world of uncertainty, eight of our siblings departed from us. My brother Papafio and I were the only surviving siblings. The bond between us was so strong that we always loved to see each other often. Even during

periods when his health was a challenge to him, he never stopped thinking and talking about the family and how it can be held together.

Though he has been called by His maker to rest, memories about him will continue to be an inspiration to the rest of the family until we meet again on an earth made new. As I grieve about his departure, I am consoled by the fact that he led a faithful and fruitful life.

Till we meet again I wish him a good night's sleep till the resurrection morning.
AMEN



Tribute

TO THE LATE ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY BY VALLEY VIEW UNIVERSITY

"As is a tale, so is a life; Not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters."

SANECA

*"THE HEIGHTS THAT GREAT MEN REACHED AND KEPT, WERE NOT ATTAINED
BY SUDDEN FLIGHT, BUT THEY WHILE THEIR COMPANIONS SLEPT, WERE
TOILING UPWARD IN THE NIGHT" (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)*

It is with deep sorrow that we pay this tribute to the memory of our late father and brother in the Lord, the late Elder Joseph Addo Bulley. The memory of his quiet but systematic life will forever remain indelible in our hearts and minds. His was a life of selfless service: service to God and His cause.

The great Roman historian and moralist Seneca the Younger once said: "The best way to do good to ourselves is to do good to others, and the right way to gather is to scatter".

Elder Joseph Addo Bulley was our first landlord. For, after the Seventh-day Adventist Church had secured the approval to set up a tertiary institution in Accra, Ghana, it was Elder Bulley who offered his land and buildings for the accommodation of the institution, Adventist Missionary College (AMC). All this he did for about five years without taking a pesewa from the Church by way of rent. He also personally paid the fees for some of the students. These acts of kindness finally led to the calling of the bus stop at the nearby junction as the SDA junction (Adentan).

Further, when discussions on the need for a permanent place of accommodation for the institution began under the leadership of its first President, Pastor Walton S. Whaley, persons like Mrs. Constance Laryea, Pastor

Ebenezer Obodai Sackey, Pastor J. A. Daitey (of blessed memory), Elder E. Batsa-Nakotey, Mrs. Victoria Torshie Torto (of blessed memory) and Elder J. A. Bulley contacted the Oyibi Chief for land. Out of the search the Afotey-Tsuru Sorkpor, the Nii Moi We, and the Dsane families offered the institution then Valley View College, the land it presently occupies. The relocation notwithstanding, Elder Bulley continued to provide accommodation for some faculty and staff in his properties at Adentan at moderate rent charges. Elder Bulley's philanthropic side was further illuminated by his support to the University at its new location.

Elder Bulley's contributions to the University at its present location included the construction of the following buildings: The Leola Block which currently houses the Faculty of Science; the American High Block which houses the University Relations and the Human Resource Management & Development Directorates; the first dormitory which is now the Administration Block of the VVU Basic Schools; and the J. A. Bulley block, the main Administration Block of the University. All these were done with the Church paying only at the material cost. Moreover, he used his two (2) Range Rover vehicles to cart water for students' use in times of need.

This was at a time when transportation was a challenge on the then-Adentan-Dodowa road. He used some of his vehicles to cart building materials for construction works on campus. It is interesting to know that he indeed, constructed an access road from the junction (Valley View College) to the campus for easy movement of students and faculty.

Elder Bulley's contribution to the Valley View University success story is one that cannot be told in a day. He concerned himself with matters of the University as though they were his personal matters. Indeed, the University's Guest House at Kwadaso in Kumasi stands on a land that was offered free of charge by Elder J. A. Bulley. In spite of the request by some to purchase the piece of land, Elder Bulley's insistence was on donating the priceless property to the Church. It is obvious he never lived a lavished life to the detriment of the Lord's business. His character was that of a true Christian – not letting your right hand see what your left hand is doing as Jesus exhorted us in Matthew 6: 3-4. A very selfless personality!

On an almost annual basis, officers of the University would pay a courtesy visit to Elder and Mrs. Bulley. And so when

Professor Daniel Bediako, the then serving Vice Chancellor got a call to higher service, the Management of the University in the company of senior ministers, Isaac Nii Nortey Dowuona and Alex Y. A Briandt-Coker visited on August 3, 2021 to inform a couple of Prof. Bedaiko's call as well as other developments. Little did we know that would prove to be our final meeting with Elder. We got the devastating news that the man whom we see as a father-figure is gone - oh death; you have taken the life of one so rich with people and faith. Indeed, Elder J. A. Bulley was a significant development partner of Valley View University. He will always be remembered for this.

His demise is a great blow but we are comforted that God will reward him for his deeds upon the second coming of Christ.

Until the resurrection morning, may the humble and benevolent Elder J. A. Bulley rest in peace!!!
Amen.

Tribute by In-Law

TO THE LATE ELDER J.A BULLEY

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their good works follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

*When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again (SDAH 350)*

It is with a heavy heart bruised that we pay tribute to our late father-in-law, Elder Joseph Addo Bulley. The news of the sudden departure of our father-in-law came as a big blow to us and we are yet to recover from the shock. Though he was down for some time, we never expected his departure so soon. Indeed, he has left a big vacuum in our hearts that no one can fill.

Dada as we affectionately called him was a father, a counselor, and a friend. He never referred to us as his in-laws, but rather his children especially Felicia because he saw her as a replacement for his only daughter who was far away from him. Dada was a very selfless, humble, loving, caring, and God-fearing man. He was always there for us, and ever ready to offer any help to relieve us of any burden. He joined in our happy moments and also shared our sorrows and disappointments. How lucky are we to have him as our father-in-law?

Dada's admonitions to us would never be forgotten. He asked us to make heaven our ultimate goal. He also asked us to work assiduously in the vineyard of the Lord to hasten Jesus' return. His love and passion for God's work have been an example we have learned from. One thing we learned from our father-in-law was how he extends a helping hand to people no matter who

they were. He always said we should bless other people with our substance. Above all, he asked us to unite with our spouses in all that we do because unity is strength. We will do our best to heed all his admonitions.

