

KEY LESSONS TO TAKE FROM MAMA'S LIFE

As we celebrate Mama's Life of excellency, I would like to share three lessons we can take from her life;

1. When you meet or work with people below you, take efforts to bring them close to you. Your high level or status is always repulsive to people below you. Their much respect for you often makes them avoid you. When you support them, encourage and motivate them, they will always feel honored to associate with you because you will have become their candle of hope. Mama always gave everyone attention, and encouraged us to study more, irrespective of hierarchy and where she found you. Whenever possible, never leave people below you without instilling hope in them.
2. Respect every person's work, and never claim to have monopoly of wisdom and knowledge. In one meeting we had as a team of technicians, she emphasized that we are the ones knowledgeable concerning benchwork. I remember one statement she made, "When am a Professor, it does not mean that I know everything, it means I know a lot about something very small".
3. Lastly, It is a hard reality that when we are gone, people will shed tears not because we are gone. People shed tears because of the good memories they have, because of how much we impacted their lives. Therefore, whenever you attain success or authority, use it to transform lives. For Mama, people are grieved not because she is gone, but because their Candle of Hope has burnt down.

May God give us courage and ease, to uphold your Legacy and your life dream of Muni being a model University.

May Your Soul Rest in Peace


LUBANGA WAS IFU
04/07/2022

Thank your chairperson,

To fellow members of Council, Muni University Community,

Death has robbed us of a lady of valor, a lady of firsts, but today I choose to celebrate her life; For Professor was a challenge, and today she leaves us with a huge challenge. Not forgetting the larger-than-life footprints. The question to us all is if we are ready to take on this challenge.

To the family, friends, and the Muni University Community we take solace in the fact that Professor's life was a blessing, her memory a treasure we will all hold on to. I know you are up in heaven with the Angels, and as we celebrate your life today and always, Professor, you were loved and will be missed beyond measure.

Eternal rest grant her oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Winfred Adukule-Meuter

Council Member

4/7/2022

Eulogy for Late Prof Christine Dranzoa at Special Muni University Council Session to Pay Tribute to Her

Sadik Kassim (PhD), Member, Muni University Council

The Chairperson Muni University Council,

The ~~Ab~~ VG Muni University,

All Members of Muni University Council/Senate

Staff and Students of Muni University in attendance,

The bereaved Family of Late Prof Christine Dranzoa,

All Distinguished Mourners.

June 28, 2022 was a dark day for me and certainly for many that have had opportunity to know, live, work or interact with Late Prof Christine Dranzoa. The first call I saw in that morning was from Dr Anyazo Thomas Abbey, my long-time friend, and Co-founding Director of PALM Corps, an NGO operating in West Nile and the greater Northern Uganda. I was suspicious about the call because I learnt about the sickness of Late Prof Dranzoa through him on 23rd June 2022 and when I visited her on Saturday 25th June 2022, visibly she was in much pain. When I received the call, it was truly an obituary for Prof Dranzoa (Verily, from Allah we came and to Him we return). At first, I was so saddened and confused. But after a deeper reflection I got consoled by her good deeds, kindness and generosity, and humbly prayed to Almighty God to grant Prof Dranzoa eternal peace.

I first heard about Prof Dranzoa around 1998/9. I was Treasurer for Makerere University Arua Students Union (MASU) and thus needed to know a good number of the people of West Nile living in Kampala and nearby towns. However, I did not meet her that time. I met her later during one of the meetings for establishment of Muni University. Instantly I had to believe that indeed Prof Christine Dranzoa was exceptionally talented and academically accomplished.

Later, I was blessed to work with Late Prof Christine Dranzoa from August 2015 when I was appointed as Director of Research for Abi Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institute where she had been the Chairperson Advisory Committee for the institute till her death (*Her contribution to Agricultural Research through NARO is contained in a condolence letter from the Director General NARO, Dr. Ambrose Agona and may be read at the burial*). Recently she also got nominated to the Governing Council of CEFORD where I report to as the current Board Chairperson.

Late Prof Dranza was among the silent heroines and heroes who have contributed enormously to transformation of society. She made it through promotion of quality education, research and development and supporting community and human capacity building initiatives.

