

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In Loving Memory



Mama
MATHLIDA
CECILIA AUMA OBIMO



Sunrise
01st July 1955



Sunset
30th September 2026



Requiescas in Pace Aeterna, Mater.



Order of Programme

Celebrating the life of Mama Mathlida Cecilia Auma Obimo

FRIDAY • 23rd October 2026

9.00 am	Procession commences from Mzee Aggrey Obimo's home to Classmates Funeral Home, Sega
10.00 am	Procession to St. George Legion Maria of African Church Mission, Lela
11.00 am	Holy Requiem Mass at the church
12.00 pm	Tributes in Church
2.00 pm	Procession arrives at home – Manyatta, Kategi Usula Village
9.00 pm	Night Vigil - Legion Maria of African Church Mission (Rosary recitation, Mass, Choir)

SATURDAY • 24th October 2026

8.30 am	Arrival of family, relatives, friends and mourners Serving of refreshments
9.30 am	Tributes Parents • Siblings • Aunts • Nephews & Nieces • In-laws • Children • Government Representative/ Administration
11.00 am	Church - Holy Requiem Mass
1.00 pm	Final tributes - Church Leadership • Mzee Aggrey Markus Obimo
2.30 pm	Vote of thanks
3.00 pm	Procession to the final rites site
4.00 pm	Departure at own pleasure

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith

Rest in peace, Mama, until we meet again.

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Eulogy

Remembrance of Mama Mathlida Cecilia Auma Obimo

Oyaore! We are gathered here today to celebrate the life of Mama Mathlida Cecilia Auma Obimo, our matriarch; wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and a friend to many, but above all, a gallant and valiant servant of the Lord. In the days of her life, her determination to serve the Almighty God was beyond measure.

Mama's doors were ever wide open, with visitors streaming in at every time of day, and her welcoming smile and hospitality were impeccable. Mum, family, the church, relatives, friends and people of all walks of life have travelled from far and wide to witness your final rite. It is a great day and a memorable one.

Early Life & Family

A mother to many

EARLY LIFE

We thank God for the life of Mama Mathlida Cecilia Auma Obimo, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, church leader and a woman of strong faith and discipline. Mama Mathlida was born on 1st July 1955 to the late Paul Pessah Waliaro and the late Teresa Odongo Pessah in Burinda sub-location, Bujumba location, Butula sub-county, Busia.

She was sister to the late Hendrika Aluoch Opondo, the late John Basara Pessah and Michael Omondi Pessah. She grew up in a strong Catholic faith-based family that taught her love and fear of God, respect, hard work and care of others. These values stayed with her throughout her life.

EDUCATION

Born and raised through a strong Catholic faith and teachings, and setup, their family valued education quite a lot. Mama began her early education at Burinda Primary School in 1962, where she sat her Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) for end of primary education in 1971. She later joined secondary school in Nairobi, where she completed her Form Two studies. Due to the passing on of her mother, Teresa Odongo, at that time, she could not continue with her secondary education.

FAMILY LIFE

Mama Mathlida Auma met the love of her life, Mzee Aggrey Markus Obimo Ajwala, in 1973 when she had paid a visit to her elder sister Hendrika Opondo Ajwala. They later officially tied the knot in a colorful church matrimonial ceremony at St. George Legion Maria of African Church Mission, Lela. They were blessed with several children namely Jacob Ochieng, James Juma, Alfred Obiero, Maurice Owino, the late Pascal, Peter Nyongesah and last-born girl, her only would be daughter who passed on at infancy. She enjoyed both urban and rural life together with her love as they took great care of

the children. Mama has always been a great farmer with an abundant yield every season. One would never lack food in her house.

Mama Mathlida was the daughter-in-law to Jaduong Joanes Paskal Ajwala Ogeda. Her mother-in-law was the late Truphena Martina Anyange. Her other mothers-in-law were Agneta Ajwala, Joyce Adera, Marcela Ajwala and others.

Her brothers-in-law (ywochene) are the late Jackston Obonyo Ajwala, late Ositho Ajwala, late Mzee George Ogeda, late Henry Opondo, late Onyango Ajwala, late Alfred Ochieng and Dismas Barasa. Her co-wives (Nyiekene) include late Okola Obonyo, Owango Ogeda, late Hendrika Opondo, Topista Ochieng, Kalara Onyango, Leonida Opondo, Scholastica Onyango and many others. Her sisters-in-law are Cesilia Ondeso, Leonida Odhuongo, Monica Ajwala, late Akumu Ajwala, Osodo Ajwala and many others. Her daughters-in-law are Esther Akotsi, Benter Auma, Getrude Musundi, Irene Atieno, Winny Atieno, Nancy Owino and many others.

