



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & BIRTHDAY OF

STEPHEN KAKETE

Born; January 31st 1972 - Died: January 29th, 2025

Buried January 31st, 2025

Today is his Birthday!



Lavender Sky Naikoba
(Stephen's 10-Year-Old Daughter)

Daddy has been a very good father to me. He was so caring, and he used to come to school to visit me even when he was very sick. I thank God for having such a loving daddy. I will miss him so much.

**Our fighter has left a legacy that will
always be remembered.**

Stephen Kakete treasured life and fought to the last. In his last days and weeks, whenever he got some strength, he reassured everyone that all was going to be well, and he made a fist saying “Waga-Waga” which means keep fighting on.

He has gone a victor, and we shall
always celebrate him.

**Rest Well with the Angels!
Stephen Kakete Waife!**

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Primary Schools

- St. Theresa Entebbe Primary School
- Kivubuka Primary School

Secondary Schools

- Kiira College Butiki
- St. Balikuddembe Mitala Maria
- Progressive S.S.S

Universities

- Makerere University Business School – Diploma in Business Administration
- Staffordshire International Business School UK – Bachelors in International Business Marketing.



STEPHEN'S FAMILY:

Stephen is a father to two beautiful children. Malcom Colman Kakete (18 years of age), and Lavender Sky Naikoba (10 years of age).

He has died as entrepreneur running and managing a successful brick production business.



Stephens's Heath Journey

Stephen has lived a life of miracles. When he was young, he got so sick. It was discovered at the last minute that he was suffering from Sleeping Sickness and was rushed to a sleeping sickness center in Nawankandulo, Kamuli District, where his life was saved.

Stephen was diagnosed with Colon cancer in January of 2022. He immediately started chemotherapy treatments travelling to and from India. After 9 months, Stephens scans in India showed no traces of cancer and he classified as being cancer free and in remission.

A checkup a few months later however showed that the cancer in the Liver had returned. He was placed on another round of chemotherapy, the cancer however continued progressing.

His positive attitude to life is what kept him going. Even when he was sick, he drove himself from Jinja to Kampala, every after two weeks to Three Rivers Cancer Center for his treatments. Until three weeks ago, Stephen was the one calling family and friends to inform them of his health status.

Stephen has battled cancer for the last 3 years. He defied all science and logic and managed to live much longer than had been predicted. His passion for life and for all around him is inspiring and he will be very dearly missed.

Rest Well with the Angels Stephen Kakete! Until We Meet Again!

A TRIBUTE TO KAKETE STEPHEN

Dr. Muvawala Joseph,
(Stephen Kakete's Elder Brother).

I have a feeling that we have lost the soul of our family. Someone who connects us to so many people and manages to organise us in ways that people don't understand.

My brother is a very good and a very particular person. His value for money was to simply use it to make others and himself happy. I thank Stephen for loving and bringing my large family together. He is the dad that everyone had access to.

Stephen checked on everyone and communicated with us all through his health. Stephen will be very dearly missed.



Ms. Tasule Juliana
(Elder Sister).

Stephen my Brother we have shared a lot ever-since you were born up to when you have left us. Always calling me my big sister. Your last words to me were “Thank you Big Sister and Mummy for caring and supporting us from an early age. I am waiting for your retirement next year and I will take care of you always.”

Stephen told me that his birthday this year is going to be the most celebrated in his life, and that I should bake a very big cake for him to celebrate. Little did i know that Cake would be cut at his funeral.

I know you are with GOD and May your Soul Rest in Peace. Farwell and Till me Meet again in Heaven. Amen!

Mrs. Restetuta Ndholorwa Bwanga
(Elder Sister)

Stephen, you were dearly loved. You have been a resilient positive-minded person and a team player. A very meticulous and organised person. Thanks so much for loving our Mummy! We love you and you will be dearly missed!



STEPHEN KAKETE

Even when he was battling cancer, Stephen remained humorous and positive. On one occasion when his meal was delayed, he joked and said “Banaife Mulikufumba Mpologoma? (Translation “are you cooking a lion!).

