



Nigerian Army

Princess (Lt. Col) Grace Maria Bassey Adam-Eyo (rtd)

6 April 1939 - 28 December 2016



My Heart!!! My Soul!!!

Funeral Service

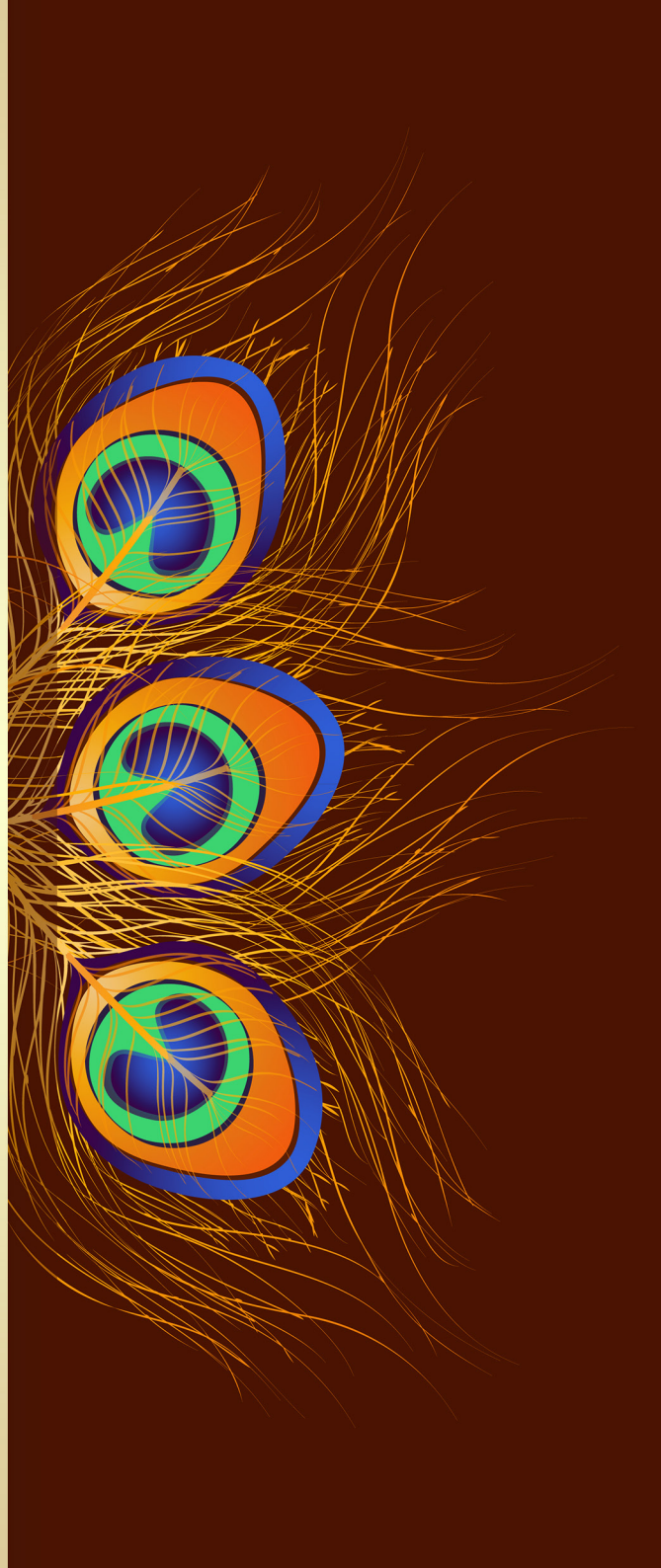
11am

Thursday 26th January 2017

at

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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FUNERAL ORATION
LATE LT COL GB ADAM-EYO (N/598F) RETIRED

Reference:

A. AHQ DOAA G1-38 DTG 111735A JAN 17.

I am directed to acknowledge Reference A and forward funeral oration in respect of Late Lt Col GB Adam-Eyo (Retired) for your further action. Please acknowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MS JAFAR', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

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for MS (A)

Enclosure:

1. Funeral Oration - Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired).

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LATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL GRACE BASSEY ADAM-EYO (N/598F) RETIRED

1. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired) was born on 6 April 1939 in Kano and she hailed from Asari Eso Ediba Local Government Area of Cross River State. She attended Government Primary School Jos from 1947 to 1951 and obtained the Primary School Leaving Certificate. She proceeded to Queen of Apostle School in 1952 and obtained West African School Certificate in 1957. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired) was granted Direct Short Service Commission on 18 October 1965, in the rank of lieutenant with seniority on the same rank effective 9 September 1962. She was of the Nigerian Army Medical Corps and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel before her retirement on 31 December 1990.

2. The late senior officer attended several courses and performed creditably. The courses include:

- a. Basic Officers' Course (Aldershot).
- b. Young Officers' Course (Medical).
- c. Advanced Management Course.

She was a State Registered Nurse and a State Certified Midwife.

3. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired) proved herself as a professional soldier and earned her promotions as follows:

- a. Captain - 15 June 1967.
- b. Major - 1 October 1972.
- c. Lieutenant Colonel - 1 October 1977.

4. The Late senior officer held several command and staff appointments which include:

- a. Deputy Matron - Military Hospital Benin.
- b. Deputy Matron - 68 Armed Forces Hospital Lagos.
- c. Matron - 68 Armed Forces Hospital Lagos.
- d. Deputy Matron - Military Hospital Port-Harcourt.
- e. Matron - Military Hospital Kaduna.
- f. Matron - Military Hospital Ibadan.
- g. Matron - Military Hospital Lagos.
- h. Deputy Chief Matron - Military Hospital Port-Harcourt.
- i. Assistant Chief Matron - Military Hospital Enugu.

