

Celebrating the Life of


HON. HENRY K. M. KYEMBA

**Saint Paul's Cathedral Namirembe/
Christ's Cathedral Bugembe**

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY



Henry Kisajja Magumba Kyemba was born on 8 February 1939 in Bunya County, Mayuge district in Busoga to Suzana Babirizangawo Mutekanga and Suleiman Kisajja, a colonial administrator. He was the youngest of seven brothers and seven sisters and was thus blessed to grow under the loving care, protection and guidance of his parents and older siblings and their large network of friends and family.

Kyemba started out his school years moving between primary schools from Masese in Jinja where he lived as a young child with his parents, to Busesa in Iganga, where he lived with his older brother David J.K Nabeta. His older brother was then a young businessman, and the two lived close to the support of another brother, Adonia Katagwa, a teacher in Busesa. It was during his time in Busesa that Kyemba met his lifelong brother and friend, Wanume Kibedi. Both were primary school students at the time, at the school where Kibedi's father was both teacher and Headmaster.

In 1951, Kyemba had the great fortune of joining Busoga College Mwiri, an opportunity that transformed his life. He began his years under the stewardship of Headmaster Rev. F. G. Coates. While there, he had the blessing of meeting, studying and sharpening his intellect, political perspective, skills and sense of patriotism alongside men that he would grow to call brothers throughout his life: James Ngobi, Shaban Nkutu, Paul Etyang, Yoweri Kyesimira, Ignatius Batwala, Ruhakana Rugunda, Wanume Kibedi, James Wapakhabulo, Kirunda Kivejinja, Sam Wambuzi, Justin Lwabi, Enock Rukare, Kaaya Kavuma, Xavier Wandira, George Kirya, Yoa Kisira, Brewer Abaliwano, and the list grew only longer and more inspirational with every passing year on "The Hill".

After earning his Cambridge School Certificate from Busoga College Mwiri in 1956, Kyemba joined Makerere University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in History in 1962. He loved historical and political analysis and was deeply committed to the idea of building the Uganda and Africa that he and his peers had discussed and envisioned over their years in school. He would thus later go on to earn a Masters degree and Certificate in African Studies from Northwestern University in Evanston, USA.

Immediately following his graduation from Makerere, Kyemba joined the Civil Service in Uganda holding multiple pivotal roles in the country he loved from the eve of Uganda's independence and until his retirement from public office:

- » Uganda's first Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of Uganda, 1962 - 1972
- » Principal Private Secretary to the President of Uganda, 1972
- » Minister of Culture and Community Development, 1972 - 1973
- » Minister of Health, 1974 - 1977
- » Member, National Resistance Council, 1989
- » Minister of Animal Industry and Fisheries, 1989- 1994
- » Member of the Constituent Assembly, 1994 - 1995
- » Minister of State in the Office of the President
- » Member of Parliament (Jinja West), 1996 - 2001
- » Member, Judicial Service Commission, 2008 - 2016
- » Member, The Elders' Forum Uganda, appointed 2015

Kyemba earned global renown as an author of the acclaimed book, ***"State of Blood"***, that he published in 1977 during his exile from Uganda which he had left while serving as Minister of Health during the troubled rule of Idi Amin. The book, both courageous and shocking in its revelation of the atrocities and gross failures suffered by Ugandans under the leadership at the time, and Kyemba's personal advocacy around the story he had chronicled, played an important role in forcing the world to acknowledge and take a stand together with Uganda in restoring dignity in governance and the rule of law.

Kyemba was passionate about development of Uganda and stood and fought firmly for the principles he held. Outside of public office, in the early 1980s, he joined the Rotary fraternity, embracing Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" and embarking on what would be a journey of service, representation and fraternity that would last the rest of his life. Through his work with Rotary and outside of government therefore, Kyemba could be found contributing to a multitude of community initiatives, important management Boards including the Madhvani Foundation Scholarship Board, and educational leadership bodies. He believed firmly to the end, through his service, time and advice, all of which he gave extremely generously, that the best way he would contribute to building the nation he so loved and believed in was through giving.