You have dearly loved your daughter Lavender and taken great care of her. Stephen would organise and iron three clothes for his daughter every day, even ironing her underwear! He never missed any of her visitation days even when battling the cancer.

We pray that God gives us the spirit to keep your legacy going. We all promise to take good care of Lavender. She will be well. If your son Malcom Colman Kakete who was taken away from us by her mother ever returns, we shall welcome him with open arms and we will never stop looking for him.

Leticia Babirye (*Elder Sister*).

My brother is a very neat person! He is a kind people person and never liked disagreeing with people. If he disagreed with you, within seconds, he would be making amends!

Stephen and I were diagnosed with Cancer around the same time. On his first trip to India, I took care of him with my sister Resty, then as soon as he came back to Uganda, I went back to India to start my own Breast Cancer battle.

Stephen is the one who encouraged me remain strong and start the Chemotherapy. We always compared notes and advised each other, each step of the way. Our slogan is “Waga-Waga” which means Keep Fighting On! Today I am happy to say that I am Cancer Free and in remission.

In our family, Stephen has played the role of a father for those who don't have parents. He attended all graduation ceremonies of my children.

Stephen Kakete really loved his Mum, and his last words and memory all went to his mum whom he kept on calling from time to time whenever he regained consciousness, until he passed on. We don't know how our mum is going to cope with this loss, but we pray that God strengthens her.

Paul Mubiiwa *(Younger Brother)*

Dear big brother, though you may be gone, but your memory and legacy live on in my heart.

I'll never forget your unwavering kindness, compassion, and respect. You were more than just an elder brother; you were a guiding light, a shelter in life's storms, and a constant source of comfort.

Your understanding and support during my darkest moments were a beacon of hope. You stood by me when I needed you most, offering a listening ear and a reassuring presence. Your selflessness and empathy inspired me to be stronger and more resilient.

As I cherish the memories of our time together, I'm reminded of the profound impact you had on my life. Your love, wisdom, and guidance helped shape me into the person I am today.

Though your physical presence is no longer with me, your spirit and legacy will continue to inspire and motivate me. I'll carry your memory in my heart, striving to make you proud and honor the values you instilled in me. You fought a good fight. Rest in peace, dear brother. Your love and memory will never fade.

STEPHEN KAKETE

Tina Mubiiwa *(Sister / Law)*

Farewell, Daddy Stephen. Your kindness, love, and thoughtfulness have been a guiding light in our lives. You filled our hearts with warmth and our home with joy. I will miss your sweet voice calling me “Omukyala,” a name that always made me feel so special. Though you may be gone, your love will forever remain with us. Rest peacefully, knowing you were deeply cherished. Love, Always.

Restetuta Ndholorwa *(Niece to Stephen Kakete)*

To my daddy Stephen, if there’s anything you’ve taught me, it’s to be resilient and not give up in whatever I do. You’ve been a father and a friend! I’m truly blessed to have experienced your love in great measure. I will miss our daily video calls and conversations! Thank you for showing me what unconditional love is! I’m going to miss you dearly Forever and Always. Your darling daughter, Resty Ndholorwa Mubiiwa.

Council Alex Luganda

I will dearly miss my bro! for his warm nature even amidst the most challenging situations. Stephen had a rare sense of attention to detail. He had the ability to associate with and leave an impact on people from all walks of life.

He was our uniting factor for all families, and he called to check on everybody. The Kasalas, the Luganda’s, the Kigenyi’s the list is endless.

He had love for all of us and all of our children. Even in his sickness he asked for a t-shirt that my little daughter gave to him and he wore it that day. We thank God for his life, and we shall continue celebrating our Fighter Stephen!

During his cancer battle, he had crested himself as “Mohammad

Ali” the Fighter! Stephen defied all odds; he lived for an extra month defying all medicine. He lost the battle, but has won the war. Rest in Peace my dear Brother.

Eva Kirenda (*Mother to Stephen's Daughter*)

Steven, as we bid farewell to you; we will carry forward the love and laughter you brought into our lives. Though you are no longer with us in body, your spirit will forever echo in our hearts reminding us to cherish each moment we shared and hold on tight to the bonds of family. Forever in our hearts.

