



## Gariba Al-Abdul Korah

June 5, 1960 - February 16, 2021

Albany - Gariba Al-Abdul Korah was born on June 5th 1960 to Moses Bornaa Abudu Korah and Mary-Magdalene Zinenta in Kaleo in the Upper West Region of Ghana, and passed away February 16, 2021 at home, surrounded by his beloved family. He was the 5th child of his mother and one of many by his father. Gariba was among the privileged few who attended school and would later dedicate his life to being a teacher.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 2004 with a Ph.D. in African History. In August of 2004, Gariba joined the department of History and Political science at the College of Saint Rose where he attained the rank of full professor. He also held a part time teaching position at SUNY – Albany.

Gariba Al-Abdul Korah was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend who loved telling stories, watching soccer and making those around him laugh. He was a passionate teacher and researcher who relentlessly dedicated himself to his craft. His absence leaves an indelible void in the lives of those who love him. And even as we grieve his passing, we take solace in the adage that the gods take away the young mortals they love, and fate owes us no justification for how it unfolds. It is our prayer that the gates of paradise

will be open for him as a sign of his final victory.

Gariba is survived by his wife Gladys, daughter Bernice, daughter Diku, daughter Danielle, son Morgan, son Daniel, sister Agnes, sister Jane, nephew Moses, nephew Martin, niece Jane, niece Maud, niece Marcia and grandchildren Samairah and Micah. He also leaves behind many loving cousins, in-laws and friends in Canada, Norway, United States, United Kingdom and Ghana.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Gariba's family on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

A Funeral Service honoring his life will immediately follow at 1:30pm.

Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; Masks and Social Distancing are required; and 40 visitors will be allowed in the funeral home.

To leave a message for Gariba's family on their guestbook, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
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## Service

FEB 27. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of  
Gariba Al-Abdul Korah



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM

RF

*May your soul rest in perfect peace Amen*

Regina, Godspower and Fidelia - February 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM

HS

*May your soul rest in perfect peace Prof. Ameen 🙏🙏🙏*

Hon. Mohammed A. Sukparu - February 27, 2021 at 01:57 PM

LD

*Rest in peace dear uncle. We love you and we will never forget you.  
Your memory will forever be in our hearts.*

Linda Domapielle - February 27, 2021 at 02:51 PM

RD

*Rest well Daddy.  
Till we meet again*



Rebecca Donyong - February 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM

MN

*" M ma Diema " may the good Lord grant you peaceful resting place in  
his kingdom.*

Mary Ngminebayihi - February 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CN

*My friend, my uncle fare thee well. I still hear your voice closer. I heard you telling some of the mystery of life. RIP Uncle.*

**cyprian yussif Nabaali** - February 28, 2021 at 02:14 AM

VN

*May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace.*

**Vivian Nyekanga** - February 28, 2021 at 05:05 AM

EM

*May your soul Rest In Peace brother you will forever be in our heart.*

**Emelia Mornah** - March 01, 2021 at 10:27 AM

NH

*May he Rest In Peace amen you will forever be miss brother*

**Nabila Halitu** - March 01, 2021 at 03:34 PM

DP

*My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family. He will forever be missed but let's be consoled that he's in a better place resting peacefully in the bosom of our Good and Living God. Blessings!!!!*

**Dr. Sidonia Alenuma, Ph.D.** - March 02, 2021 at 12:21 AM

FC

*Gladys: I am so sorry for your loss. Fran Callahan*

**Fran Callahan** - March 02, 2021 at 02:34 PM

IL

*Dagadoo, the good lord will welcome you into his arms. You are missed.*

**Isidereal Iobnibe** - April 15, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LI

*Rest well best friend*

**Lily** - June 19, 2022 at 03:13 AM

AI

*Garba, may you rest peacefully.*

abdulai iddrisu - April 28, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TM

“ *I was one of Gariba's first students when he started at St. Rose. I was immediately impressed with his style and chill vibe as an instructor - even friendly teasing him by calling him "The G" as his larger-than-life smile and persona made him more than just a professor. Over the course of multiple classes and talks in his office, we became close. He was a mentor and friend, so caring and easy to talk with. While we've lost touch over the years, he lives on fondly in my memories, in my knowledge of African history and culture, and in how I approach teaching myself - as someone who makes learning fun, accessible, and pro-student. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and condolences are with his family and anyone who feels his loss.*

*Julio McLaughlin  
St. Rose class of 2005*

Timothy M McLaughlin - March 01, 2021 at 06:47 AM

CM

“ *I first met Gariba in 2004 when he came to St. Rose. He was a truly dedicated scholar, a very kind man, and a friendly comrade in academic arms. Offering my deepest condolences to his family.*

*Candis Murray*

Candis Murray - February 28, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah.*



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February 27, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ *Felix Korbieh lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



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**Felix Korbieh** - February 27, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Zenabu Ukwela lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



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**Zenabu Ukwela** - February 27, 2021 at 01:56 PM