He is survived by widows Elizabeth and Janet, their children Henry Jr, Susan, Linda and Steven, grandchildren and very importantly to him, an extended family and friends that are countless in their number, that he loved dearly and that inspired him daily. To all of them, he will be remembered for his decades of service to the country, his candour, humour, intellect, patriotism, wisdom and his generosity.

ORDER OF SERVICE



ORDER OF PROCESSION

Wardens
Choir
Clergy
Canons
Dean of the Cathedral
Bishop
Casket of Hon. Henry Kyemba
Widow and Children

SERVICE LEADER: Cathedral Dean

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

TULINA OMUBEEZI WAFFE

Tulina Omubeezi waffe
Nga atwagala!
Akira baganda baffe
Nga atwagala!

Emikwano gyaffe ku nsi; batutamwa, batuvaako
Naye Oyo tatukuusa
Nga atwagala!

Buno bwebulamu bwaffe
Nga atwagala!
Yesu okumumanyanga
Nga atwagala!

Yatunoonya mu lukoola
N'atununula n'omuwendo
N'atuleeta mu kisibo
Nga atwagala!

Kiki ekimusanyusa era
Nga atwagala!
Kwe kutuwa ffe omukisa
Nga atwagala!

Ka tugume emyoyo gyaffe
Ka tutambule n'essanyu
Alitutuusa ewuwe
Nga atwagala!

Ku lw'erinnya lye ery'amaanyi
Nga atwagala!
Tuliwangula abalabe
Nga atwagala!

Kale nno tweyongerenga;
Okuyimba nti Asinze
Asinze Mukama waffe
Nga atwagala!

WELCOME AND PRAYERS: OPENING SENTENCES

MINISTER: Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the Life;
he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. **(John 11.25, 26)**

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out.
The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away:
Blessed be the name of the Lord. **(1Timothy 6.7; Job 1.21)**

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **(Romans 8.38,39)**

ALL: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ,
You have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in the
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pasture, He leads me beside quiet waters,
He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

WELCOME

LAYING OF WREATHS:

SONGS BY CAPE BROTHERS

HYMN: NSANYUKIRA EKIGAMBO KINO

Nsanyukira ekigambo kino
Yesu Mukama atwagala nnyo:
Bilimu bingi ebinsanyusa;
N'eky'ekisinga nti Nze kwagala. Chorus

Chorus:

*Anjagala, Anjagala;
Nga kitalo (o)kunjagala!
Anjagala olw'ekisa kye,
Nange era mmwagala.*

Bwe mba nnyonoona ne mmwerabira,
Yesu tandeka kubula ddala:
Ampita mangu (o)kumweyuna ye;
Era anjijukiza okwagala kwe; Chorus

Bwe nditunuulira ekitiibwa kyo,
Ndiyimba ntya, bwe siyimba bwe ntyo?
Nnyimba (e)mirembe n'emirembe,
Yesu kiki ekyakunjagaza nze? Chorus

Anjagala, era mmwagala ye:
Yakka mu nsi olw'okwagala kwe;
(O)kwagala kwamuleeta ku muti;
Yesu atwagala ffe bwagazi. Chorus

BIBLE READINGS:

PSALM 121 (ENGLISH)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord watches over you, the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

ZABBULI 121 (LUSOGA)

"Ningirira ensozi neebuza nti: "Naani anambeera?" Musengwa Katonda n'ambeera, oyo eyakola eigulu n'ensi. Musengwa Katonda oyo taja kukuganha kugwa, oyo n'omukuumi wo ataja kuwongera naire. Bona, oyo omukuumi wa Isiraeli taja kutenduka, waire okuwongera obuwongere. Musengwa Katonda n'akulabirira, era akuli kumpi agho ng'akukuuma. Ghazira kabi kalikutuukaku, ka gube omusana ng'endhuba eri kwaka, oba obwire ng'omwezi guli kwaka. Musengwa Katonda aja kukuwonianga olobe kugwa mu kabi koonakoona;

akukuumenga ng'oli mulamu. Musengwa Katonda aja kukukuumanga ng'ofuluma era akukuumenga ng'olingira, okuva buti n'okweyongerayo ebyanda n'ebyaanda."