The love Dada showed towards our children cannot be fathomed. Our children were always yearning to visit him because he showered them with gifts and money. Together with our children, we would never forget our New Year Family Gatherings, where we meet to thank God for ushering us into the New Year and also make merry.



We were always happy to visit home because of Dada's warm embrace. Most of the time visits him with his favorite meal, which he will gladly enjoy. Hmmm!!!! Who will ask Felicia that, (Ok3 jiji3 eba) when we visit again?

Though he is no longer with us in our fellowship, his legacy still lives on with us and we take solace in the word of God, “For the Lord, Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:16). We are consoled with these words that we will meet our father-in-law again on that glorious resurrection morning where we will part no more.

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Tribute by

THE 1959 YEAR BAPTISMAL GROUP

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain; for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21:4)

The oak tree of the Group is hewed down; our heartfelt condolences to the family for a loss as great as this. With heavy hearts we pay this tribute to our dearly beloved departed one, yet with spirits anchored deeply in the Blessed Hope.

Our brother, Joseph Bulley was a humble, quiet, godly man with few words loaded with wisdom. A man always ready to lend a hand where possible. A counsellor of the Group is gone.

By profession, he was a building contractor. A good number of church properties, churches and houses were built by him.

Brother Bulley was a staunch member of the 1959-year Baptismal Group. This is a group which holds its spiritual birth by baptism above its biological birthday while not looking down on the latter. Elder Bulley participated in all the Group's activities; we shall surely miss him and his reliable counselling.

In 1959, an evergreen crusade was held in Accra through which a reasonable number of people were converted and baptized. Our brother Joseph was among the first batch of fifty-eight converts baptized on the same day after the “Your Bible Speaks” crusade by Pastor E. E. Cleveland. This was a rare harvest in those days.

Elder Bulley never forgot most of the topics treated at the crusade and sometimes repeated them with smiles. Topics like:

- Sleeping on bed too short with a cover too narrow.
- Issuing cheques to bats and wild birds.
- Adam's mother's birthday.
- How to postpone your funeral.
- When money will be thrown into the streets of Accra and nobody will pick them up.

Like his counterparts of the Group gone before him, Elder Bulley held fast to the faith and practised it in all earnestness. He attended an interview which he passed to his utmost surprise, because of those who did not make it – high-ups in the trade, experienced, popular well-respected and trusted contractors – how come he was the one selected for the job?

After much contemplation on the issue he concluded, “Not I, but Christ”. He run a transport business and labelled the vehicle “Not I but Christ”; so that became his nickname for many years.

The “Not I, but Christ” label was by itself a means of evangelism. Who knows, how many were touched by reading it, how many meditated on it, how many returned to Christ, and how many, maybe, were even converted and baptized? The vehicle plied the streets of Accra, day in and day out doing its own thing – alerting people of the existence and might of Christ.

In 1981, due to the economic situation in Ghana, converting the cedi into another currency to pay fees in Nigeria was a real problem; so the Executive Committee of the South Ghana Mission under the auspices of Pastor (Dr.) E. O. Sackey, initiated the training of ministers and gospel workers locally in Accra. The church needed a piece of land to start such a tertiary institution so an appeal was made in all churches in Accra for that purpose.

Elder Bulley made a selfless response to the appeal by offering his newly built unused two houses on a one-acre plot for the church to use until a more convenient place would be found. The Adventist Missionary College (AMC) was, therefore, started on Elder Bulley's released property at Adentan in 1983. When extra space was needed, he released three more plots attached to what had already been given.
Not I, but Christ; indeed!

The Adventist Missionary College has grown to become the Valley View University (VVC) we know today. Even when the University was started, Elder Bulley built a number of wooden structures to augment the buildings on campus so far. The Administration Block of Valley View University was named after him.

Elder Bulley never regretted having trooped night after night to the Baiden Powell Memorial Hall for the “Your Bible Speaks” Crusade. Many have been impacted by his life.

He was faithful to the end. His selfless devotion to Christ and flawless stewardship testify that he meant and lived his choice slogan “Not I, but Christ”.

Brother Bulley's health began to fail. We had him in our daily prayers and called as much as possible to find out about his progress, hoping for the best recovery of health for him; but God knows best. He is gone. To God be the glory.

May Brother Bulley sleep well in the Lord and take his rest until Jesus Christ shall come again to take His children home.



Tribute by

THE HANSEN ROAD SDA CHURCH CHOIR

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 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 4:13, 14

A great foundation of the Hansen Road Seventh-Day Adventist Church Choir has been uprooted. If the foundation is destroyed how can the building stand?

The passing away of our Life-Long Patron has brought sadness and tears rolling down our cheeks because we never expected his departure to be so soon.

Elder Joseph Addo Bulley whom we simply called Elder Bulley has been a Patron of the choir since the 1970s. His support to the choir in various ways; cash and kind, admonitions, etc have been a great source of encouragement to us. That is why his sudden departure has broken our hearts.

He was sociable, and easy to approach, and his interaction with the choristers cannot be over-emphasized. He has been an inspiration to all of us.

Our last visit to him was on 23rd October 2022, when we spent some precious moments with him, singing and praying. He admonished us to love one another and give our all in the service of God. Even on his sick bed, he requested that we make our needs known to him. We saw in him one waiting for The Blessed Hope; a dedicated and selfless life lived for the Lord.

As Christians, there is nothing we can do save agree with the hymn writer when he said:

**"When peace like a river attended 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"**

We know very soon our Lord shall come and not keep silent. On that day, we shall meet in Jerusalem, our Glorious Home. Our Life-Long Patron, rest in the bosom of our Lord till the resurrection morning. Amen!

Tribute by

PROFESSOR KOFI OWUSU-MENSAH KOFI'S LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF BROTHER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY

Back home in Ghana for Adventist Missionary College (AMC) now Valley View University (VVU) at Adentan, Accra from what is today Babcock University in Nigeria in September 1985, Kofi met Brother J.A Bulley who was essentially synonymous with AMC in its foundations. The same nature of his, plus his LOVE, continued for those of us who were daily a part of the evolving story of Adventist education at Oyibi with Brother J.A Bulley.

