



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

**CELEBRATING THE GALLANT ALUMNUS AND ICONIC MUSICIAN: GRACE  
WILSON MUTEKANGA IGAGA: *The Composer of the Makerere University Anthem***



**DURING THE REQUIEM MASS HELD AT  
St. Francis Chapel, Makerere University  
ON  
22nd August 2024, 10:00 AM**

# **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF GRACE WILSON MUBI IGAGA MUTEKANGA**

**Date of Birth:** 30th June 1940

**Died on:** 16th August 2024

**Parents:** Daudi Kintu Mutekanga and Erina Babyale Mutekanga in Bubula, Kamuli, Busoga

## **Family**

**Wife:** Frances Katusabe Mutekanga

## **Children:**

- Basalirwa Frida
- Mutekanga Andrew
- Igaga Isaac
- Igaga Yonah
- Mutekanga Erina
- Bakibinga Jacob
- Igaga Amos
- Namutebi Irene
- Igaga Matthews
- Ibembe Patrick

**Grandchildren:** Numerous

## **Education Background**

- **1951-1956:** Naminage Primary School and Mwiri Primary School (PLE)
- **1957-1962:** Busoga College Mwiri (O-Level Certificate)
- **1963-1964:** Makerere College School (A-Level Certificate)
- **1965-1966:** Makerere University College BA (Hons) 1-year Attendance
- **1966-1969:** Heidelberg University (Ohio, USA) Bachelors Degree in Music
- **1970-1971:** Northwestern University, Evanston (Illinois, USA)

## **Employment Record**

- **Olive-Hervey College (Chicago, USA)**
- **1971-1973:** Makerere College School and Part-time Lecturer, Department of Music, Dance, and Drama
- **1973-1975:** Head of Music Department, National Teachers College, Kyambogo
- **1975-1981:** Lecturer, Department of Music, Dance, and Drama & Warden, Livingstone Hall
- **1982-1986:** Lecturer, School of Education
- **1986-1988:** Lecturer, Makerere University Department of Music, Dance, and Drama
- **1989-1995:** Principal, Bishop Willis Teacher's College, Iganga
- **1996-1997:** Principal, Kabulasoke Teacher's Training College
- **1997-2003:** Director, National Teacher's College Mubende

## **Other Professional Accomplishments**

- Composer of the Makerere University Anthem and numerous other songs
- Authored a proposal leading to the introduction of the Grade V Diploma Programme for Primary Teachers in Uganda, working closely with Mrs. Joyce Mpanga, former Minister of Education, and Mr. Eric Karuhije, Chief Inspector of Schools
- Honorary Award recipient: “Phi Delta Kappa,” Northwestern University Chapter (A Professional Fraternity in Education)
- Served as Chief Examiner (Music), East African Examinations Council
- Served at the Public Service Commission during the tenure of the late Canon-Bikangaga
- Served on Governing Councils of various educational institutions, including Mwiri Primary School, Iganga S.S., Buckley High School, and Kamuli Girls S.S.
- Actively involved in programs that transformed teacher education in Uganda

After his retirement in 2003, he devoted himself to community development initiatives in Bufumba, Kamuli. He was deeply involved in Church administration, primarily within the Church of Uganda, and pursued agriculture with a special focus on fruit cultivation.

As part of Makerere University's 90th Anniversary Grand Finale celebrations on 3rd August 2013, Mr. Grace Wilson Mutekanga Igaga was recognized for his contribution to the university through the composition of its anthem. He received a standing ovation as he was presented with an award by the Chancellor, Professor George Mondo Kagonyera. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Frances Mutekanga, and other members of his family.

## **Hobbies**

- Avid reader
- Film enthusiast
- Passionate about gardening and flowers
- Deep love for music, often singing at every opportunity
- Valued laughter and happiness in life
- Cherished time with friends and family, always knowing how to share love generously