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THE LIFE STORY OF ASANTEHEMAA, NANA AMA KONADU
YIADOM III (2017-2025)

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Nana Ama Konadu Yiadom III was born in 1927 to the 13th Asantehemaa, Nana Afia Kobi Serwaa Ampem III (1977-2016), and Opanin Kofi Foffie, also known as Kooffie or Keewuo of Besease near Atimatim, a suburb of Kumasi. He was a carpenter by profession. Nana Ama Konadu Yiadom III, the 14th Queen of Asante, was the first born of Asantehemaa Nana Afia Kobi's five children, the youngest of whom is Asantehene, Otumfour Osei Tutu II.

In her teens, traditional puberty rites were performed for her to usher her into womanhood. After that she got married to Opanin Kwame Boateng, a blacksmith by profession who hailed from Aduman, near Kumasi. At a very early age, just when she was a little over a year old and being breastfeed, Nana Panin was separated from her biological mother and given to her aunt (mother's sister), Nana Afia Konadu at Ashanti New Town (Ash-Town) a suburb of Kumasi.

Nana Ama Konadu Yiadom III who, known in early life as Nana Panin, became well educated for life through informal palace education though she did not go through any formal education. In 1959, at the age of about 22, Nana Panin was christened and baptized into the saviour church of Ghana with christian Name Ruth. She was also of the Anglican church by convention, for every Asantehene and Asantehemaa is an automatic member and patron of the Anglican Church.

By occupation, Nana Konadu Yiadom III was a carer who specialized in local dishes. She was also into food crop farming and petty trading. Her hobbies were, cooking, music and dance. In the 2016, when her mother the Asantehemaa, nana Afia Kobi Serwaa Ampem III passed on to eternity at the age of one hundred and eleven (111), Nana Ama Konadu (Nana Panin) was chosen to take her place on the 6th of February, 2017, with the stool name Nana Ama Konadu Yiadom III. This fulfilled the prophecy of the Kwaku Firi Shrine through Baafuo Osei Akoto, a senior Linguist of Asantehene.

During her reign from 2017 2025, Nana Konadu Yiadom III was known to be fair and firm honest and a good advisor. She had her won count where all her judgement were hailed as fair. The saviour church of Ghana has named a school at Bonwire after her, Nana Konadu Saviour school.

May she rest in perfect peace.