

TRIBUTE TO EMERITUS PROFESSOR EMMANUEL QUAYE ARCHAMPONG
BY THE GHANA ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The heights by 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

The Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences mourns the passing of the venerable Emeritus Prof. Emmanuel Q. Archampong, a senior and very highly regarded Fellow of the Academy.

Emeritus Prof. Emmanuel Q. Archampong was elected Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1976 on account of his excellent academic and professional credentials in medicine and his diligence as a Surgeon. He was a devoted and committed Fellow of the Academy and one of its longest serving members of Council, from 1984 to 1992. In the year 1989, he delivered the 22nd in the series of the J.B Danquah Memorial Lectures on the topic *“Medical Education and National Development in Africa”*. He was elected Vice President of the Sciences Section from 1993 to 1994.

Emeritus Prof Archampong was very generous with his time and contributed immensely to the growth and development of the Academy. For many years he diligently served on the Budget and Finance Committee first as a member and then as a chairman until he requested to be allowed to step down. Until fairly recently, he was consistent in attending the Academy’s meetings and functions and making very useful contributions to get one thing or the other done properly. As many of his peers, colleagues and students attest to, Prof Archampong was a gentleman; a father; teacher; and a friend to all. He was a man of few words, but left no one in doubt when he chose to make a point. He was soft-spoken but assertive and articulate and very easy to interact with because of his very sociable mien.

A recipient of many awards including the conferment of the National Honour of Order of the Volta in 2006, Professor Emmanuel Quaye Archampong proved to be a very devoted and committed Fellow; one of a dedicated number of Fellows the Academy could rely on, even at the shortest of notices, to conduct assessments on its behalf.

Without a doubt, Emeritus Prof Archampong acquitted himself as a selfless physician, surgeon, educator, statesman and patriot. He etched his name as an intellectual giant and a man of exemplary character. His objectivity, rectitude and thoroughness in his dealings is very much talked about and appreciated by right -thinking men who came into contact with him. He shall be very sorely missed.

The Academy’s heartfelt condolences go to the wife, children and entire family. We pray for the repose of his gentle soul.