The books of heaven have all these "Bulley Strides" faithfully recorded. Before "you get

to heaven", refresh yourself with these few pieces on Brother Joseph Addo Bulley (1936-2023): Kofi Owusu-Mensa, GHANA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM: A HISTORY, 2005, pp. 266-267 and Kofi Owusu-Mensa, THIRTY YEARS OF VALLEY VIEW UNIVERSITY 1979 to 2009, 2010, pp.12-18. Father GOD KWAAME, MEMENEDA NYAMEE, please, be gracious to Brother Joseph Addo Bulley for "The Land of Fadeless Day" at the close of this world's history, just in the offing! Amen and Amen!!! With LOVE. (Kofi Owusu-Mensa), VVU, Oyibi, Accra, Ghana, Monday, February 20, 2023.

Tribute by

THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, LA - BAWALESHE

The Biblical command says "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess 5: 18)

Our hearts are heavy as though weights have been tied to them. The adage which says "great grieves mute" is right. It is with pain and deep sorrow we pay tribute in memory of our beloved Elder Joseph Addo Bulley.

The Late Elder Joseph Addo Bulley will always be remembered by the La-Bawaleshie Seventh Day Adventist Church. He had the church at heart and was always willing to help especially for the church to acquire a plot of land for the church building. He was always helping raise funds for the church. During one of our annual harvests, the church consulted him for help. Elder collected invitation letters and gave them out. The Church was able to raise lots of funds through his efforts.

Elder loved children, especially the La-Bawaleshie Children's department and he always celebrated his birthdays with the Children department in the church. Elder was devoted and dedicated to God's work and it is the memory of losing all these rare attitudes that are squeezing every atom of tears from our eyes sockets and feel uneasy to hold them back.

The church will forever remember elder and we strongly believe that he has fought a good fight, has finished the race, and has kept the faith. What awaits him is the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge will award him on that day.

Fare thee well!!!

Tribute of

ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY BY PASTOR PROF. J J. NORTEY ANYEMI, NAANYO

It has been said long ago that the destiny of everyman is surely not the best American or the best German (or for that matter, the best Ghanaian) but the best of men he can possibly be!

As in the natural family, we did not know when our relationship really started. We found that we were of the same mind, pursuing the same objectives, and aspiring to make it to the kingdom! After many years in the church, we wondered how we got where we were. By hindsight we found that both of us attended the EE Cleveland Bible Speaks Lectures at the Baden Powell Hall in Accra, that both of us were baptized at Teshie Beach on the same day in June 1959. We also found that as young people of Hansen Road Church we worked together on an Evangelistic Effort at Korle-Gonno, I believe singlehandedly financially sponsored by Bro Bulley, Ataa Addo. He introduced the church to the youth to Apraku, where his brother was the local chief, at a time. Because of him the Hansen Road Church youth got access to all the beaches from Apraku to Kokrobite and Oshiee, and usually on the last Sunday of each month we spent the whole day at one of the beaches.

He didn't talk much, but was always full of smiles and wise counsel. Soon everyone got to know that he was an accomplished Electrical Contractor. But he was more than that. He believed that the LORD provided all the skills needed in His church. He emphasized that members should be willing

and be available to be equipped for service in His vineyard! He also became a Building Contractor and Consultant to the church and individual members. He did everything as to the Lord. He and his close friend, Elder Kwesi Ghanney showered me with love and treated me like their younger brother! They, indeed, taught me DISINTERESTED BENEVOLENCE in the most practical ways possible.

Ataa Addo that was how I addressed him most times benevolence showered all over. The massive renovations of Hansen Road Church, fundraising for Labone Church, the construction of the Labone parsonage and Basic School, and many others in both Accra, around Bubiashie and Darkuman, and even in the Ashanti Region were all made possible through him, though he would prefer not to make noise about things like these. His fame and especially his faithfulness and personal integrity spread like wildfire. Both members and nonmembers entrusted their personal and other projects to his care. He advised on projects and directed construction works.

From what I know, apart from the LORD, the creation of Valley View University would have been simply impossible without the efforts and intervention of Elder J. A. Bulley, and Pastor Neal C. Wilson, former President the World Seventh Day Adventist Church. Elder Bulley was there all the time, providing finances, materials and personal skill and advice. To house the very first intake of students of 1983, he and his dear wife, Mrs. Mary Bulley made available their estate at

Adenta, Accra to enable the institution to start operations. Their facilities provided housing for the lecturers, the first fresher's, lecture halls, a kitchen and dining facilities! Today, the area is referred to by the community as the SDA Junction. An English church is also evangelizing the community. When the land was obtained at Oyibi, Elder and Mrs. Bulley did everything to get Oyibi ready. As other members of the Labone and Hansen Road Churches who expressed their enthusiasm and joy for starting the first Seventh-Day Adventist tertiary institution in Ghana!! It was a joy to see members of these churches in Accra trooping to Oyibi to help clear land. In the meantime, the Bulley's

helped with the building of the first wooden structure which became the Computer Center. Also, the first wooden structure to be used as dormitory for men was put up by Elder J.A. Bulley. The first cement block structure they helped to provide turned out to be a multipurpose building: a hall for students, a dining place, there was a kitchen at the back, and became an office Human Resources.

May the Lord raise some more Bulley's for His church, Amen.

Tribute by

MADINA CENTRAL SDA CHURCH IN MEMORY OF ELDER J. A. BULLEY

Not I, but Christ, be honoured, loved, exalted. Not I, but Christ be seen, be known, be heard. Not I, but Christ in every look and action. Not I, but Christ in every thought and word.

The sun has set. The Sojourn of another illustrious personality has ended. A colossus has transited into eternity. A giant, shady tree is down with the strongest root. We are still in a state of disbelief because our humble supplication daily was that the Lord heals him and spares his servant's little life once more. The atmosphere here this morning speaks volumes and we are but come to terms with the reality. Elder J. A. Bulley is no more.

A visionary, kind-hearted man, with astute intellect, a persevering person, peaceful, affable, a man whose entire life was an epitome of service to God and humanity, a philanthropist. Indeed, a missionary has succumbed to the grip of death.

