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Nigerian Medical Association (NMA)

BACKGROUND

- Born on 25th October, 1957 to Seezi and Joyce Mungherera.
- Her father, a retired civil servant, traced his roots to the Butaleja District in the Eastern Region of Uganda.
- She attended Primary, secondary and tertiary education in Uganda.
- Graduated from to Makerere University Medical School in 1982 education.
- Obtained Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1984 from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- Obtained Master of Medicine degree in psychiatry from Makerere University in 1992.
- Her clinical and research interest was in forensic psychiatry.

WORK

- **1992 – 2000:** Resident Doctor at the Butabika National Referral Hospital
- **2000 – 2003:** Consultant Psychiatrist at the Mulago National Referral Hospital
- **2003 – 2012:** Senior Consultant psychiatrist at the Mulago Hospital Complex
- **2012 – 2015:** Clinical head, Directorate of Medical Services (Departments of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry) at the Mulago National Referral Hospital.
- Retired 30th June, 2015.

SERVICES

- President, Ugandan Medical Association for six terms.
- **October 2013 – October 2014:** President, World Medical Association. First female President of the WMA from Africa.
- **October 2016 – death:** Chairperson of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities.
- She was also a founding member of Uganda Women Medical Doctors Association.

CONTRIBUTIONS

- As President of the Ugandan Medical Association, she midwifed the formation of regulatory bodies in East Africa region alongside colleagues from Kenya and Tanzania aimed at improving the standards of regulation of doctors and dental surgeons in the East African region.
- This further led to a harmonized approach to Continuing Professional Development, a single harmonized curriculum for the training of undergraduate doctors and dental surgeons and another for training interns in 5 countries in the East African region (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi). In addition, there is joint regular curricular review and joint approval of medical and dental schools in the region.

CONTRIBUTIONS

- As President of World Medical Association she facilitated policy interventions to promote good ethical practice in the world and champion human rights of patients and physicians.
- She facilitated the formation of the Junior Doctors of Africa, a young Association of all Junior Doctors in Africa.
- Was a strong voice for Junior Doctors in Africa during the Ebola outbreak, insisting that Junior Doctors must not be sent to the Ebola war front without the protective gears and needed supervision.

HONOURS

- **November 2012:** Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from Kampala International University in recognition of her "historical achievements.
- The chairman to senate in consultation with the chairman council and the chancellor Gulu University has agreed to posthumously promote her to the rank of Professor.
- The Butaleja District chairperson, Mr Richard Waya, said the district council will name Budumba Health centre III which is currently under rehabilitation after her in recognition of her achievements in health.
- Rotary Club of Kampala Wes to construct a vocational institute in her name, in recognition of her achievements to the club, health and the world in general.

EULOGIES

- Her brother, Mr Richard Were:
- “a generous, jolly person with a beautiful smile, She is someone I can’t forget because I was too much attached to her, she was my mentor and growing up as brothers and sisters, Margaret was always a true Rotarian, was never self centered and always stuck to what she wanted.”

EULOGIES

- The president of the Uganda Medical Association, Dr Fred Biso, described the passing on of Dr Mungherera as a huge loss not only for the Uganda Medical Association but Uganda as a whole.
- He described her as a determined and hardworking person who would stop at nothing to ensure the provision of good medical services.

EULOGIES

- The Secretary General of the WMA, Dr Otmer Kloiber:
- “As a psychiatrist by education, a public health activist by nature, a determined advocate for the people of Africa by conviction she was a marvelous physician leader on the global stage. For many of us she has been more than a colleague as she has been a friend, teacher and companion.
- Margaret bravely fought her cancer for the last years and was with us for every meeting she still could arrange for. The WMA remains grateful for her service to our community.”

EULOGIES

- Dr Osahon Enabulele, Past President of the Nigerian Medical Association (2012-2014) and the Vice President, Common Wealth Medical Association (W/A Region):
- “Her last vibrant appearance and presentations at the Taiwan General Assembly in October last year (2016), were not only enthralling but unequivocal points of my great conviction that she had truly overcome what I termed then as a protem medical challenge.
- She was indubitably an inspiration and a non-pareil Amazon and mother with uncommon candour, humility and milk of human kindness.
- I am in tears!!!”

EULOGIES

- Major(Rtd) Dr Okullo Antony, Family Medical Consultant at Sheraton Kampala Hotel - Government of Uganda:
- “Dr. Margaret Mungherera was a very committed, intelligent, result-oriented medical practitioner and administrator in a very patient, selfless, professional and yet pleasant way.
- A renowned communicator, she had a way of articulating herself most efficiently, most audibly and most thoroughly, in whatever subject she took on - medical or otherwise.
- It is with no surprise that she held various professional and administrative positions locally and internationally in a most indisputable and uncontroversial manner.
- Her broad vision was the betterment of the medical service and the improvement of the working condition of the medical practitioner.”