ROMANS 8: 31 – 39 (ENGLISH)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AB'E ROMA 8: 31 - 39 (LUSOGA)

"Kale ebyo tunaabikobaku ki? Katonda bw'aba ku luuyi lwaife, aghanga okutulwanisa naani? Oyo ataasaasira na mwana we mwene, aye n'amughaayo ku lwaife twenatwena, alioba atya okutugheera aghalala n'Omwana we oyo ebintu byonabyona? Naani alivunaana abalondemu ba Katonda, Katonda mwene bw'aba nga tabavunaana? Ghazira aghanga kubasingisa musango, kuba Kurisito Yesu mwene eyafa ate n'azuukira, era atyaime ku mukono omusaadha ogwa Katonda n'atwogererayo. Kale naani asobola okututoola ku kugonza kwa Kurisito? Kudaagadaaga oba bulumi oba kukirigibwa, oba ndhala, oba bwavu, oba kabi, oba kufa? Nga bwe kyaghandiikibwa kiti: "Ku lulwo, tuli mu kabi ak'okufa olunaku lwonalwona. Tutwalibwa ng'entaama edhija okwitibwa." Aye mu ebyo byonabyona tughangulira irala ku lw'oyo eyatugonza kuba nkakasa nti waire kufa, waire bulamu, waire bamalaika, waire abafuzi n'ab'obukumu obundi, waire ebirigho, waire ebiribaagho, waire obugungumavu, waire okwika ghansi, waire ekitonde ekindi kyonakyaona, tibirisobola kututoola ku kugonza kwa Katonda okuli mu Kurisito Yesu Musengwa waife."

SERMON

THANKSGIVING HYMN: EWALA MU GGULU

1.

Ewala mu ggulu
Bamaliyaka be
Bayimba n'essanyu
Nga batendereza -
Aleruuya!
Basanyuka
Aleruuya! Aleruuya!

2.

Era mu nsi muno
Katonda akkiriza
Ennyimba z'abato
Bonna abamwagala.

Aleruuya!
Naffe ka tumuyimbire,
Aleruuya!

3.
Yesu Mulokozi,
Tukwegayiridde
Otuyigirize
Amazima gonna.
Aleruuya!
Tulyoke tukuyimbire,
Aleruuya!

4.
Ayi Yesu Mukama,
Bunya ekigambo kyo;
Buli ggwanga ery'ensi
Likyukire gy'oli.
Aleruuya!
Ebika byonna biriyimba,
Aleruuya!

HYMN: OMUKWANO GWA YESU TEGUTEGEREKEKA

OMUKWANO gwa Yesu tegutegerekeka
Omwoyo omutukuvu y'anjigiriza yekka
Emirembe gijjuza bwe gityo omwoyo gwange,
Era gikulukuta bulijjo okunsanyusa

Byonna ebitalabika kaakano mbirengedde,
Bibikkuliddwa gye ndi ku lw'ekisa kya Yesu,
Era ebinafu by'ensi Katonda yabironda,
Alyoke akwase ensonyi eby'amaanyi mangi nnyo

Eby'entiisa sibitya, nvumbudde ekiwummulo
Sikyayengetana, so sikyataagana nate,
Nnina ennono y'obulamu, kwe kukiriza Yesu
Era nyimba n'essanyu ye mulokozi wange

EULOGIES

THE APOSTLES' CREED [ALL STAND]

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTER: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.

MINISTER: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

MINISTER: Grant us, Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that is left
to us
here on earth. Lead us to repent of our sins, the evil we have done and the
good we have not done; and strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son,
in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

MINISTER: Let us commend our brother Henry Kyemba,
to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Heavenly Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love
you have given us new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust Henry Kyemba to
your merciful keeping, in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who
died and rose again to save us, and is now alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.

