



BURIAL,
FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL
SERVICE FOR THE LATE

NATHANIEL SELASSIE TETEVIE

1958 - 2026



TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY, 2026 | 8:00AM
AT LASHIBI FUNERAL HOME



ORDER OF SERVICE



PRE-BURIAL

1. Opening prayer
2. File past
3. Tributes
4. Closing of Casket

BURIAL SERVICE

1. Opening hymn: A & M 165 - O God our help in ages past
2. Prayers
3. Scripture reading: Philippians 1:19-21
4. Biography & Tributes
5. Hymn Suppl. 1 (Jesus my Saviour, Brother, Friend)
6. Sermon
7. Offertory - Song by Choir
8. Thanksgiving prayers
9. Hymn: Suppl. 7: I hear the welcome voice
10. Dead March in Saul
11. A&M 223 - Hark! hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling
12. Private Burial



Nathaniel Selassie Tetevie, affectionately called Sela or ST by family and friends, was born in Accra on 1st April 1958, to Mr. Emmanuel Yao Dekutse Tetevie and Mrs. Florence Ruth Tetevie (nee Amekugee) both of blessed memory.

BIO GRAPHY

OF THE LATE
**NATHANIEL SELASSIE
TETEVE**



He was the fourth of six children, four girls and two boys. His elder brother sadly preceded him in death at infancy. Most of his early primary and secondary education was received in International Schools in Asia and English boarding schools, except for a brief attendance in Christ the King International School in the late 1960's, during which time he first met some of his lifelong friends. All the traveling was due to the nature of his father's job – a career diplomat or Foreign Service Officer as it was popularly called in those first Republic days.

The latter of those schools were St. Edmund's Preparatory School (Hertfordshire, England) from around 1970 to 1972 and then, on his return to Ghana, St. Augustine's Secondary School, (Cape Coast) from 1972-1977 where he completed his A Levels.

Tertiary Education held little interest for him because even in those formative years his natural inclination was for tactile “hands on” work. Selassie liked taking things apart and putting them back together in a modified way. In the early 1980's, in this period of indecision, he delved into trading, exporting exotic birds like parrots.

From trading in exotic birds, he started working from his shed at home. Producing small artifacts and souvenirs for

export. This led to his business collaborations with companies like **Image Africa, Red Rhino** etc. He slowly expanded his business from small items to the construction and manufacturing of furniture items. He operated under the brand name **RAMDESIGN**.

He worked with several geniuses of like-mind. Together they designed manufactured, exported and set up shops in New York and South Africa. In his studio and workshops, he produced an assortment of products ranging from tables, statement chairs and stools, and lamp shades and lamp stands, to name a few. He engaged fine craftsmen in many fields of endeavor, weavers, metal workers, wood workers, leather and fabric workers, etc. The range of materials, technologies and techniques used were wide.

Selassie was a co-founder of **AFLATON** (African Furniture, Lighting & Accessories Trade Exhibition), an initiative designed to showcase Ghanaian Interior Design and address marketing challenges for local small-scale producers. He was also commissioned to create furniture for cultural exhibitions, including the "ONE" exhibition curated by Nana Oforiatta Ayim, where his pieces provided a functional context for viewing other artworks. His work was frequently featured at high-profile events like the **Dabira Design Market and Africa By Design**.

He was a designer and advisory council member of **Interior Designers and Decorators Ghana**, and an active member and contributor to several local artisan organizations, including **Aid to Artisans**.

In addition to his furniture design and production, he had a deep passion for developing local tourism. He lived in Keta for several years cultivating his knowledge of the history of this old city with the intent of creating tourism in the area. He operated day tour excursions and packages for the

foreign low-budget travelers. He offered adventures in hiking, biking, canoeing and tours of historical landmarks. He had a similar project in Nyanyano, Central Region which combined real estate development, beach and lagoon resorts, and nature walks along the shoreline.

This biography, by no means does sufficient justice to his creativity and his contribution to the artistic landscape of Ghana.

Tragically, his contributions were cut short when, from 2023 to his passing on 4th January 2026, he valiantly battled illness.

Being the Selassie we knew, he hardly spoke about himself, and most people were unaware of his illness. He met every stage of his illness with courage, continuing to fight even as it progressed. His doctor said he was a walking miracle; such was his determination to live.

He is greatly missed and will be remembered for his kindness, forthrightness, creativity and non-conformist ways.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Tributes

FAMILY



Tribute

BY SIBLINGS

FROM BK



Selassie. Selassie. What can one say? You really fought well against that evil disease. But alas, here we are today.

Thank you so much for being such a wonderful and supportive brother. After Dad's death you took over and kept us all together. So many details you took care of. Thank you.

As we sat and received messages, visits and calls, from your friends, clients and business colleagues: - we learnt how thoughtful creative and “avante-garde” were your works.

Everyone speaks well of you.

Yes, you had your ups and downs, short comings and all – but over all you are a dearly loved and fondly remembered. You were a rare gem. One of a kind.