Besides involving me in many activities at Muni University, I had opportunity to visit her at home at Anyafio twice, gave her lift once and she also gave me lift once. During these interactions, Prof Dranza emphasized many things. I would like to highlight five of the critical attributes she emphasized:

1. Accountability – That we need to be accountable for all the blessings God has given us including talent, wealth, power and all abilities. That all resources entrusted to us are for service to mankind.
2. Charity – That providing to charity and helping others entails being greed free and having spirit of sacrifice and that is where she derived her happiness.
3. Treating humans especially those below you with fairness, dignity and humility is the only asset that earns one respect.
4. Commitment – That commitment to duty and service is critical for any transformative initiative and thus the poverty in the region is a sign that most of those in position of service are not doing enough.
5. Honesty- Encouraged earnestness and genuineness in all engagements.

Having worked under her, I can confidently conclude that Late Prof Dranza indeed walked that talk; ensured value for money wherever involved; generously supported others especially education of many children; nurtured team spirit, partnership and collaboration; committed to excellence; and exhibited the highest level of honesty in all undertakings.

Chairperson, Colleagues and Fellow Mourners, in Faith, 'Death is a blessing to a believer. The death of a loved one like Prof Dranza is a reminder to us. After all life is a preparation for the day, we will meet our Maker.'

We pray to Almighty God the all-knowing to forgive her, accept her numerous good deeds to society, grant her eternal peace and bless her indelible legacy to inspire her family, friends and the entire staff of Muni University to greater heights.

Chair,
Members of Council
Members of Senate
—Apology—
Aq.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PROF. CHRISTINE DRANZOA

It was September 2003 when I first met Prof. Christine Dranzoa at the School of Postgraduate Studies - Makerere University, when I pursued an MSc. (Mktg). She was the Deputy Director of the School. Secondly, in 2009, she visited IUIU, Arua Campus, where I was serving as the Director. She told me she wanted to seek my experience and challenges as a head of higher education intuition in the region as she had an assignment to establish a public University in West Nile. I shared my experiences and the challenges with her quite honestly.

One year later, she visited again to say she was living the same experiences and challenges I shared with her. This time, she asked how we could overcome the obstacles together and ensure success. We agreed on strategies for success. IUIU is here on a solid foundation, and Muni University is also here on strong foundatio
n—Deans. Lastly, from December 2019 to April 19, 2022, I have had an active engagement with Prof. Christine on all possible channels of communication on a daily/weekly basis during the last two and half years (2½) as my supervisor while serving as Acting Dean, Faculty of Management Science.

In my acquaintance with her from 2003 - 2022, I formed the opinion that Prof. CHRISTINE WAS:

1. Hardworking
2. Consistent
3. Humble/committed
4. Peacemaker
5. Honest/generous
6. Cooperative
7. Consultative
8. Respectful
9. Focused
10. Problem solver

I wish to consider all these desirable characteristics of hers as a WILL and Legacy.

May the Almighty Rest Your Soule in Eternal Peace!

Amandu Yassin Is'haq, PhD
MEMBER OF 3RD MUNI UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN PROF. CHRISTINE DRANZOA

Rest With Pride Prof. Christine Dranza

Arise East Africa!
Let us rejoice with the Angels
As they welcome her back
With great joy and honor.

Sing Uganda!
Let us raise our heads high
As we sing praises of
Her great deeds to this nation.

Be joyful West Nilers!
Let our hearts be filled with memory
Of the selfless dedication of Dranza.
She has handed over the mantle to us.

Be cheerful young girls and women!
Let her time on earth remind you
That someone lived for equity and fairness
You have a duty to carry on her Legacy.

Sing students and staff of Muni!
Raise your voices high
Wipe away tears of sorrow
And celebrate the life of Mama Christine.

And to you, dear fallen Christine,
Your memory will live on
Through the many lives you have changed
You have rested and rested with pride.

EULOGY OF PROF. CHRISTINE DRANZOA

BY DR. JALIRA

Dear fellow mourners gathered here today, I welcome you and thank you for standing together as we celebrate the life of our beloved VC, Prof. Christine Dranzoa.

Allow me to first introduce myself: My name is Jalira Namugaya, a mathematics lecturer.

On Tuesday 28th June, I woke up to the sad news of mamas passing on. I was shattered for the hope to meet her again was impossible.

We have lost a great academic icon, a heroine...that is irreplaceable. Her selflessness, kindness, hard work, love for transforming lives will forever be cherished.