*Words cannot express my grief at the tragic loss of my nephew whom I affectionately called Wofa. I still can't believe that you've gone to the world beyond. We hadn't spoken for some time only to be hit with news of your death. Your labour done on earth you've gone to your maker to recieve your just reward. Fare thee well wofa till we me on the day of resurrection.*

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**Clement Eledi** - February 28, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JK

“ *Joseph Kangmennaang lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



Joseph Kangmennaang - February 27, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *The last time we talked on phone, you were so full of life. The next time you called, I missed it and plan to call back but death deprived me of that...I can't even express the pain. All I can say is rest in perfect peace in the bossom of the Lord..I will forever miss you uncle Gariba..gang sung*



Isabella Continua - February 27, 2021 at 01:33 PM

SN

“ *Samwini Nicholas sent a virtual gift in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



Samwini Nicholas - February 27, 2021 at 12:18 PM

SN

“ *Samwini Nicholas lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



Samwini Nicholas - February 27, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MD

“ Mabel Domapielle lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah



Mabel Domapielle - February 27, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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Mabel Domapielle - February 27, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MN

“ Mavis Delimini Nakuma lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah



Mavis Delimini Nakuma - February 27, 2021 at 11:26 AM

CN

“ Constancio Nakuma lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah



Constancio Nakuma - February 27, 2021 at 11:24 AM

IL

“ *Isaac Luginaah lit a candle in memory of Gariba Al-Abdul Korah*



Isaac Luginaah - February 27, 2021 at 11:15 AM

IL

“ *A tragic loss! May You Rest in Perfect Peace of Christ.*

Isaac Luginaah - February 27, 2021 at 11:10 AM

KV

“ *Gariba was a valued colleague of mine at the College of Saint Rose. He also raised some great daughters. I remember a wonderful hike at Thatcher Park with Peggy and her friends Brynn and Sierra. Peggy showed a deep love of new life experiences, a trait that her father certainly shared. He will be missed.*

Kathy Voegtle - February 27, 2021 at 10:11 AM

LW

“ *Gariba was a deeply intellectual scholar who cared very much that students receive a deep understanding of logical skills and historical contexts. St. Rose and our students will miss him greatly. Deepest condolences to his family and friends.*



Laura Weed - February 26, 2021 at 06:37 PM

VB

*We will forever miss him.*

Vincent Banye - February 27, 2021 at 06:25 AM

BL

“ I met him when he was an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University at Albany. I remember him as an intelligent scholar and a very nice person. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Brenda Pennell Lewis** - February 26, 2021 at 03:51 PM

JM

“ May God grant Gariba eternal rest, shine light on him perpetually, and console his family and friends. Gariba taught passionately. His students loved this and the breadth of experiences he brought to class. I always appreciated his quick, warm smile and encouraging demeanor. When we passed each on campus, he'd give a solemn nod--and then a quick wink. We will miss him and the light he brought to his courses.

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**Jeff Marlett** - February 26, 2021 at 01:05 PM

CS

“ I want to express my condolences about the death of my former friend and colleague, Gariba. I first met Gariba when I picked him up late one night at the Albany airport as he was arriving for his job interview at the College of Saint Rose. Our friendship began rather quickly, when I told him I was intrigued why a man from Ghana pursued a graduate education in Norway and Minnesota and now was applying for a job in Albany. He gave me that charming smile and laughed. We later shared a love of soccer, especially when I told him I always rooted for Ghana in the World Cup. He was a wonderful colleague and teacher who will be missed. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Sincerely,

Carl Swidorsk  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science

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Carl Swidorski - February 26, 2021 at 10:35 AM

FK

Gariba was more of a junior brother to me than a son-in-law. Because of the time difference between the US and Ghana, he used to call around 12 o'clock midnight Ghana time and we would talk on the phone until about 2 am. I didn't mind those late hours at all because it was so good and interesting to chat with Gariba. We discussed about everything under the sun. I will miss him a lot. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Francis Korbieh  
Retired Judge of the Appeal  
Court of Ghana.

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Francis G. Korbieh - February 27, 2021 at 04:30 AM

CN

*Gariba (Dagadoo), You shared generously of your knowledge of the history of Ghana and of the Dagaaba, moments I will forever cherish. Though we only met in person once or twice in the early 1980's, we have had many telephone conversations over the years, mostly over academic stuff and to share moments of laughter. Thank you! May the Almighty grant you safe passage to the resting place of your ancestors, parents and siblings who went to prepare a place for him among the Communion of Saints. May you rest in peace, Dagadoo, and remember to say hi to your brother and my dear friend, Paul. R.I.P.*  
Constancio Nakuma

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**Constancio Nakuma** - February 27, 2021 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ *Gariba was an accomplished scholar and a truly kind colleague. My thoughts are with his family. He will be greatly missed. Dave*

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**David Rice** - February 26, 2021 at 09:19 AM

SE

“ *A tragic loss. Such an important intellectual figure, taken too soon. May the impact of his work resonate for generations to come.*

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**Sean** - February 26, 2021 at 09:08 AM