An Adventist who could best be described as an express encyclopaedia of practical stewards of God's property. Madina Central owe a lot to this man whose mortal remains lie motionless before all of us.

Elder J. A. Bulley settled in Madina as far back as 1969. He was an Electrical Contractor. Some of his contemporaries were Elder Yeboah Nimako, Mr O. B. Annan, Mr Abraham Gordon Attoh, Mama Ernestina Mensah, Elder Timothy Kudar Jarry, Elder W. K. Micah, Madam Victoria Torto and others.

In a conversation with his brother-in-law, who was then with Tema Development Council (TDC), he showed him the plan of Madina and some sites earmarked for

schools, Babayara Maye Hot which was swampy and Rawlings circle which was at the outskirts of Madina. He opted for the latter which were 6 acres stretched.

Unknown to the LA- chief, he signed indentures of several private developers which resulted in protracted litigation cases. In one instance, the Madina District Police Command acted on the executive instrument (L.I) in the church's possession to dismiss the complaint by some aggrieved encroachers. In another instance, our Elder Bulley gave out his property at Dansoman as a surety for the roofing of the classrooms.

Some highlight of Elder Bulley's contribution was the 1977 four-day annual camp meeting in December at No 1 park of Koforidua and Accra churches.

In 1984 also, he assisted in the historic 14 days mammoth crusade by Ps Dr Andrews Lawrence Ewoo at the former court premise near the Madina Post Office.

Elder J. A. Bulley's demise is a huge loss, suffice to say that all those who associated with him were all successful in their endeavours.

We are thankful to God that Elder Bulley has been able to accomplish much for His Maker within the period of his life. He is indeed the vessel of honour of whom the church has been a beneficiary.

His memorable mantra 'Not I but Christ' will forever be our watchword.

May he rest in perfect peace until the resurrection morning.

Good Night.

Tribute to

ELDER J.A. BULLEY FROM PENIEL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH-ADENTA

We are filled with sorrow as we pay tribute to Elder J. A. Bulley. Elder Bulley, who was fondly referred to by many, was first introduced to the Church by Pastor I. K. Donkor (currently the Executive Secretary of the Meridian Ghana Conference) before the start of the Peniel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in early 2017.

His selflessness and commitment to Christ's cause were remarkable. He was a model for all to follow, having given up so much of himself for the well-being of Adventism in terms of providing education and helping to grow the church. His actions followed the words of Jesus, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matt 6:33). His life was a testament to the power of kindness and generosity.

When we visited Elder Bulley while he was in bed ill a few months ago, he was worried about how our generation would take care of and preserve the church's principles. On this day honoring Elder Bulley, we would like to share with you an important lesson he taught us: "We must safeguard the resources we have in our church and use them wisely, keeping in mind future generations and putting God first in all that we do."

Elder Bulley's remarkable strength and determination in the face of illness were widely known. Despite the serious and debilitating effects of his health issues, he persisted. His unwavering courage and resilience had left many in awe and admiration. Even though his demeanor was usually quiet and humble, those close to him knew of the inner strength and faith in God that enabled him to carry on.

We reason in line with Paul and understand that he has endured the trials and tribulations of life and has ultimately been called to rest with the highest honors. He has persevered and finished the course, and now awaits the crown of righteousness which our Lord will bestow upon him on the day of resurrection.

We have faith in the Seventh Day Adventist Church's core beliefs that we will be reunited with our loved ones when Jesus comes back on the Day of Resurrection. Until then, may Elder Joseph Addo Bulley rest well.

Tribute by

THE GREAT BULLEY FAMILY TREE TO JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY (aka Papafio/ Not I but Christ)

"The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It is with immense sadness that a noble and great man from the Great Bulley Family Tree has been called to rest from his labors. What shall we do? What shall we say? "Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD from now on, 'Yes', says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.'"

Revelation 14:13.

Today we recall the life of an honorable man, a mentor of the Great Bulley Family affectionately called Mr. Bulley, Atta Addo, Papafio, and Uncle Addo, by family members. He was such a model and an example to us of how we ought to care for and love one another in life. For this, he will be greatly missed. He was very calm, soft-spoken, caring, generous, and hard-working. He was a man of few words and practical. He is often seen in most of the Bulley family gatherings such as weddings and funeral services. We are distressed because he is no longer with us and would not be seen in our family gatherings as he often does.

Atta Addo was a bold and God-fearing man. The greatness of his life we all celebrate today was built on godly principles and is worthy of emulation.

He was highly sought after by many organizations as he gave his best to help them achieve their short-term and long-term goals. The entire family, society, the community would miss such a caliber of man.

Papafio spent a great deal of his life on earth impacting and investing in the lives of other people. He knew he had a gift and didn't hoard it but like a grain of wheat, he sowed it in the lives of others. We are all witnesses to just how much fruit this noble investment has yielded.

History will always remember Mr. Bulley for the key role he played in transforming individuals in the society he lived in his time. He left an indelible mark for generations yet unborn to see and applaud. What a legend!

Our father, our brother, and our uncle lived a life worthy of emulation. Despite his affluence and popularity, he humbled himself to be of help to the people around him. He will be missed.

He was an embodiment of selflessness and humility. His life remains an example to us all. Mr. Bulley was a guide, leader, mentor, coach, and a counselor to the family. He was also a great source of inspiration and motivation for us to forge on despite the obstacles we faced. He stood firm in his religious beliefs. His motto Not I, but Christ reflected in his entire life.

His departure has left a vacuum in the family, but we believe that when Jesus appears to redeem His faithful ones, we shall meet again. For the LORD Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first" 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Until that resurrection morning, rest in the arms of the LORD till that GREAT DAY.
Yaa Wo Odjogbann.

Tribute by

THE FAMILY OF AYELE KWAADUA AT TUDU

The great oak tree of the family has fallen. It is with a very heavy heart and at the same time with glory and praise to God that we pay this tribute to our illustrious head of the family, brother, father, uncle, and grandfather popularly known in family circles earlier in life as "Ataa Addo and later in his life as Papafio.