I first met mama way back in 2016, when I had come for an interview. Our hearts met at first sight. Since then, Mama has not only been my boss but also an inspiration, mentor, parent and above all, a friend to me. The love to serve with humour, passion, dedication were her ways. She was a strong advocate for the well-being of women and the girl child. She has always told us to be strong, courageous and relevant at all times...I shall forever be grateful to you and pledge with the help of God that I shall uphold your legacy.

Indeed, God's timing is a perfect one, though we sometimes ask why. We thank God for such a wonderful gift. We still needed you but God needed you the most.

You will dearly be missed!!! May God forgive your shortcomings, receive you with love and gratitude and May your soul rest in eternal peace dear friend!!!

**A TRIBUTE TO LATE PROFESSOR CHRISTINE DRANZOA
VICE CHANCELLOR, MUNI UNIVERSITY**

By

**Assoc. Prof Clement A. Okia
Staff Representative, Muni University Council
Member, Muni University Senate**

4th July 2022

It was with great sadness that I received the news about the death our dear Vice Chancellor and my mentor Prof. Christine Dranza on 28th June 2022. I express my deepest sympathy to the family for this sad loss.

Prof Dranza was an accomplished scientist, great educationist and an inspiring leader. Here at Muni University, the staff (both teaching and non-teaching), students and the community have fondly referred to her as “**Mama**” - a sign of great respect and admiration.

The key attributes that have defined Prof. Christine Dranza include: humility, integrity, fairness, inclusion, persistence, dedication, consistency and love for humanity among others. She valued and respected every member in society and in return she was truly loved in Muni University, West Nile Region, Uganda and beyond. I pray that these values and attributes remain part of us in Muni University so that her legacy can continue to leave.

We have lost a strong pillar. I first met Prof Christine Dranza in 1999 as MSc student at Makerere University studying the Ecology of a tropical forest in Budongo Forest, Masindi. She was supervising my friend Dr. Erick Sunday (now Head of Zoology Department at Makerere University) who was studying birds at PhD level. I was attracted to Prof Christine Dranza by her unique attributes. I recall when we sat with her to discuss about ecological processes in tropical forests and how our studies could build-on the existing body of knowledge and guide the conservation and sustainable management of tropical forests. I was inspired by her wide knowledge on ecological processes and issues.

After returning from my PhD and as a staff of Makerere University, Prof. Christine Dranza and her team at the Directorate of Research and Graduate Studies at Makerere University identified me along with others as young academic leaders under the Carnegie support to Makerere University for Next Generation of Academics. I got a Post-Doctoral support and training on Graduate Supervision. Later we co-supervised graduate students and published. At one point I supported Prof Christine Dranza in implementing some activities under a CBO she had setup called the West Nile Women Initiate. We focused on helping women to add value to the shea butter. She was passionate about economic empowerment of rural women.

When I left Makerere and took up an International Research position with the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Prof Christine Dranzoa kept telling me whenever we met or talked on phone that I was mentored for academics. I visited her about three times as she was setting up Muni University. In 2020, I received a call from Prof Christine Dranzoa indicating that Muni University had advertised several positions and I should check out if I can be interested in any. I was undecided at first but somehow decided to apply. I was short-listed and called for interviews, and was lucky to have been offered the position of Assoc. Professor. It was such a difficult decision for me to join Muni University but I finally took up the position with the excitement of working with one my mentors - Prof Christine Dranzoa. What a great leader we have lost! Prof Christine Dranzoa championed the cause of women, the girls, the marginalized and the less privileged in society. She had a high level of integrity and strongly believed in inclusion and fairness. She detested corruption.

Prof. Christine Dranzoa had a strong commitment of Making Muni a truly a community focused University. During the COVID-19 lockdown, she established contact with the MasterCard Foundation and managed to create an Inter-University Consortium consisting of Muni, Gulu and Bishop Stuart Universities to develop an Expression of Interest to MasterCard Foundation. She delegated me to lead the Technical Working Group from these three Universities and we have since been developing a possible collaborative project which seeks among others to skill thousands of out of school youth, both Ugandans and refugees and 50% being young women on market relevant skills for dignified work. She linked me to American University of Beirut and other Universities to explore ways taking the university to the community and how to develop meaningful and respectful community engagement arrangements so that Muni University can effectively contribute to community transformation. Even in her hospital bed in Mulago, she would send me phone messages on what I should pay attention to as we developed the proposal. With support from the University leadership, we shall continue to pursue these initiatives.