Minister: May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and
departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his
eternal kingdom. Amen.

BLESSING:

May the peace of God, which is greater than we can understand,
be in your hearts and remain with you,
so that you may always know and love God and His son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, now and always. Amen.

ALL STAND AS ORGAN PLAYS "DEAD MARCH"

RECESSING IN REVERSE ORDER

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

HYMN: KWATA OMUKONO GWANGE, NDI MUNAFU

Kwata omukono gwange, ndi munafu
Sirina maanyi, nafuwadde nnyo.
Naye bw'onkwata, siriiko kye naatya.
Naasobolanga byonna eby'entiisa.

Mulokozi, kwata omukono gwange
Onsembeze kumpi n'omwoyo gwo
Enzikiza ekutte onjakire nze
Nneme okukyaamanga mukubo lyo
Kwata omukono gwange, gwe otegeera
Enkwe n'obulimba bwa sitani
Bw'obeera nange naafuna emirembe
Naatambulanga n'esanyi lingi.

Kwata omukono gwange mubulwadde
Nga nzirika nga sissa mukka nnyo
Onsomose omugga ogw'okufa kwange
Ontuuse gy'oli olwa ssaddaaka yo.

ADDITIONAL HYMN DURING RECESSION

YESU MUKAMA OMULOKOZI

1.

Yesu Mukama Omulokozi
Yajja mu nsi okunoony(a) ababi;
Nga kwa kitalo okwagala kwe,
Yajj(a) okunoonya nze.
Yajj(a) okunoonya nze,
Yajj(a) okunoonya nze.
Nga kwa kitalo okwagala kwe,
Yajj(a) okunnonya nze.

2.

Yesu Mukama Omulokozi,
Bwe nali mu nvuba ya Setani,
Yannunula n'omusayi gwe ye
Yesu yanfiirira.
Yesu yanfiirira,
Yesu yanfiirira,
Yannunula n'omusaayi gwe ye
Yesu yanfiirira.

3.

Yesu Mukama Omulokozi,
Bwe nali nga nvudde mu kkubo lye,
Yankowoola n'okusasira kwe,
Yesu yampita nze,
Yesu yampita nze,

Yesu yampita nze,
Yankowoola n'okusaasira kwe,
Yesu yampita nze.

4.

Yesu Mukama Omulokozi
(E)kigambo kino kye kisanyusa,
Ndimulaba lw'alijja n'ebire,
Okuntwal(a) ewuwe.
Okuntwal(a) ewuwe,
Okuntwal(a) ewuwe,
Ndimulaba lw'alijja n'ebire,
Okutwal(a) ewuwe.



APPRECIATION:

The family of the Late Hon. Henry KM Kyemba expresses its profound gratitude to:

- » The President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Museveni
- » Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja
- » Prime Minister Emeritus, Ruhakana Rugunda
- » Speaker of Parliament, Anita Among
- » Principle Private Secretary to the President, Dr. Omona
- » Minister for the Presidency, Milly Babalanda
- » Honourable Members of Parliament
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- » Carewise Nursing
- » All the Members of the National Organizing Committee
- » The Rotary International Family
- » Mwiri Old Boys' Association
- » The Madhvani Family
- » All Family and Friends
- » The Media

Your generosity, kindness and support to us at this time have lifted us up and helped us stand firm and we are deeply grateful.



Rotary



FARE-THEE-WELL PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR HENRY KYEMBA

Fellow Rotarians, I write to commemorate the life and legacy of a remarkable Rotarian, Past District Governor Henry Kyemba, who sadly passed on today, the 19th of October 2023, leaving an indelible mark on our Rotary family.

PDG Henry was an exemplary Rotarian, a dedicated public servant, and a passionate advocate for Rotary's core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. He joined the Rotary community in 1987, bringing a wealth of experience and deep commitment.

His journey within Rotary was nothing short of remarkable. PDG Henry served in various capacities, contributing significantly to the growth and development of Rotary in Uganda and the region. He was a great supporter of The Rotary Foundation and was at the forefront of fighting polio up to his demise. PDG Henry was a distinguished Rotarian, serving as the District Governor in 1995/96.

