

VETERAN EDUCATIONIST DIES AT 86 YEARS OF AGE

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Barely three weeks since the country lost Professor George Wilberforce Kakoma, the composer of the national anthem, Uganda has once again lost one of its great academicians.

Renowned educationist Professor William Ssentenza Kajubi has today passed on at his home in Bugoloobi, a Kampala suburb. According to family members, the 86 year old professor collapsed in his bedroom and died before being taken to hospital.

HIS BIOGRAPHY








Professor Ssenteza Kajubi was born in Kampala in 1926 to the late Mzee Yoweri Kajubi, a driver for the Public Works Department and the Post Office and Mother, Bulanina Namukomya, a shop and bakery owner.

By 1939, Kajubi was a student of Mackay Memorial School in Nateete, a Kampala suburb, before joining Kings College Buddo for his secondary school.

He was educated at Makerere University from 1947 – 1950. Thereafter, he proceeded to the University of Chicago in the USA where he learned a M.Sc. degree specializing in geography.


He then taught at King's College, Buddo for three years before becoming a lecturer and senior lecturer at Makerere University.

From 1964 to 1977 he was Director of National Institute of Education, at Makerere University. In 1979 he became professor of higher education. Between 1977 and

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1979 he was ViceChancellor of Makerere University.

In 1986 Senteza Kajubi was appointed Principal of Kyambogo Institute of Teacher Education in which he served till 1989.

The following year, in 1990, Senteza Kajubi was once again appointed Vice Chancellor of Makerere University. He held this position until 1993. In 1994 he became Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University, a private university, until his retirement in 2008.

Besides his many publications and unpublished statements on education, he participated in various commissions that shaped the education system in Uganda.

In 1963, he was one of the nineteen members of the Uganda Education Commission chaired by Professor E B Castle.

Senteza Kajubi was also a member of the Education Commission that resulted into the 1970 Education Act.

In the 1980s, Professor Senteza Kajubi chaired the Education Policy Review Commission which among other things recommended the introduction of universal primary education.

Professor Senteza Kajubi served the education sector in Uganda for over 60 years as a teacher, educator, education policy advisor, and leader of tertiary and higher education institutions in Uganda. He was also a consultant for the national education system in Namibia at the time of independence.

He is survived by nine children. His body was taken to Mulago hospital for postmortem. A church service is scheduled for 3PM this Friday and will be laid to rest at his ancestral grounds at Maya along Masaka Road on Saturday at 2PM.

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