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5. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired) was an articulate, dedicated, loyal and hardworking officer. She was calm but firm and fair with a good sense of purpose and responsibility. In recognition of her meritorious service to the Nation, she was honoured with the following award and medals:

- a. Forces Service Star.
- b. Distinguished Service Medal.
- c. National Service Medal.
- d. General Service Medal.
- e. Republic Medal.
- f. Silver Jubilee Medal.

6. It is said that from dust we came and onto dust we shall return. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired) has bowed to mother Earth. Her death is a great loss to her family, the Nigerian Army and the Nation in general. We love you but God loves you most.

7. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, here lies on this day 26 January 2017, Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired), a gallant professional soldier, worthy daughter of Nigeria, a loving mother and a caring wife. Late Lieutenant Colonel Grace Bassey Adam-Eyo (Retired), may your gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen!



ORDER OF SERVICE



1. Reception of Remains - Father David
2. Opening Hymn - In Christ Alone my hope is found
3. Words of Tribute - Elizabeth Sobanjo, Yewande Akinyemi, Colonel H Musa
4. Opening Prayer - Father David
5. First Reading - Josephine Ayo-Vaughan
6. Psalm - Maria Adu
7. The Holy Gospel - Father David
8. Bidding Prayer - Thomas Adu
9. The Lord's Prayer - Father David
10. Hymn - When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)
11. Final Prayer - Father David
12. Hymn - Abide With Me

BIOGRAPHY

Birth

Princess (Lt-Col) Grace Adam-Eyo, was born on the 6th of April 1939 in Kano, to the family of late HRH Edidem Bassey Eyo Ephraim Adam III of Etim Effiom Royal House, Ikot Eyo, Akpabuyo and former Obong of Calabar, and her mother, late Winifred Omotunde Adam (nee St Matthew Daniel), of Ijebu Remo, Ogun State.

Education/Work History

After her primary education, she attended Queen of Apostles College, Kakuri from 1951 to 1956, where she sat her WAEC ('O' Levels). From there, she proceeded to the University College Hospital Ibadan, where she qualified as a State Registered Nurse. She went on to pursue further qualification in the United Kingdom in Gynecology Management and became a state registered Midwife in December 1962 in Leeds. From 1963 to 1964, she worked in Bradford on Avon as a staff nurse/staff midwife. Late 1964, she returned to Nigeria, where she joined the Nigerian Army and worked as a military nurse for the next twenty-six years. She was an epitome of what a military nurse should be; incredibly strong, dedicated and hardworking, rising to the rank of Lt. Col. She was respected and feared by her peers.

On retirement in 1990, she returned to the United Kingdom and continued working in various nursing roles at different locations, including University College of London, Homerton Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, Bart Hospital and Kings College Hospital.

Hobbies

My mum was a passionate lawn tennis and squash player so much so that she was able to defeat both male and female opponents. She would often go to the squash court to practice on her own taking me with her. When I once asked her why, she responded "Pamus, you have to be ready for your competitions"! She was also a devoted singer and encouraged me to sing to the point that I became a lead soprano until ... (that's another story)!

As we sing to remember her, I can hear the echoes of her singing, with no care in the world or worry as to who is listening ...

She is survived by:

Princess (Mrs) Maria Eyo Adu - Daughter

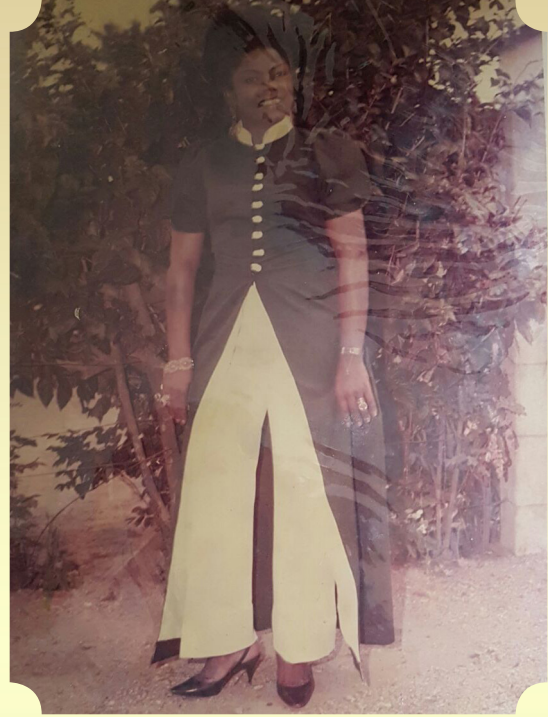
Princess (Mrs) Josie Ayo-Vaughan - Step daughter

Mr Tom Adu - Son-in-law

Gen. Sola Ayo-Vaughan – Son-in-law

Mr Richard Davids - for nephews

Mrs Theresa Ezine - for nieces



APPRECIATION

*We, the entire family of
Princess (Lt. Col) Grace Maria Basseyy Adam-Eyo (Rtd)
would like to thank you all for showing support since the
transition to glory of our beautiful, warm and incredible Mum.
Your love, care and prayers have kept our spirits alive.
We appreciate you and Pray God's Blessings on you.
Thank you.*

