



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
Noah Kofi Attipoe

July 16, 1954 – September 1, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Wake 9AM, Funeral 10AM

Church of the Ascension
104 Park Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York

OFFICIATING
Canon Petero Sabune, Celebrant



Noah Kofi Attipoe

Noah Kofi Attipoe, age 72, of Mt. Vernon, New York and Accra, Ghana, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 after a critical illness. As his Ghanaian name “Kofi” signifies, he started this life on a Friday—July 16, 1954—in the South Labadi area of Accra. He was welcomed as the fifth of seven children by his parents of blessed memory, Sylvanus and Kate Ablavie Attipoe.

Growing up in Accra during the era of Ghana’s independence offered Noah a childhood filled with possibility. His father served as a career civil servant, while his mother thrived as a wholesale trader of flour, sugar, and other commodities. Though the family lived in the capital, they maintained strong ties to their Anlo Ewe roots in Anyako and Atiavi in the Volta Region—heritage Noah carried with deep pride.

As a young man, Noah worked closely alongside his mother, inheriting both her business acumen and her entrepreneurial spirit. After graduating from Labone Secondary School, where he excelled in English, Math, and the Sciences, he pursued food sciences at Leeds Polytechnic in the UK. Upon completing his studies in 1976, he returned to Accra to manage the family’s industrial bakery. His introduction of new large-scale baking techniques produced delicious, aromatic bread sold widely across the city. Charismatic and innovative, Noah’s leadership helped the business flourish until the upheaval following the 1979 revolution ground the economy to a halt.

Ever resourceful, Noah soon launched a wholesale export business specializing in tropical fish and exotic reptiles, serving customers across Europe and the United States. His frequent travel to the U.S. during this period reunited him with his college sweetheart, Wendy Ball, and the two married in New York in 1990. They later relocated to Miami, Florida, where the business—known as the Reptiquarium—became a local sensation. Noah and the shop were

featured several times on the popular Spanish-language television program *Sábado Gigante*. Their Miami years were further brightened by the birth of their son, Evan Charles Delali.

When shifting U.S. wildlife import regulations signaled a restrictive future, the family moved to New York. There, Noah transitioned into pharmaceutical sales, a field that perfectly blended his love of science with his gift for connecting with people. He built a long and successful career with AstraZeneca and Lupin Pharmaceuticals, becoming a top sales producer and earning induction into AstraZeneca’s #1 Nexium Club and Lupin’s President’s Club multiple times. So personable he “could sell water to a drowning man,” Noah’s charm and professionalism were unmatched.

Adventurous, fun-loving, open-minded, diplomatic, tall, and handsome, Noah was above all the consummate gentleman. He delighted in life’s simple pleasures—a cup of coffee, a good meal, a cold beer, a smoke, and a hearty laugh. After retiring in 2017, he pursued his passions for gardening, music, technology, the stock market, Arsenal and the Premier League, and frequent travel to his beloved Ghana. His green thumb became legendary; the City of Mt. Vernon New York even named an annual summer gardening initiative in his honor: “Noah’s Backyard Tomatoes.”

Noah is survived by five siblings, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a tight circle of dear friends. He leaves behind his devoted spouse, Wendy, and his beloved son, Evan, who mourn him deeply. A loving husband and father, Noah recently reflected that the glue holding his family together was the unwavering devotion “Wendy, Evan, and I have for each other, putting us at the top of everything we do.”

Well done, good and gracious one, rest in the peace of the Lord.





Walk in Sunshine

May you always walk in sunshine
and God's love around you flow, for
the happiness you gave us, no one
will ever know. It broke our hearts
to lose you, but you did not go
alone, a part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

A million times we've needed you,
a million times we've cried.

If love could only have saved you,
You never would have died.

The Lord Be With You
And May You Rest In Peace
Amen

A gentle giant has flown away,
Spread his wings and left this earthly fray.
Released from pain, from illness free,
Noah's soul now soars eternally.
May God embrace him in His loving care,
And bless those left with hearts of prayer.
May His grace bring comfort, peace, and light,
Until we meet again beyond this life.

-Wendy Attipoe

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