Our beloved Joseph Addo (J.A.) Bulley together with the late Samuel Offei Dodoo who predeceased him was appointed co-heads of the Ayele Kwandua family following the demise of our grandmother and great grandmother the late Ayele Kwandua by elders of the larger family, inspired by wisdom from God. In doing so they had identified the budding leadership and other qualities of J A. Bulley which would immensely assist the family in a very good stead during various seasons of life both the good and the bad.

Ataa Addo as some of us called him was honest and soft-spoken, generous, fair, caring, self-effacing, a man of wisdom and quiet disposition, a peacemaker, highly religious but with a heart and mind made of steel when taking bold decisions in the interest of the family. A quality some members of the family felt very uncomfortable about.

In administering the three strong branches of the family namely the Kwartiokor branch, Kormiokor branch, and Ayele branch his qualities as a man of wisdom and a peacemaker, ensured that there was always peace and strong bonds of unity in the family. His generosity which was unappalled came into full prominence during family occasions as well as during births and bereaved moments in the family. In addition, in exhibiting his caring quality, the welfare, and well-being of family members were of utmost importance to him. He supported individual members of the family at various

points in time with his financial resources. His passion was prioritizing support for the needy ones in the family. Apart from his financial resources, Papafio also put his technical resources and construction expertise at the disposal of the family. A classical instance is his refurbishment of the Tudu family house at his own expense. He was the person we all turned to both young and old for advice when confronted with difficult issues in our lives.

Papafio was frugal and counselled all of us to follow his example by living simple Christian life instead of one of ostentation. He was the repository of the family history and led the family as family head with affection, humility, selflessness, problem-solving skills, deep thoughts, and reflections.

His passing is a great loss to the family. A huge vacuum has been created in the family which will be very difficult to fill. All that those of us he has left behind can do to honour his memory is to attempt to emulate his qualities which have kept the family united, living in peace and harmony. Since we know he ran a good race, we will only say Atta Addo "wo foo donn".

It is the great master Jesus who will console us with "when comes such another into the family".

Ataa Addo, Papafio Rest in peace in the bosom of the lord. WOJGBANN

Tribute by

ELDER MRS. EUNICE MIRANDA BROCKE AND FAMILY

A mighty Oak has fallen, yet its roots, branches, and leaves will continue to heal the land.

Some “87” years ago, a son was born whose life had already been destined by God to be a blessing to many people. Joseph Addo Bulley is a real gentleman, soft-spoken, humble with a big soft heart; always ready to help and counsel in whatever way possible. He seemed to have solutions to every problem. He was a peacemaker.

For his destined nature to blossom fully, he needed to embark on his spiritual growth and pilgrimage. As God would have it, two great spirit-filled, black American Pastors conducted two crusades, one after the other in Accra. These two crusades were both organized by the West African Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Accra. There had been previous baptisms in 1946, 1951, 1955, 1957, and 1958 but not a public city crusade such as these two.

The first crusade was conducted by Pastor E. E. Cleveland at the Baden Powel Memorial Hall assisted by Pastor C. D. Henri from April to May 1959. This was soon followed by another crusade at the Rodger Club on High-street by Pastor C. D. Henri assisted by Pastor Andrews Narh Daitey. Converts from these two crusades were about one hundred (100) people. They were all baptized by Pastor C. D. Henri and given baptismal certificates dated 1959.

Joseph Addo Bulley was baptized by Pastor C. D. Henri on 6th June, 1959. I was baptized by Pastor C. D. Henri on 18th July 1959. All the

100 baptized members' names were recorded as members of the Accra SDA Church in 1959. The Accra SDA church is today known as the Hansen Road SDA Church.

The spirit of Our Lord God Almighty descended on these newly baptized members and from the 1960's became leaders, moving the church forward in every aspect of development.

In 1980, when the idea of coming together to celebrate our year of baptism, it was unanimously embraced. We had been baptized SDA church members for twenty-one (21) years. At this point, we realized that we were not just a group but a family. We cared for each other, counseling, helping, and encouraging each other. Elder Joseph Addo Bulley displayed these stellar qualities naturally.

As a family member of the Nunoos and the Golightlys, Elder Bulley showed interest in my affairs and that of the Brocke family. He helped in many practical instances when he put his technical knowledge at our disposal to construct our home in Dansoman. He provided guidance and also assembled a team of artisans to complete the building even while I was not in the country. We are grateful. Today many SDA church buildings are monuments of his labour to support the mission of the SDA church.

Words cannot adequately describe this child of God. Elder J. A. Bulley was simply a good man. We are here today to mourn him and thank God for his life. Elder Joseph Addo Bulley “Ayekoo”. “He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, and kept the faith.” God says sleep and rest until “I come to take the saints home”.

Today at this celebration of the life of Elder J. A. Bulley, one of the 100 SDA members baptized by Pastor C. D. Henri in 1959 for the Accra City church, only four (4) of us are still alive. Two men and two women; these are Pastor Prof. J. J. Nortey, former President of the Africa Indian Ocean Division, Elder Nathan Abbey, one of the founders of the Labone SDA Church school and foundation

member of the Prince Emmanuel SDA Church, Elder (Mrs) Constance May Laryea, seasoned Educationist and Administrator of SDA Schools, and Elder (Mrs) Eunice Miranda Brocke, Writer, Playwright, Producer, and Director.

Now to my colleagues; soldiers of the cross. We shall continue with the work or task entrusted to us. Though physically weak, mentally we are strong by God's grace. Many more things we can do for the furtherance of God's work before we are called to sleep. Elder Bulley will be missed. Rest well till the Lord shall come.

Eulogy to

THE LATE ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY BY PASTOR EBOW BONNIE

(THE ALTRUISTIC)

"If you would be interested, be interested.

If you would be pleased, be pleasing.

If you would be loved, be lovable.

If you would be helped, be helpful."

[WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD]

And that was the epitome of the life of the afore-mentioned personality whose demise we have beautifully enveloped in a casket to be returned to Mother Earth where he came from.

Elder J.A., affectionately called by all admirers was not born with a silver spoon in the mouth or born blue blood but into a humble quiet home at Tudu adjacent to R.T. BRISCO Motors, now defunct; learned to be an electrical engineer from EAT Electrical Company at James Town Accra.