Mama Mathlida was also mother to late Charles Omondi, Wilson Ochieng, Mathias Ogutu, Raphael Owino, Margaret Atieno, Angeline Opondo, Joanes Opondo, Dickson Odaba, Benedict Onyango, Benta Aloo, Daniel Obimo, Jared Opondo, Stephen Odhiambo, Owino Onyango, Benardus Owino and many others. She was the loving aunt to Dorosila Akinyi, Felix Barasa, Chrisantus Namudeke, Mark Omondi, Mediatrix Adhiambo, late Maurice Omenda, Teresa Omondi, Alfred Omondi and many others. She was was a charming grandmother to Philip, Paul, Michael, Charles, Nicholas, Christine, Paul, Austine, Alphonse, Stephen, Shirleyne, Favour, Precious, Paisley, Kylian, Timothy, Adelaide, Moses, Francis, Bildad, Valentine, Javier, Jzreel, Jannice, Lucky, Nicholas, Diana and many others.

Church Life

A servant of the Lord

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mama Mathlida Cecilia Auma was born in a family that had deeply embraced the Catholic faith and was raised in the strict Catholic tradition after her Baptism. After meeting the love of her life, Mama strongly embraced the faith of her husband, the Legion Maria of African Church Mission: Catholic doctrine but deeply rooted in Africa.

Mama served in various positions in the church, including Church Secretary, Treasurer and Protocol, among other critical roles. Until her demise she was a member of St. George Legion Maria of African Church Mission, Lela, Ugenya Diocese.

SICKNESS

Mama Mathlida was full of life for the longest time until July 2026 when she fell sick, rushed to hospital and was diagnosed with diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis. She battled on and off the hospital until her demise at Matibabu Hospital on 30th September 2026 at 3PM.

Tributes

Words from those who loved her most

MZEE AGGREY MARKUS OBIMO

I met the love of my heart in 1972. Your beauty and selection of words were a great charm. We really loved each other. I have never known how to eat food prepared by anyone. My love was a lady of few words and of great counsel to her children.

You remained steadfast in the Lord, and your faith and decisiveness have always been great pillar to lean on. For the family.

CHILDREN

Mum, you instilled the highest level of discipline in us, and we learnt it easily from you. You took care of us in a manner no one else could. Since you did not have a girl, you tirelessly so that we could have the best. Mama's doors were wide open, serving all with the little she had. Your generosity and humility is unmatched.

You taught us how to be grateful in any situation. Above all, you taught us to know God. You inculcated a great knowledge of the Lord to us all. Auma Nyangayo was a decent lady of very few words. We highly thank God for gifting you to us. Till we meet again, Mum.

"The greatest gift you accorded us is the knowledge of God."

SISTERS'-IN-LAW

Mama was the greatest sister-in-law one would wish to have. We have never known how to cook for mama would do everything for you and not let you handle any, while beading goodbye, her prayers and eventually a bountiful of foodstuff follows. Mama your love is unmatched, and we shall greatly miss the moments we have shared.

NIECE - DOROSILA

Aunty you were the gentlest soul I knew, always wishing all people peace. While you were a very strong woman, you were humble and God fearing. May your soul rest in peace.

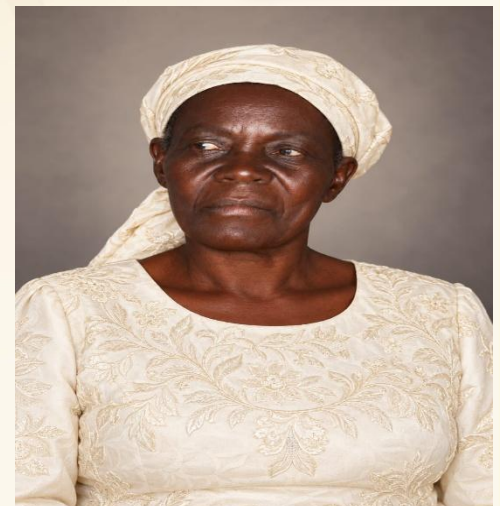
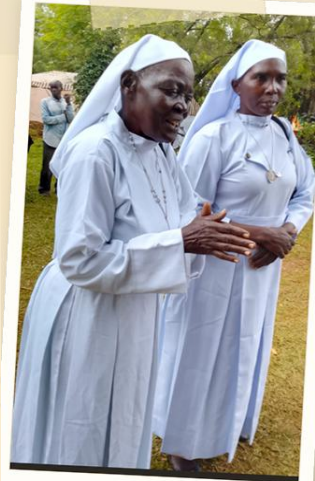
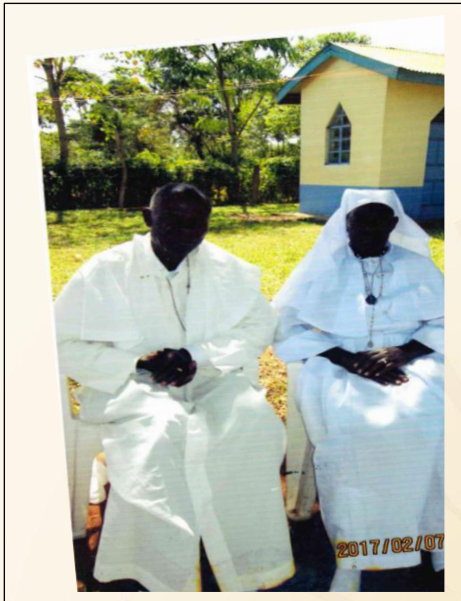
NIECE - TERESA

My Shenge, Nang'ayo Msungu. It has really taken me courage to write you a tribute. You embraced the real meaning of Senge to us, probably a part many may never know. You shared with us funny stories of sustaining a marriage and a home. Your humility is not comparable, I wish this was something you would give as an inheritance gift, this is one thing I would love to inherit from you. Rest in peace Senge. I will miss you.