Prof. Christine Dranzoa valued and loved the academic staff of Muni University and indeed all the staff and students. She cared about the wellbeing and development of the academic staff. Her emphasis was “**first develop yourself before you can empower others**”. She also emphasized, a need for a **personal development plan and working consistently on it**. Our prayer and hope is that the top leadership at Muni University will emulate some of these useful attributes. When staff love their leaders, they will respect them and put their minds and energies to propel the institution forward. They will go out of their way to work towards the shared vision.

PROPOSALS

Many glowing tributes have been made about the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa. I am proposing that, such tributes including the ones made today and others which will be made in days to come could be compiled into a **publication of tributes** to be kept in Muni

University library both in hard and soft copies to serve as **a source of inspiration to the present and future generations.**

The academic staff that I represent in the University Council have been discussing an idea about setting up **Prof. Christine Dranzoa Memorial Fund** in her memory and honour. My suggestion has been setting up "**Prof. Christine Dranzoa Fellowship**" in Muni University linked to the **28th June Prof. Christine Dranzoa Memorial Day**. This would be used to launch some of our postgraduate programs to support young women in selected science programs at MSc and/or PhD level and promote the ideals of the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa. This can be inbuilt within the University's small grant funding from the Government (hoped to start in 2022/23). Additional funding can be sourced through project grants developed by staff as well as donations from friends, Alumni and organizations. Chairman and colleagues, these ideas may need to be explored and developed further at a later time. I propose that the Directorate of Research and Graduate Studies or an appropriate committee of Senate or Council develop these suggestions and present for consideration.

We have lost a gallant academic, scientist, mentor and a leader. My deepest sympathy to the family. May we all be encouraged to continue with the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa's love for humanity and making the world a better place, especially for the less privileged. More so, may we carry forward her vision for Muni University

May the Almighty God grant Prof. Christine Dranzoa's Soul Eternal Rest.

EULOGY FOR PROFESSOR CHRISTINE DRANZOA

CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF MUNI UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF HE MUNI UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS BOARD, AG. CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF MUNI UNIVERSITY SENATE, THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF, THE STUDENTS, THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND THE ENTIRE MUNI UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

I FEEL STRONGLY GRIEVED AND HEARTBROKEN TO GIVE THIS UN TIMELY EULOGY IN HONOUR OF LATE PROF. CHRISTINE DRANZOA WHO WAS NOT ONLY MY SUPERVISOR AT WORK, BUT CLOSE FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR AT ANYAFIO. AT THE SAME TIME I FEEL HUMBLED THAT YOU ALLOWED ME TO JOIN YOU AT THIS SAD EVENT. IF I DID NOT COME TO PAY HOMAGE IN HER FUNERAL, THEN MY SPIRIT WOULD HAVE TROUBLED ME.

I CAME TO KNOW LATE PROF. CHRISTINE IN EARLY JANUARY OF 2010, FOLLOWING OUR APPOINTMENTS BY GOVERNMENT TO BE ON THE TASK FORCE OF WEST NILE UNIVERSITY ON 30TH DECEMBER, 2009.

MY FIRST IMPRESSION ABOUT HER AT THE FIRST MEETING WE HELD IN HER OFFICE AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES WAS THAT HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE IN APPOINTING LATE PROFESSOR CHRISTINE AS CHAIR OF THE TASKFORCE OF WEST NILE UNIVERSITY NOW (MUNI UNIVERSITY).

LATE PROF. CHRISTINE WAS QUITE THOROUGH ABOUT THE CORE OBJECTIVES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN UGANDA, WHICH VACILLATES AROUND; PROMOTING ACCESS FOR ALL WHO QUALIFY TO JOIN HIGHER EDUCATION, PROVISION OF QUALITY AND RELEVANT EDUCATION, EQUITY IN ENROLMENT, THE SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABILITY OF PROGRAMMES OFFERED, THE PROMOTION OF SUPPORTIVE GOVERNANCE AND PREFERMENT OF THE PPP AS A STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT.

IN THAT MEETING TOO, I NOTICED THAT SHE WAS QUITE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE GIRL CHILD EDUCATION, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH AND PARTICULARLY THE PEOPLE OF WEST NILE REGION TO THE EXTENT THAT WHENEVER SHE WANTED TO MAKE A STRONG POINT ABOUT THE REGION, SHE USED TO SAY "THE COMING OF MUNI UNIVERSITY IN WEST NILE REGION SHOULD LAUCH PAD FOR MEANING TRANSFORMATION OF THE REGION. HER VISION WAS THAT MUNI ATTAINS THE STATE-OF-THE-ART IN ALL UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS.