By the dint of hard work and prayers and devotion to God's work, Joseph grew up to become one of the best Electrical contractors in Accra. The Lord blessed him greatly with the substance which he used to sponsor the training of ministers in Ghana as well as Britain and the US. Not only that, but he also sponsored evangelism, church buildings, and the care of the needy and the poor in and outside the church.

There is one notable thing that he did that only a few might know. He made sure that Valley View University had a Guest House built to cut the boarding and lodging for the staff and that building is still there.

The late Elder Bulley's altruism (unselfish concern for the Welfare of others) knew no

colour; not limited to region but cut across the spectrum of society.

It is no wonder that the governing Board of Valley View University had to name the main administration block that he built out of his resources after him.

It is said that a nation that has no history to tell forgets about the exploits of its men.

In the company of Elder Ghanney and Elder Asiem, Elder Bulley single-handedly sponsored the expenses of the Surveying Team of the Southern part of the Western Region for the creation of the South West Conference.

"Humility is the mother, root, nerve, foundation and the centre of all other virtues" [By philosopher Chris Chrysostom, affectionately called the Golden Tone]

Whoever was privileged to associate with Elder Bulley would testify to the fact that he was humble, teachable, strict disciplinarian, meticulous, particular with the minutest things and was of high moral fiber, master of church policies punctuated with erudition, honesty, and forthrightness and such were sterling qualities worth emulating by all and sundry.

Perhaps, what etched him was in the history of sitting the Valley View University from Asante Bekwai SHS compound to Adentan land belonging to Elder Bulley known as Adventist Missionary College from there to Oyibi and the name was changed to Valley View University.

He was assisted in this noble venture by Pastors W.S Whalley, J.J. Nortey, S. A. Laryea, and the Nii Mei of Oyibi and Nungua.

To the men's credit and valor amid opposition, Valley View University rested peacefully on its present site. The late Elder Bulley and Elder (Lawyer) Aidoo were special advisors to Prof. J J Nortey. With the help of Elder J. A Bulley, Mrs. Thelma Nortey gave their family land to build a church at Accra High Street and a preparatory school. Madina Central church land was Elder Bulley's property which he gave it out for the church and the school.

Beloved, perfection on earth has never been attained by mortals; therefore, whatever his foibles might have been and whomever he might have whilst he lived, as a friend and brother, I plead for him who in his present state cannot plead for himself.

"Apparel tells of man's character"
[Shakespeare, Macbeth]

Elder Bulley was a man of the cloth: His selections of cloth and colors to match would have envied William Shakespeare to quake in his grave.

Whilst not discontinuing our warm grief and sorrow of such irreparable loss of a very good and highly principled, spirit-filled elder, father, husband, and altruistic to the core,

we nonetheless wish to console the bereaved family, the dutiful and virtuous wife Mrs. Mary Bulley, the beautiful daughter Patience Kaarina and four handsome sons, namely Azariah, Shadrach, Emmanuel and Daniel, who have lost a breadwinner, counselor, the priest of the home.

"The heights of great men were not achieved by sudden flight but they while their companion slept were toiling upwards in the night." [St. Augustine]

May we be inspired to aspire by the aforementioned quote to continue the good works of the late Elder J. A. Bulley.

Elder fought a good fight, finished the race in life, and kept the faith faithfully until he gave up the ghost at the ripe age of 87, which in the eyes of men, our creator graciously granted him seventeen years' bonus outlived the divine stipulated 70 years allotted to man to live. For these blessings, we are grateful to the Lord.

Our prayer is that when the trumpet is sounded and the sleeping saints are called, may Elder Bulley and other sleeping saints hear the voice of the Life-giver, "Come ye blessed of my father enjoy the bliss of the Father".

Till then we say goodnight until we meet and we go to the land where there will be no sorrow.



Tribute by

MRS. GRACE DADZIE AND FAMILY

I Mrs. Grace Dadzie on behalf of the Mami Kpakpo family and the Dadzie family celebrates the life of Mr. Joseph Addo Bulley and also bid him farewell. We honor the measure of his worth by how he touched our families during his life on this earth. I remember the first day we met at the Madina SDA church when we used to worship in the classrooms at the Madina school park over forty years ago.

His wife Mrs. Mary Bulley and myself clicked like magnets and became like sisters right away, and I became part of the family. I remember the long conversations that he, his wife, and I shared before I joined my husband in the United States. My husband has recently passed away, so now his wife and I are widow mates. I will miss talking with him on the phone from the U.S. I will also miss sharing one of his special favorite foods, "Aplaku Banku" and the freshly smoked fish with grounded hot pepper.

Mr. Bulley was a shy but loving husband and father. He was a hardworking man who worked tirelessly to train his boys in electrical apprenticeship. He touched many lives. He spread his kindness and generosity to many. I witnessed his need to help his extended family, relatives, friends, church members, and the people from all walks of life he encountered, in whatever ways he could.

Mr. Bulley was a simple and private man. He never liked people to know the good things he did for mankind. He always called me "Action Woman" whenever I tried to speak my mind with a strong reaction about a problem or a situation. I witnessed church members, elders, pastors, and ordinary people from all walks of life come in and out of Mr. Bulley's house. I know he left this earth with his ears filled with good and bad things, because he gave people all his ears, and was always ready to help.

He helped to acquire the land for the Madina Central SDA Church, (where we worshiped today) when we moved from the Madina school park classrooms. Mr. Bulley worked tirelessly for the church. I shared a wall with the Adventist Missionary College (now known as the Valley View University) when it was first started at Adenta (with a handful of students). That's how SDA JUNCTION became popular and well known now. Madina and Zongo junction, Adenta, and the surrounding towns were less populated - like ghost towns in farming areas.

Mr. Bulley gave his lands and buildings for a campus to the Adventist Missionary College Students to study, as well as the professors to stay at Adenta. Later, Mr. Bulley acquired the lands at Oyibi (with the help of the late sister Torto), and after that, Valley View University was moved from Adenta to Oyibi. He helped built Valley View University. I remember very well that with his help, some of the church members were hired as cooks and laborers when Valley View University was being built.

