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● The chief executive officer of Vision Group, Robert Kabushenga, (right) with Gershom Agaba, the senior circulation manager of Vision Group, looking at the copies of the Uganda Argus printed for circulation on Christmas Day, Monday 25.

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Keturah Kamugasa vigil at Vision Group today

By Gloria Nakajubi

Mentor, friend, role model, fashion enthusiast, passionate worker and unapologetically Christian, are some of the descriptions advanced of celebrated *New Vision* journalist Keturah Kamugasa.

Kamugasa breathed her last on Wednesday afternoon at the International Hospital Kampala, following a short illness.

According to Vision Group's Editor-in-Chief, Barbara Kaija, there will be a wake at the *New Vision* head offices today, starting 5:00pm. It will be followed by a funeral service at the Baptist Church in Nakulabye, Kampala at 10:00am tomorrow.

Kamugasa's body will then be laid to rest at her ancestral home in Nyakatooke village, Rugombe parish, Bugaki sub-county in Kyenjojo district at midday on Sunday.



Late Kamugasa

Kamugasa, according to Kaija, joined *New Vision* after returning from Britain, where she had studied social works and sociology. She was, however, keen on journalism and her story-telling ability made her stand out.

"At the Features Desk, we were looking for people who would take our readers to the scene of the story. Kamugasa was a very expressive person. You could see that in her

stories and in her mannerism. She would have you gripped to a story from the first line to the last word. She is one of the finest features writers I have met," Kaija said.

Kamugasa, as Kaija condole, transformed Ugandans' sense of fashion. Through her Fashion Police column, she had many on caution before they stepped out at public events.

"She believed that every woman should make an effort to be smart and look nice. She lived up to that. She was exceptionally neat and a very good cook," reminisces Kaija.

Women fraternity mourns

The Forum for Women in Democracy celebrates Kamugasa's contribution as a mentor for young women leaders. "She mentored over 2,000 young women in transformative and alternative leadership, focusing on

fashion, building self-confidence and self-care.

Olive Kigongo, the president of the Uganda National Chamber of Commerce, said Kamugasa was an authority that even when she (Kigongo) received a negative comment from Kamugasa regarding her dressing, she took it rather positively. "I have been Kamugasa's ardent follower. I always appreciated her sense of fashion."

Kamugasa was the head of the magazines section at Vision Group and the editor of *Flair*, a quarterly women's magazine. She was a writer of a column on style that runs in *Her Vision* pull out in the *New Vision* every Tuesday. She was the first editor of *Bride and Groom*, the first local wedding magazine.

She was instrumental in launching Uganda's first ever wedding Expo, which has won the country's appeal.