Rest well.

You deserve it.

Ayekoo.

Bye for now.

Till we meet again.

Love BK.



Tribute

BY SIBLINGS
FROM STELLA



My dearest brother Selassie, we thank you for your dedication, devotion and commitment to the role of head of our household. You did a tremendous job holding it down for as long as you did and we are grateful for all that you did.

We love you for your tenacity in holding onto your vision of creating a beach resort, it's what kept you going in the challenging reality of everyday life. You captivated us with your imagination, your creative ideas, your foresight and your innovation.

We were the first visitors to sample Keta Adventures, your beach adventure day trip. I remember very well that beautiful day we enjoyed with some good friends.

After a precarious canoe ride, in the morning, to an uninhabited island in the middle of the lagoon, we settled down for a picnic under a large canopy, which eventually fell on top of our heads. I personally was dreading the canoe ride back to your beach house and I was relieved when we found a long sandy path to walk back on. We enjoyed a pleasant afternoon chatting and eating some tasty food in the cool shade of your bright and airy beach house.

Your quick mind and strong opinions on a wide range of topics, from politics to business and everything in between, made you an excellent conversationalist and this is one of the things I am going to miss sorely. Who am I going to have these engaging conversations with now?

Rest well my dearest brother, rest well until we meet again.



Tribute

BY SIBLINGS
FROM ANNA



S.T.

My one and only dear brother, writing your tribute is so surreal and words can't express how I'm feeling. I take consolation in the fact that you're at peace. No more pain. No more suffering.

On the 6th of December, 2025 you sent me a Whatsapp assuring me "everything will work out Sis. You will jump over hurdles and I will be fine"

Keep going back to read the message. We all hoped and prayed the Lord will give you a few more years and you stayed positive till the end but He knows best.

Though we had our differences and disagreements like all siblings do, you know I loved you and you said it just a few days before you left us.

"Anna, I know you love me!"

You were such a thoughtful and kind person. Always putting others needs before yours. Even on your hospital bed!!

Not only were you my big brother but my father and mentor as well and now you're gone, I feel lost but as I



promised you, I will be fine sia?

"Selassie was a nonconformist! He refused to follow society's standard ideas, behaviours and attitudes." That's how one of your friend's recently described you and she was so on point!!

Anna: Selassie are you going out dressed like that?

Selassie: Yes, and I don't care what people think so don't disturb me!

Chale ST, you did well!!! The only boy with four sisters always on your case! Me especially! Ayekooo!!!!

I hope you're chilling with Mama, Daddy and Shika, eating your favourite pizza and club sandwiches? Not forgetting Shawarma!!

ST, the battle is over and it's time to rest. Sleep well my dear brother.

I love you.

Your little Sister, Anna



GALLERY



ARTIST: SELASSIE TETEVIE
TITLE: DINNING CHAIR
REFERENCE CODE: LDG/EXH/ST/010

SELASSIE TETEVIE DESIGNS



ARTIST: SELASSIE TETEVIE
TITLE: RED NANA
REFERENCE CODE: LDG/EXH/ST/012



ARTIST: SELASSIE TETEVIE
TITLE: GRASS TASSEL LAMP
REFERENCE CODE: LDG/EXH/ST/009



ARTIST: SELASSIE TETEVIE
TITLE: COCOON LAMP
REFERENCE CODE: LDG/EXH/ST/007

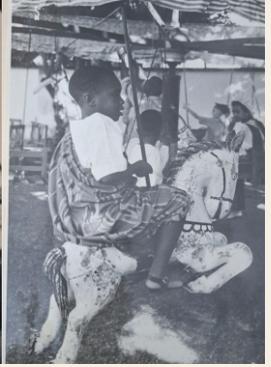


ARTIST: SELASSIE TETEVIE
TITLE: KALAO CHAIR
REFERENCE CODE: LDG/EXH/ST/003

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Tribute

BROTHER-IN-LAW DAN OFORI

Selassie was my only brother-in-law; he was a very gifted & talented artist specializing in Afrocentric furniture and design.

A highly educated person and a great conversationalist with a big and kind heart. He loved his nephew and nieces to bits.

May His loving soul find eternal rest with the LORD.

Tribute

NIECES AND NEPHEW

From Tess, Eunice, Jesse, Sharon and Emmanuella

Legacy and peaceful goodbye.

"A limb has fallen from our family tree, but its roots remain deep and strong".

To our beloved Uncle Selassie, you were a mentor and you gave us a different perspective to challenging situations. You offered us a different kind of love, one that was part parent, part friend, and entirely irreplaceable.

You taught us to appreciate the little and precious things in life.

Rest peacefully, knowing that your influence will continue to guide us for generations to come.

We love you, rest well Uncle Selassie.



Appreciation

The Entire family of the late
NATHANIEL SELASSIE TETEVIE
express our sincere appreciation to all who
in diverse ways mourned with us.
We are grateful for your prayers, calls, visits
and donations.

Thank you. God bless you all



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