I am not going to be silent and turn a blind eye to his love, passion, and dedication to this church and his services to mankind. I speak about his good works so that others may follow in his footprints. I will always remember his gentle presence, soft-spoken and beautiful smile.

Mr. Bulley has been a pillar of the church, a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in distress, and a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat” Isaiah 25:4

I have seen many people who were facing problems in their lives that Mr. Bulley helped. Some were in abusive marriage relationships. Some were evicted and they came to stay with the Bulley family until they could stand on their own. Some came with their family disputes to be solved.

It is difficult to believe that he is no longer with us in this world. But knowing how he was in life, I believe strongly that he has left a good footprint for others to follow. It was a great joy to have him as a family friend and a best friend. The great Old Oak tree that sheltered many has fallen. It's been quite an experience for me to associate with Mr. Bulley and his family, it's been great memory and a difficult time for me and my family for the loss.

Mr. Bulley would give you anything no matter how much it costs him. His kindness was overwhelming. I do cherish the wonderful times he and his wife shared with me and my husband when we came home to visit. We are thankful to God that he has been able to accomplish the most for the Lord within this period of his life. He exhibited a treasure of love, kindness, and wisdom, and that made everything about his life great and a blessing. Today we are celebrating his sacrifices and service. Life is not about being rich, popular, highly educated, or being perfect. It's about being real, humble, and kind. “JAB” is gone.

May God be with him as he sleeps in the bosom of his maker. The good Lord keep him beneath His tender wings till we meet again AMEN.

Tribute by

OTHER CHILDREN AND EXTENDED FAMILY TO THE MEMORY OF ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY

*Father, who on us do shower
Gifts of plenty from your dower,
To your people give the power
All your gifts to use aright.*

*Father, you who sought and found us,
Son of God, whose love has bound us,
Holy Spirit, in us, round us,
Hear us, Godhead infinite.
Adventist hymnal No 643 verses 1 & 4*

Daa, Papafio, our hero, today our light has gone off and our hope despaired. He sacrificed his energy, time, wisdom, and money for the development of people. The foresight he had to make every human being that crosses his way was exceptional. He had regard for those who came to him irrespective of age. He set aside his life for the benefit of all without looking back for a turnover or reward. The fountain at his gate point to the fountain of life which is Jesus Christ Himself. His existence shaped lives everywhere as a trace of step to Christ. We can recall the last time we sang and prayed together with other visitors, where he narrated the history of how Adventism started in Accra where he mentioned names of all those who played vital roles in the growth and development of the church which amazed us. Our wayward children were only to see his face without a word and then they are called to order. The runaways from classrooms are called to order. Papafio was everyone's father. However, who are we to contend with God our creator? Throughout his life, there was nothing negative expressed by all that got acquainted with him in various stages of life.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church has gained seasoned Pastors of class which didn't end there but continued with Doctors, Engineers, Nurses, Midwives, Teachers, and all other vocations. What a one-thousand father! Valley View University was his handwriting of class "A". With a dedication Post for the forefather of Adventist Education. Somewhere along the line, that dedication post was condemned and broken down into pieces that were worrisome to him. Our Administrators of Adventist Education and Estates, today we humbly appeal to your honorable authority to please restore this Post as the late Mr. Joseph Addo Bulley joins the forefathers of Adventism. We are all bonded together with Anti Mary his submissive wife, children's beloved ones, and the entire Adventist family to bid our elder, our daddy farewell. All his good works were not him but Christ that lived in him.

We shall meet again on the RESURRECTION MORNING. We love him but the Almighty God loves him best. Fare Thee well Papafio, Asafo Nukpa ayaawor odzogban! Mr Bulley ayaawo odzogban Elder Bulley AURVIOR MONSIEUR - AURVIOR.

Tribute by

JAB'S ELECTRICAL & CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

"To everything there's 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 weep and a time to dance" (Eccl. 3:1, 2-4).

Words cannot express our deep sorrow at this moment as we see our dear daddy lying motionless before us.

Jab's as we all affectionately call him was like a father to virtually everyone he crossed paths with. He was a rock in times of trouble and a pillar in times of need. Today we have all gathered here with heavy hearts because Mr. Bulley brought all of us together to a successful and meaningful state of life condition, we can proudly say he was the contributing factor to how far the Lord has brought us.

Emmanuel, Sampson, Addotei, Sammy, Desmond, Kwame, John, Francis, Kwashie, Asare, Kwesi, and many others that passed through his hands are grateful for the skills he blessed us with. And to this day we are proud to have worked alongside him in the construction and electrical maintenance of many institutions and edifices of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

within Accra and other parts of the country such as; Labone S.D.A Basic School building and the church, the West Africa Union Mission now Southern Ghana Union Conference, South Ghana Mission now Accra City Conference, Advent press, Valley View University, Hansen Road Basic School and Church, Tema Community six SDA Church and the numerous officers and Pastor's bungalow's just to mention the few. A living testimony is what we can all see at VVU, the J.A Bulley block because of his immense contributions.

We are deeply saddened by his demise. But we take consolation in the hope that when the last trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first as the good book says, we shall see Mr. Bulley, so together we shall meet our maker. Until then we say fare thee well, Jab's May he enjoy his sleep in the Lord AMEN.













HYMNS

NAH – 529 Hark! Hark, my soul!

Hark! Hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling,
o'er earth's green fields and ocean's wave-beat shore;
how sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
of that new life when sin shall be no more.

Refrain:

*Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!*

Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,
"Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come";
And through the dark, its echoes sweetly ringing,
the music of the gospel leads us home.

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
the voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea;
and laden souls, by thousands meekly stealing,
kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to thee.

Rest comes at length: though life be long and dreary,
the day must dawn, and darksome night be past;
faith's journeys end in welcome to the weary,
and heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.

Angels, sing on, your faithful watches keeping;
sing us sweet fragments of the songs above,
till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping,
and life's long shadows break in cloudless love.

NAH – 570 Asleep in Jesus

1 Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep!
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

2 Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venom'd sting.

3 Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest!
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Savior's power.

