

Zari's mother to be buried today in Wakiso

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Halima Hassan, the mother of city socialite Zari Hassan has passed on following heart and diabetes complications. She died at Nakasero Hospital yesterday at around 7:00am, according to one of the daughters, Zulah Hassan.

Burial is scheduled today at the deceased's ancestral home at Busunju on Hoima Road.

Halima's death comes close to two months after the demise of Zari's ex-husband, Ivan Semwanga, who was buried in Kayunga.

Zulah, the last-born in the family, which is based in Jinja, said her mother had battled different complications for the last six weeks.

"For three weeks she was in South Africa getting treatment. She flew back but her condition deteriorated. We then moved her to Nakasero Hospital, where she has been for three weeks. The doctors at the hospital have been trying to stabilise her kidneys so that she can go back to South Africa for further treatment.

However, she developed a complication on the pancreas," she said during an interview at their home in Munyonyo, a Kampala suburb.

Halima was described as a devout strong Muslim woman. She will be buried near the mosque.

Born on May 15, 1959, Halima is survived by several children and grandchildren.

Since her passing, several condolence messages to the family and friends started coming in. A number of people have also gathered in Munyonyo for a wake.

Zulah revealed that South Africa-based Zari and her children were expected to fly in for the burial.

The news of her demise was first broken by Zari on her Facebook page, where she said her mother would be loved and missed forever.

On social media, Zari, who is also the wife of Tanzania-based singer Naseeb Abdul Juma, popularly known by his stage name Diamond Platnumz, posted: "May Allah forgive you of your sins and grant you *Jana*. You will forever be loved our Old Sun, us, your kids were given the best from God as our mother."

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