ON 30TH MAY, 2012 SHE APPOINTED ME AS CHAIRPERSON OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) STEERING COMMITTEE FOR WEST NILE REGION. HER SILENT INSTRUCTION TO ME AS CHAIR TO THIS COMMITTEE WAS: "I WANT YOU TO USE THIS OFFICE TO UPLIFT OUR REGION AND NOT FOR USING THE APPOINTMENT TO ENRICH YOUR CV".

INDEED IN THE FIRST ENROLMENT OF MUNI UNIVERSITY IN THE 2014/15 AY, SHE SUPPORTED OUR ENROLMENT PLAN OF GIVING WEST NILE REGION 60% OF THE 100 SLOTS GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME. WE HAD WANTED TO CONTINUE INVOKING THAT ARTICLE 28(3) OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ACT FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS TO MAKE MUNI UNIVERSITY RELEVANT AND ENABLE THE WEST NILE REGION TO SHARE INTO THE FEW SLOTS OF GOVERNMENT SPONSORED STUDENTS.

LATE PROF. CHRISTINE KNEW AND WAS KEEN ABOUT GROWING UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND FACULTY AS WELL AS PROMOTING ACADEMIC COLLEGIALITY, INNOVATIONS AND RESEARCH (WHICH IS WHY SHE APPOINTED THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH DR. ALFRED ALUMAI WITH THE COMING OF THE TASKFORCE). SHE WAS KEEN ON PUBLICATIONS AND STORAGE OF ACADEMIC FACTS IN REPOSITORIES. LATE PROF. CHRISTINE WAS ALWAYS FAST TO DELINEATE STATEMENTS OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM FROM FREE SPEECHES AND THIS EARNED HER THE MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM MOST OF US!

AT TIMES LATE PROF. CHRISTINE PROVED TOO TOUGH IF SHE WANTED TO BE HEARD AT TOP MANAGEMENT MEETINGS (e.g THE BUDGET MEETING THAT PRECEDED OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY)!

SHE WAS QUITE PARTICULAR ABOUT THOSE WHO WERE APPOINTED TO THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SHE WANTED PERSONS OF REPUTABLE ACCOLADES. LATE PROF. CHRISTINE WAS A CHAMPION OF MULTI-TASKING AND RESPECTED EVERY PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION. I PRAY THAT THE UNIVERSITY SEARCH COMMITTEE WILL FIND A NEAR CALIBRE OF PROF. CHRISTINE TO PUT ON THE SHOE SHE LEFT.

WHAT OF COURSE BAFFLED ME MOST WAS THAT EVEN WHEN MY TENURE OF SERVICE ENDED AT MUNI UNIVERSITY PRE-MATURELY, LATE PROF. CHRISTINE CONTINUED TO SEEK ME, CONSULT ME AND WOULD ALWAYS WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY PROGRESS.

FINALLY, LATE PROF. CHRISTINE HAD A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF RESILIENCE. IN THE 7 YEARS I WORKED IN MUNI UNIVERSITY I ONLY NOTICED HER LOW MOMENT ONCE AND THAT WAS IN 2015 WHEN SHE ACTUALLY WANTED TO RESIGN!

PROF. CHRISTINE MY CHAIR OF THE TASKFORCE, PROF. CHRISTINE MY VC, PROF. CHRISTINE MY MENTOR, PROF. CHRISTINE MY NEIGHBOUR, PROF. CHRISTINE THE CHAIR OF THAT SMALL COMMITTEE YOU CALLED TEAM NO SLEEP, PROF. CHRISTINE MY PARISHIONER WITH WHOM WE MET AT CHRIST THE KING FOR THE 11 O'CLOCK MASS; FARE THEE WELL AND MAY THE REPOSE OF YOUR SOUL FIND SOLACE WITH GOD ALMIGHTY. AMEN!

THANK YOU CHAIR OF COUNCIL

MUNI UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION TO PAY TRIBUTE TO PROF CHRISTINE DRANZOA

MONDAY, 04 JULY 2022

The Chairman Muni University Council,
Members of Muni University Council,
Members of Muni University Senate,
Bereaved Family,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am Bosco Apparatus Buruga - a Librarian at Muni University, the Chairperson Muni University Administrative Staff Association, and a Member of the Council representing the Administrative Staff.

