

some parents choose to sell the high quality nutritious foods which they produce and leave their families to

why they do not own granaries," she advised.

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Karekaho hailed for exemplary veterinary service

By Umaru Kashaka

Relatives and friends have paid tribute to former deputy minister of animal industry in the Milton Obote II government, Kham Karekaho Karegyesa, who died on Tuesday, aged 93.

Karekaho died at his home in Rukungiri district after a short ailment, according to his nephew, Charles Muhoozi.

Dr Martin Aliket, a dental surgeon and businessman, yesterday described Karekaho as an exemplary and principled leader worth emulating by the young generation.

"He was a pillar of society. He was a steady individual. He was respected in his area and he did a lot of things for the Church," Aliket said in an interview with *New Vision*.

The managing director of Fountain Publishers, James Tumusiime, echoed Aliket's views, saying Rujumbura's first MP was a man of noble character.

"He was consistent. He never left his political party, the Uganda People's Congress," he said.

Tumusiime, a brother-in-law of Karekaho, added that the accomplished veterinarian was

lively and made everybody around him believe that life was worth living.

"He enjoyed sharing with his community and friends. He was always full of laughter and humour," he recalled.

Non-discriminatory

Rukungiri Municipality MP Roland Mugume said Karekaho was a politician who did not divide people in the district.

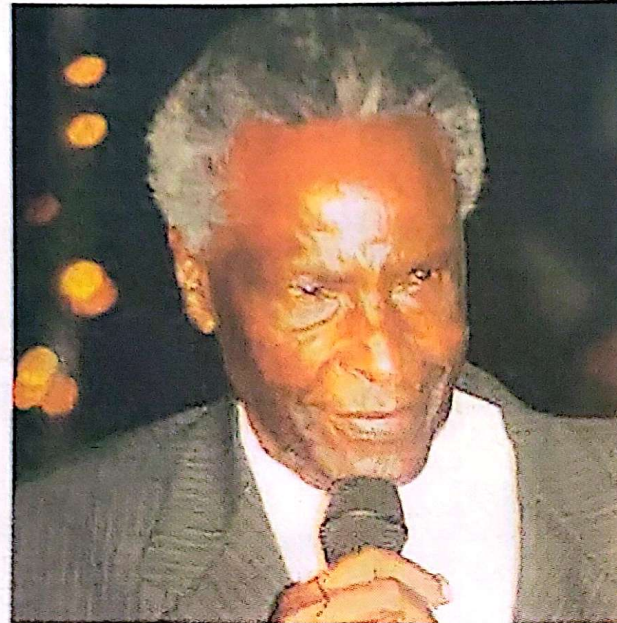
"He loved all categories of people; the rich and the poor. He was not involved in the politics of religion. He served Rukungiri with one heart. He introduced exotic cattle for breeding, wooden fencing and modern farming methods in the country," Mugume said.

Former Forum for Democratic Change presidential candidate Kizza Besigye said Karegyesa lived a full, fruitful and fulfilled life.

"Humorous and infectiously warm to all up to the end," Besigye tweeted.

The Rev. Elisha Wasswa of Rukungiri described Karekaho as an industrious person.

"He helped to build and upgrade schools in the region, such as Kigezi High School, Makobore High School and



Karekaho will be buried tomorrow in Rukungiri district

Kinyasano Girls' High School. He also established spray races and dip tanks for tick control," Wasswa added.

Karekaho's eldest son, Richard, who works with the United Nations in Tanzania, said his father was a dedicated and committed public servant.

"He was a loving husband, caring father and principled

man. He was a man of humility, great intellect and wisdom," he said.

He also said his father was dedicated to service above self and had a unique gift of friendship.

"A friendship that was compassionate and generous," he said.

Karekaho, who will be laid

BETWEEN THE LINES:

■ Karekaho, who was the governor of the Milton Obote Foundation as well as a board member of the Uganda Posts and Telecommunications, started nationwide agitation for independence and self-governance with other luminaries such as Grace Ibingira and Boniface Byanyima.

■ He fully set up the ministry of animal industry and fisheries and established Soroti Meat Packers. In 1986, he retired into commercial ranching and dairy farming in Rukungiri and Nyabushozi.

to rest at his ancestral home in Kagunga, Rukungiri tomorrow, is survived by his wife Deborah and seven children.

The church service will be held at St Emmanuel Cathedral, Kinyasano in Rukungiri today at 2:00pm.

About Karekaho

Karekaho was born on September 23, 1924 in

Misheruro village, Rukungiri to Rujumbura chief Edward Karegyesa and Esteri Bureeba from the Bakimbiri clan. He was the last born of 17 children.

He attended Kinyasano Elementary Primary School, before joining Kigezi High School for his secondary education. He also attended Mbarara High School and Busoga College Mwiri with Milton Obote.

Later, Karekaho attended Entebbe Veterinary Institute, Kabete Veterinary Training Institute in Nairobi (Kenya) before going to the UK for further training in veterinary practice.

Karekaho was posted as a veterinary officer in Bwongyera, Kajara district of Ankole kingdom, where he served until 1959.

He then joined the Legislative Council in pre-independent Uganda. He joined active party politics and successfully ran for Rujumbura MP seat on the UPC ticket.

In 1962, he went to Parliament and was appointed deputy minister of animal industry, game and fisheries.

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