PDG Henry's devotion to service extended beyond the boundaries of Rotary. His career in public service exemplified his commitment to making a difference in the lives of his fellow citizens.

As we remember PDG Henry Kyemba, let us also celebrate the spirit of Rotary that he embodied. We can all aspire to emulate his dedication to Rotary principles, his humility, and his warm-heartedness.

To PDG Henry's family, we extend our deepest condolences and gratitude for sharing him with us. He was a cherished member of our Rotary family.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace! Yours in Rotary Service

Edward Kakembo Nsubuga
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 9213



FARE-THEE-WELL PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR HENRY KYEMBA

The loss of a good friend is like losing a part of yourself. You never forget them, no matter where life takes you.

PDG Kyemba's life was one of selflessness and love. His service to our community and his spirit of kindness will never be forgotten. He was an inspiration, and a role model to many. He encouraged and strengthened each one of us. His legacy will live on in our hearts.

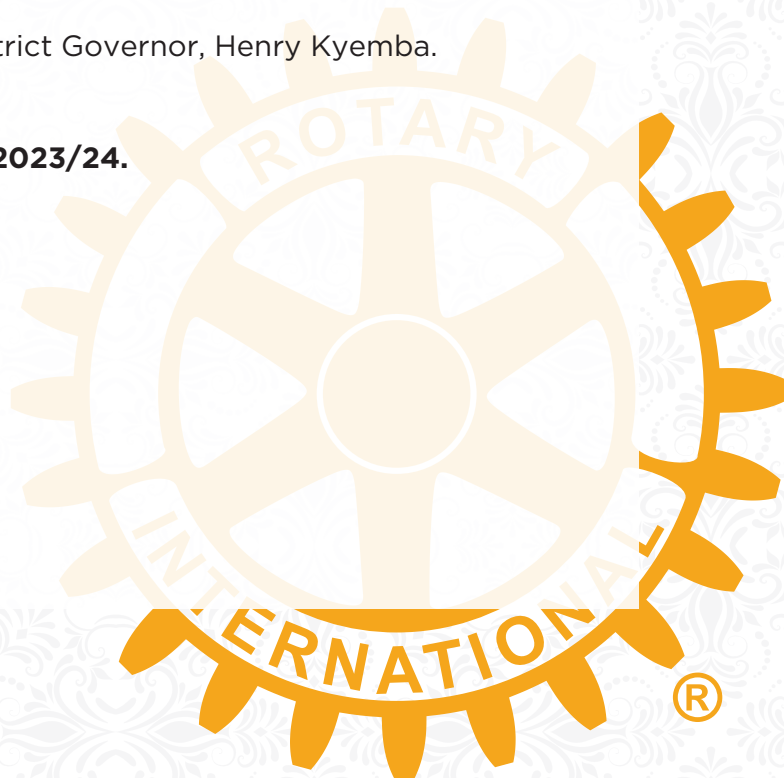
We thank God for the time we spent with PDG Kyemba, and all that he shared with us. His dedication, commitment, generosity, deep insights and wisdom will stay with us always.

We are deeply saddened by his loss, but grateful for the time we had together.

We condole with the Family and pray that you remain Strong during and after these trying moments.

Rest In Peace our Beloved Past District Governor, Henry Kyemba.

Francisco Ssemwanga,
DISTRICT GOVERNOR (RD 9214), 2023/24.





COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY FOR TORORO DISTRICT,
MARCH – MAY 2005



His Excellency the President, Yoweri .K. Museveni Recieving the Rotary
International President Nominee Sam Owori At State House Entebbe
Also present were PDG Hon Henry Kyemba, DGN. Ken Mugisha & Country Chair Xavier Sentamu
13th March 2017



"Always loved & remembered"





MWIRI CRICKET



"Always loved & remembered"



Hon. Henry Kisajja Magumba Kyemba
8 February 1939 - 19 October 2023



"Always loved & remembered"