I met Professor in January 2010 when she was newly appointed the Chairperson of the Muni University Task Force Project. She knew me from Prof Robert Ikoja-Odongo who was then the Director Institute of Psychology at Makerere University before becoming the current Vice Chancellor of Soroti University. At that time, she was looking for professionals to support her and her team in the establishment of then West Nile University before it was renamed Muni University. She called me to her office in the Senate building at Makerere University. She wanted an ICT competent librarian who could set up an internet-based library that can be accessed within the University environment and remotely.

At that time, I was a fresh graduate from Makerere University with little experience, but Professor trusted my capability and wanted me to start work immediately. Members, those of you who know Professor well, know that once she trusts you, she will trust you

100%. Unfortunately, I could not start work the way she wanted because her hands were tied, and the public service regulations had to be followed in the recruitment process. I competed with other librarians and was fortunate to be recruited as part of the Taskforce. The Task Force made an advert, and I applied and was invited for interviews on Tuesday, 12 February 2013, conducted by the then Arua District Service Commission.

I reported for work on 2 May 2013, and the First Officer I met was Professor. With her usual signature smile, she said, "my son, you are welcome and feel at home. Apparatus, I know you are a young man with minimum experience, BUT I will be there for you all the time to guide". Professor lived with that Promise, and she was a mother to many of us here at the University. I remember well that in one of the Senate meetings, I presented a document with some spelling errors. One of the senators was disappointed and wanted to belittle me before members. Professor stopped him immediately and supported me fiercely to the end. After that mistake, Professor became my Chief Editor for all my official documents. Despite her busy schedules, she gives me time and responds to all my missed calls or WhatsApp messages.

At Muni University, Professor is known as an orderly person who prefers work to be done according to work plans, policies, and guidelines. She interests herself in the development until the approval of such policy documents. Creates time to read these university documents in detail. So, when I joined the University, she challenged me to develop a library vision and mission and develop policies and guidelines. I am happy to report that with Professor's support, the library has a vibrant vision, mission statements, and policies developed and approved by the University Council. These documents are benchmarked by many other academic libraries, always within Uganda and the region.

Professor lived an authentic life as a true academician, demonstrating it through her love for the University Library. She checks the library regularly to learn about the new developments. Sometimes due to her busy schedule, if Prof fails to come to the library, she usually gives me a call, Apparatus, come to my office quickly. She will ask me to show her the latest development in research, ICT, and the library on reaching there. How far with the improvement in ranking of Muni University? Muni University Library will miss you dearly, Mama. No one defends the library in Uganda passionately as you do.

Professor has tasted me several times by giving me some challenging assignments. Sometimes, I complain to her, and she tells me, "Young man, life is not supposed to be easy. First start the work and complain to me later, but remember I am there to help you". The last direct assignment Professor gave me was the application for Muni University to become a member of the Connected Learning in Crisis Consortium (CLCC). This assignment was unique and complex because it required a person with multiple skill sets and knowledge in Curriculum Development, ICT, Blended Learning, Conflict Resolution Management, and Communication Science. With Professor's support, our application was successful, and Muni University is now a member of the CLCC - whose aim is to promote, coordinate, collaborate and support the provision of quality higher education in contexts of conflict, crisis, and displacement through connected learning.

Professor's love for West Nile, Muni University is exceptional. She loved the students, staff, and the Muni University Community with all her heart. Professor would personally write notes instructing Academic Registrar or Examination Invigilators to allow a student to write exams even if s/he has not cleared fees. If Professor had adequate financial

resources at the University and full support from the community around her in this country, Muni University Would be a much better place than she has left. As the staff of Muni University, we will not forget her concern for welfare. As Professor goes to rest, she has left us a vibrate Staff SACCO that cheaply lends money to the members. As founding members of the SACCO, we are proud of you, Mama.

Dear Members of Council, Senate, Muni University Top Management, Staff, Students, and the bereaved family, let us make all efforts possible to ensure that the professor's star continues to shine through us brightly.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.

Mama, I am happy that I met you in our generation. **May your Soul Rest in Peace,**
AMEN



**Member of Council
Muni University
Bosco Apparatus Buruga**