Dr Kaggwa transformed Mulago

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Dr Lawrence Kaggwa, the former Mulago Hospital executive director, has been hailed for saving many lives in Uganda during his time in the theatre.

Rotary district 9211, former governor Steven Mwanje remembered Kaggwa as a special surgeon, who also taught.

Mengo Rotary Club president, Sharifah Sanyu said Kaggwa was committed to the club values.

"He used his medical profession to help the Rotary Club gain mileage. During our outreaches, Kaggwa treated many people," she said.

Kaggwa was also hailed as a patriot, who enhanced development of the national referral hospital.

He served as Mulago boss for 12 years until 2005, when he joined health ministry as the director for planning.

The 69-year-old succumbed to cardiovascular respiratory failure recently at the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI).

DR LAWRENCE KAGGWA FROM APRIL 9, 1948 TO NOVEMBER 10, 2017

The executive director of UHI, John Omagino, hailed Kaggwa for his key role in setting up the institute.

Omagino told mourners at Rubaga Cathedral that Kaggwa headed the team comprising Mulago Hospital, Ministry of Health, Makerere University and Uganda Heart Foundation that established the heart institute.

"He undertook the supervisory role and gave home to the heart institute at Mulago Hospital," Omagino said.

He said cardiac services were revived at the institute and on April 4, 1996, the first closed heart surgery was performed.

"Thanks to Kaggwa, Uganda started diagnosing, treating and managing heart diseases, including birth abnormalities, infections, heart attacks and heart surgery," he said.

Dr Baterana Byarugaba, the current executive director of Mulago Hospital, described the deceased as one who worked hard towards the establishment of different structures at the hospital.

"He also secured the first fund to construct the drug store and incinerator," Byarugaba said.

The vicar general of Kampala Archdiocese, Mgr. Charles Kasibante, urged the congregation to emulate Kaggwa, whom he said served above self.

"As a top surgeon and a leader, Kaggwa installed a number of laboratories and equipped them so that Mulago Hospital can carry out critical tests," he said.

Olivia Namaganda, Kaggwa's daughter, said her father was a loving and caring person, who ensured that his children lived a befitting life.

"Our father was a patriot. He also loved his work to the extent that sometimes, he forced us to share a bed in order to accommodate a patient at home," she recalled.

The wife, Jocelyn Kaggwa, thanked God for the life of her husband for the 40 years of their marriage.

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