Mrs. Ntalo Kakete Nambogwe (*Stephen's Mother*).

My son was too critical and responsible, especially for the family affairs. He is the only person who knows where his late father's valuable items are. My son was very neat to the extent that they nicknamed him “Katie” because he always wore his tie neatly.

He was a people person and a parent who loved every child. I will miss my neighbor and my son! **Rest in peace my Stephen!**

APPRECIATION

We appreciate and thank all those who have been with us through Stephen's health journey. The list is endless. Everyone who contributed to Stephen's medical bills in India and in Uganda, we are forever grateful. Those who checked on the family, and those who supported our mother. Thanks for being there for her and for us all. We pray that God rewards you abundantly.

Mr. Abbey Mukasa

We cannot thank you enough for taking care of Stephen Kakete during his sickness and for showing love to our family. You

selfishly traveled to India with Stephen every time he traveled for treatment. We shall forever be grateful.

Mr. Carlos Robert Tugoloze

We thank you for being the son that you have been to Stephen Kakete and for taking care of him, even spending sleepless nights in a parking lot at Three Rivers Cancer Institute until his last breath.

Mr. Emma Kabagambe

In the last months of Stephen's life, you have been his pillar and confidant. Thanks so much. Stephen felt very safe in your presence.

Ms. Summayah Nabirye

You have been by Stephen's side since his diagnosis. We thank the Lwabenga family for raising such a dedicated and loving daughter.

Mr. Joseph Matete

God sent us a perfect bed care nurse. You never took your eyes off Stephen, and we are forever grateful that you came to us during such difficult times.

Dr. Okuku and the whole team at Three Rivers Cancer Institute

Thanks so much for treating Stephen, believing in his recovery, and keeping our hope going.

Mrs. Restetuta Ndholorwa Bwanga and Ms. Leticia Babirye

Thanks so much for taking time off your busy schedules to travel to India and take care of Stephen.

Mr. Paul Mubiiwa and Family

Paul, you must have walked a marathon going back and forth to check on Steven and to take care of our mother. You stood by our brother endlessly and tirelessly. Thank you!

Lucy Luganda, Dr. Veronica Wabukawo, Juliana Tasule, Alex Luganda, Racheal Luganda, Edward Luganda, Paul Luganda, Justine Bayanga, Stephen Matende: You all stood by our brother in unmentionable ways!

Our Grand Children from all Families:

Thanks so much for being with at the hospital. Our hearts are full knowing that you will be there for us difficult moments.

Lavender Naikoba Sky (*Stephen Kakete's Daughter*)

Thanks for looking after your daddy, for being the daughter, the bedside nurse, the best friend, and for filling the gap for everyone. You were everything to Stephen and we are thankful to you.

To our Mummy Mrs. Ntalo Kakete

Thanks so much for loving us, all. Maama Naigwe, Maama Alice, thanks so much for being there for our mother though these difficult times.

Mr. Muyingo Tonny!

Stephen was indeed a friend, and you stood by his side. Thank you.

Mr. John Omeke:

You have unconditionally stood beside Stephen and the family. Thanks for the financial and emotional support. You are our brother at heart!

Mr. Abadi Ali Patel and Ms. Anita Ahmed from India:

We are so thankful to you for the endless time you spent helping the family to coordinate Stephen's travel, and for being our loving family in India who took care of Stephen in our absence.

Ms. Agatha Babirye!

Thank you for coordinating Stephen's trips and medical appointments and for supporting the family.

The NPA Family

Thanks so much for the emotional support, and for all the financial contributions.

Jinja Senior Secondary School: Thanks for all your contributions towards Stephen's medical bills.

The President of Uganda His. Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

Thank you so much for your financial contributions towards Stephen's medical treatments.

Dr. Muvawala Joseph

You did everything possible for Stephen. You turned every stone for the family, from the financial to the emotional support. You even spent sleepless nights in the parking lot at Three Rivers Cancer Center. We are blessed and honored to call you, our Daddy!

The list of people that have stood behind Stephen is endless. You are all in our hearts and we thank you for being there with us. May Stephen Kakete Rest Forever in Eternal Peace. Amen!

