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OBSEQUIES - LATE PROF. MARIAN EWURAMA ADDY



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With gratitude to God for a life well spent, the African Journal of Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicines (AJTCAM), announces the death of our distinguished member of the Editorial Board, Late Prof. (Mrs.) Marian Ewurama Addy, a professor of biochemistry whose sad event occurred on the 14th day of January, 2014, at the age of 72 years.

Until her death, Late Prof. Marian E. Addy was a founding member and first executive secretary of West African Network of Natural Products Research Scientists (WANNPRES); Chairperson of many Scientific Organizations (Ghanaian and International), Advisory Boards and various profound Committees on Health and Scientific Projects (PCPC, WAHO/WHO/FRO, WABPTEX, etc.); Outstanding International Organizations, of which (WANNPRES), is one of such.

She is survived by husband, and two daughters. We pray the Almighty to grant her gentle soul eternal rest, and comfort to all she left behind.

Editors-in-Chief

TRIBUTE IN THE MEMORY OF PROFESSOR MARIAN EWURAMA ADDY

It is with profound sadness that I received the news of the death of Prof. Marian Addy, an eminent Ghanaian Biochemist, and Plant Medicine Research Scientist on the 14th day of January 2014, at 72 years.

My first encounter with Professor Addy was at a workshop in July 2007, at the Atomic Energy Commission in Accra, where she represented the WHO/AFRO. The wonderful impact she made on this meeting, led to a friendship we both cherished until her death. As a result, I was delighted when in 2008 she was nominated by WAHO to chair the production of the first volume of Herbal Pharmacopoeia for ECOWAS.

Prof. Addy was the very essence of compassion, astuteness, duty and style. Her self-effacing, passionate, adaptable, and plain-speaking nature, combined with immense leadership skills, endeared her to the hearts of her contemporaries. Unfortunately, her failing health made it impossible for her to attend the launch of this landmark document at the 6th WAHO Scientific Congress of Traditional Medicine Practitioners and Conventional Medicine Practitioners held in Ouagadougou in December 2013.

Prof Addy obtained a Bachelors degree in Botany, from the prestigious University of Ghana, and Masters and Doctorate degrees in Biochemistry from the Pennsylvania State University.

She taught at the University of Ghana, Legon; and Howard University College of Medicine. In research, she will be forever remembered for her work on the plants *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* and *Desmodium adscendens*.

She was a member of several prestigious scientific committees, many of which she chaired with distinction. These included: WABPTEX, WANNPRES, WHO/AFRO Regional Expert Committee on Traditional Medicine, and International Foundation for Science, Stockholm. She was a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts & Sciences, and appointed first president of the newly-established Anglican University of Science and Technology in 2008. As a role model for female scientists, Prof. Addy received many awards among which are; "Officer of the Order of the Volta" and the "Africa-America Institute's Distinguished Alumna for Excellence". In 2012 she published her autobiography "Rewards", to inspire the younger generation.

The demise of Professor Addy is a great loss to the Traditional Medicine community, but we can only thank our Maker for the life of a woman, whose sterling qualities, will never be extinguished from our minds. On behalf of the WAHO Expert Committee on Traditional Medicine, we join her family and friends in mourning the loss of a true heroine, outstanding scientist and remarkable human being.

Dr Kofi Busia, WAHO