EULOGIES

- Ugandan columnist, Muniini K. Mulera;
- “Margaret was so full of life, so full of that energy that always uplifted us even when things appeared dark.
- She came to us, like a bright meteorite in the dark African sky, here but a moment, an impact event, before disappearing into the great sea.
- Now gone forever, in eternal dreamless sleep, her voice stilled, her smile frozen in our memories, but very much alive through the lives and systems she impacted in her very short life.”

EULOGIES

- Minister of Health Ruth Aceng who represented government during the burial: “Dr Mungherera was a strong advocate for better health service. She ensured people received quality service.”
- Former Ugandan vice president, Dr Specioza Wandera Kazibwe who studied with Mungherera: “She was a guiding light.” She pledged to complete some of projects that Mungherera left unfinished such as advocacy for girls’ rights.
- The speaker of Parliament, Ms Rebecca Kadaga: “The country has lost a pillar that has saved life and protected humanity in the world.”
- “She empowered the girl-child. Many look at her as a mentor. Mungherera has made her mark on this earth, we shall miss her,” said Ms Kadaga.

EULOGIES

- This is in addition to numerous encomiums from many NMAs and Medical Doctors from across the globe.

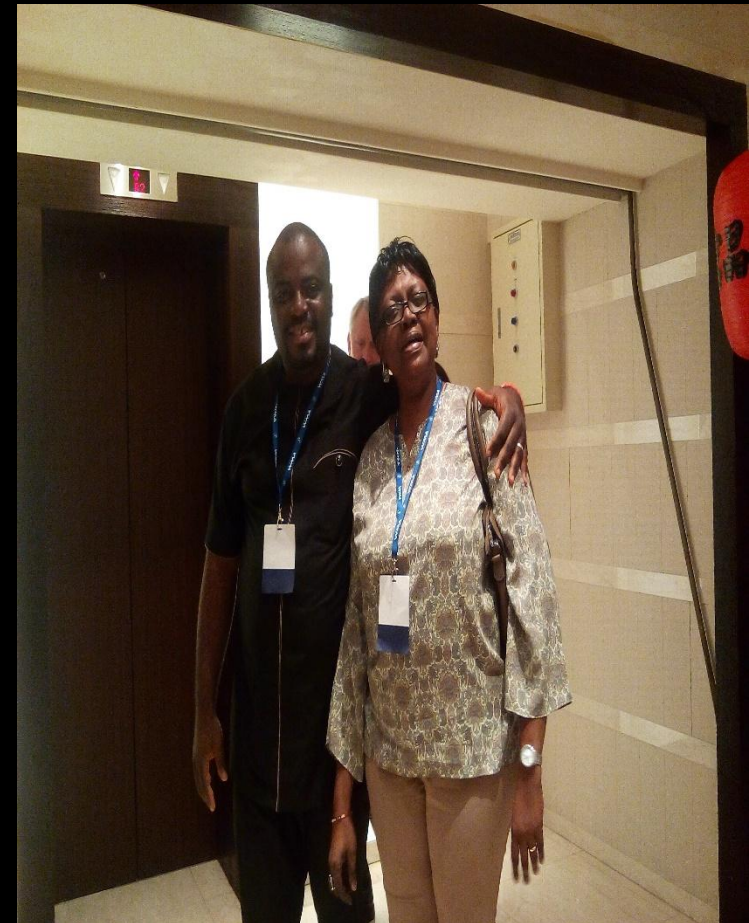
HER LAST DAYS

MM with the Kenya Medical Doctors during their April 2016 Conference



HER LAST DAYS

MM with Nigeria and Uganda Medical Doctors during the WMA GA in 2016.



HER LAST DAYS

- She attended the WMA GA in Taipei, October, 2016. She was in high spirits and inspired all of us especially from Africa.
- I remember her specially appealing to the South African delegation to make this very program a pan African program by encouraging members of the other African National Medical Associations to attend.
- Her dream came alive as the South African Medical Association made frantic efforts to invite as many NMAs in Africa as possible, with fair incentives.
- Today, this program has seen the day light, but unfortunately, she is not here with us.

HER LAST DAYS

On the hospital bed shortly before she was flown to India, she said this to the President of UMA, Dr Fred Biso, as part of her last wishes:

‘The things I have been fighting for, to ensure better provision of medical services to people and better welfare of doctors who treat Ugandan’s, don’t ever divert away from that.’

HER LAST DAYS

- After 59 years on earth, over 30 of which was dedicated to the service of humanity especially the Medical Profession in Uganda, East Africa, Africa and the entire World, she died on 4th February, 2017, after a protracted battle with Cancer. She was buried on Saturday, 11th February, 2017 in Butaleja, Uganda.
- She remains a legend, as even her death coincides with the **World Cancer Day** marked on February 4 to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.

HER LAST DAYS

- The incidental diagnosis, through the course of her treatment, to her death in India, describes in no small measures, the health inequalities being discussed today.
- No doubts she must have been anguished by her need to seek help in India for her cancer. The reality that her many years of leading the struggle for improved healthcare at home have been thwarted by the people in power must have been a source of pain that could not be relieved by even the most potent medicines.

May we Please stand to observe a one minute silence for our departed leader and colleague



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