4 Asleep in Jesus! Soon to rise
when the last trump shall rend the skies;
Then burst the fetters of the tomb,
And wake in full, immortal bloom

NAH – 226 Pleasant are Thy courts above

1 Pleasant are Thy courts above
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below
In this land of sin and woe.
O my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
For Thy fullness, God of grace.

2 Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High;
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair
And enjoy it ever there.

3 Happy souls, their praises flow
Even in this tale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies;
On they go from strength to strength
Till they reach Thy throne at length,
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.

4 Lord, be mine this prize to win;
Guide me through a world of sin,
Keep me by Thy saving grace,
Give me at Thy side a place.
Sun and shield alike Thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart.
Grace and glory flow from Thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

NAH- 517 Lead, kindly light

1. Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom
 Lead thou me on
 The night is dark, and I am far from home
 Lead thou me on
 Keep thou my feet, I do not ask to see
 The distant scene, one step enough for me

2. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
 Shouldst lead me on
 I loved to choose, and see my path but now
 Lead thou me on
 I loved the garish day, and spite of fears
 Pride ruled my will, remember not past years

3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
 Will lead me on
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
 The night is gone
 And with the morn those angel faces smile
 Which I have loved long since and lost a while

SDAH – 103 O God, our help in ages past,

1. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 our shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
 still may we dwell secure;
 sufficient is thine arm alone,
 and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
 or earth received her frame,
 from everlasting, thou art God,
 to endless years the same.

4. A thousand Ages, in thy sight,
 are like an evening gone;
 short as the watch that ends the night,
 before the rising sun.

5. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come;
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home!

SDAH – 420 Jerusalem, my happy home,

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
 O how I long for thee!
 When will my sorrows have an end,
 The joys when shall I see?

2 The walls are all of precious stone,
 Most glorious to behold;
 Thy gates are richly set with pearl,

Thy streets are paved with gold.

3 Thy garden and thy pleasant walks
 My study long have been;
 Such dazzling views by human sight
 Have never yet been seen.

4 Lord, help us by Thy mighty grace,
 To keep in view the prize,
 Till Thou dost come to take us home
 To that blessed paradise.

SDAH 238 – How Sweet the Name

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 And calms the troubled breast;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name, the rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place,
 My never failing treasury, filled
 With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! My Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King!
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end!
 Accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
 And cold my warmest thought;
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

SDAH – 534 Will your anchor hold

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
 When the clouds unfold their wings of
 strife?
 When the strong tides lift, and the cables
 strain,
 Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
 Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
 Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
 Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*

2 It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

3 It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers have told the reef is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds
blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

SDAH - 570 Not I, But Christ

1. Not I, but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted;
Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard;
Not I, but Christ, in every look and action,
Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word.

2. Not I, but Christ, to gently soothe in sorrow,
Not I, but Christ, to wipe the falling tear;
Not I, but Christ, to lift the weary burden,
Not I, but Christ, to hush away all fear.

3. Christ, only Christ! No idle words e'er falling,
Christ, only Christ; no needless bustling sound;
Christ, only Christ, no self-important bearing;
Christ, only Christ, no trace of "I" be found.

4. Not I, but Christ, my every need supplying,
Not I, but Christ, my strength and health to be;
Christ, only Christ, for body, soul, and spirit,
Christ, only Christ, here and eternally.

SDAH - 65 God Be with You

1. God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

*Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

2. God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings securely hide you;
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating over you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

SDAH - 375 Work, for the Night Is Coming

1. Work for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling;
Work 'mid springing flow'rs.

Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

2. Work for the night is coming,
Work thro' the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon.
Give every flying minute
Something to keep in store;
Work for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

3. Work for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work while the night is dark'ning,
When man's work is o'er.

SDAH - 594 Heir of the Kingdom

1. Heir of the kingdom, O why dost thou
slumber?
Why art thou sleeping so near thy blest
home?
Wake thee, arouse thee, and gird on thine
armor,
Speed, for the moments are hurrying on.

2. Heir of the kingdom, say, why dost thou
linger?
How canst thou tarry in sight of the prize?
Up, and adorn thee, the Savior is coming;
Haste to receive Him descending the skies.

3. Earth's mighty nations, in strife and
commotion,
Tremble with terror, and sink in dismay;
Listen, 'tis nought but the chariot's loud
rumbling;
Heir of the kingdom, no longer delay.

4. Stay not, O stay not for earth's vain
allurements!
See how its glory is passing away;
Break the strong fetters the foe hath bound
o'er thee;
Heir of the kingdom, turn, turn thee away.

5. Keep the eye single, the head upward
lifted;
Watch for the glory of earth's coming King;
Lo! o'er the mountaintops light is now
breaking;
Heirs of the kingdom, rejoice ye and sing.

SDAH – 50 Abide with me

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide
with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me!

SDAH – 530 When peace, like a river,

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my
way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to
say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

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

2 My sin—oh, the joy of this glorious
thought—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith
shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall
descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

SDAH 300 – Rock of Ages

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 When my pilgrimage I close;
Victor o'er the last of foes,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee

SDAH 428 – Sweet By and By

1 There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain

*In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

3 To our bountiful father above
We will offer our tribute of praise;
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.

MHB – 511 Begone, unbelief,

1. Begone, unbelief,
My Savior is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear;
By prayer let me wrestle,
And He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel,
I smile at the storm.

2. Though dark be my way,
Since He is my Guide,
'Tis mine to obey,
'Tis His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken,
And creatures all fail,
The word He hath spoken
Shall surely prevail.

3. His love, in time past,
Forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last
In trouble to sink:
Each sweet Ebenezer
I have in review
Confirms His good pleasure
To help me quite through.

4. Why should I complain
Of want or distress,
Temptation or pain?
He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation,
I know from His Word,
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord.

5. How bitter that cup
No heart can conceive,
Which He drank quite up,
That sinners might live!
His way was much rougher
And darker than mine;
Did Christ, my Lord, suffer,
And shall I repine?

6. Since all that I meet
Shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet,
The medicine, food;
Though painful at present,
'Twill cease before long,
And then, oh, how pleasant
The conqueror's song!

The entire family of the late
ELDER JOSEPH ADDO BULLEY

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