Cherished Moments

A life lived with grace, faith and family



Hymns

ROSACHWA IN MWAHERI

1. Rosachwa, in mwaheri,
Ikwowa eyo;
Ok wanawei dichiel,
Nisiki kodwa chuth.
Kata wanamor,
kata wanane,
Sa duto wanating',
Rosachwa ting'wani.

2. Rosachwa, in mwaheri,
Ka tho omakowa,
Wadwaro ting'i bende,
Ka Padri ikowa,
Nyaka piny oru,
kwanane Jaduong',
Nyasachwa maoklo,
Maromonwa kwatho.

3. Maria, wan nyithindi,
Wahomboi sidang',
Nimond ikwayo Wuodi,
Ma ok otuoni ng'ang',
Jokafiri ng'eny, majowetewa,
Jachwech ong'eyo ji,
Rosachwa lokigi.

DIES IRAE

1. Dies irae dies illa,
Solvat saeculum in favilla, Testa
devid cum sybilla,

2. Luoro manade mano mak ji,
Ka ja ng'ad bura osebiro, Eka
noyal ji duto.

3. Trumbet miwuoro noyuagi e
liete jomotho noyaore,
e ka ji duto dhi nyim kom
duong.

4. Tho orumo masira olal,
Gik manochwe duto chier,
Ji duto iyalo kendo gi duoko.

5. Wach kitabu ochopo e
wang'e, Kama nondikie weche
duto, Eka iyalo ji duto.

6. Kakom jang'ad bura osebiro,
Eka nowachi gik moko cuto,
Kendo onge gima nodong' mak
yal.

7. Ng'at majaketho nowach
ang'o, Ng'ama nokuana,
Ka ji makare dwaro ng'uono

8. Ruoth ma duong'ne
ng'ongo, Mamiyowa warruok
nono, Aora mar ng'uono
kuom.

9. Parie Yesu mang'uon,
Konyruokna nomiyo idoko
dhano, Kik iweya ng'ato
mojuang'

10. Kuom chandruokna gi
parruokna,
Ning'iewa gi nengo musalapi,
Nemanino dlibed kayiem.

11. Jang'ad bura makare,
Miwa golo mar maricho,
Ka pok ochopo chieng' chulo
kuor.

12. An jaketho aywak pi
wang'a chwer,
Chandruok gi wich kuot
omaka, A Nyasaye yie iwe
mirimbi.

13. Niweyo ni Maria
majaketho, Ni iwinjo Jakuo
chande,
An bende ageno ok ni iwita.

14. Lemona gi parruokna ok
nyal gimoro Aa Ruoth
mang'uon ipara,
Wara kuom mach ma ok tho.

15. Keta kuom rombeni
moyer,
Kik iketa kuom diek mojuang',
Iting'a malo gi lweti makor
achich.

16. Kajimaricho wi gi kuot,
Ka bura ing'ado negi sand
mochwere Luonga e kanyakla
mar jogi.

17. Ne agoyo chonga ka
chunya oyie,
Ne ka kwero mar chunya chal
buru, Konya e sana mogik.

18. A chieng' ywagruok kod pi
wang' Dhano idwoko e lowo,
Ng'ato mondo oyikore ne
bura,
A Nyasaye yie iwene,
Yesu maber wuon ng'wono,
Migi yweyo
AMEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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ASIREGEE EE MOYOWE

1.

Asiregee e moyowe, asitoke
machozi
Akikumbuka Munguwe, kwa
yake makombozi
Mtoa roho msalabani, mtaka
kufa mwenyewe
Kwa sababu kumpendani, nani
mfungwa moyowe.

2.

Bustani mle Getesmani,
amwomba Mungu Baba
Je, mtu Mungu ana nini, nguvu
zake ni haba
Rabii wangu waziona, dhambi
za binadamu
Mwili wake umetona, kama
jasho la damu

3.

Salamu Rabii Salamu, anena
yuda mbaya
Mwenye moyo wake mgumu,
ambusu pasi haya
Aliwaambia basi,
nitakayembusu ndiye
Mtwaeni na kwa upesi, yuda
nani nisiye.

4.

Yuda nani ila yeye, aliyetenda
dhambi
Akikosa kwa Munguwe,
mtenda kwa hiana mbi
Mwenye kumtendea mema,
mtaka dhambi haoni
Kwamba ni kutupa neema,
kumwendea shetani.

5.

Wote ni kupiga mbio,
mitumewe pamoja
Wamtia mikono yao, askari
walokuja
Wampeleka hukumuni,
aamuliwe na mtu
Atokaye uwinguni, mwamuzi
mkuu wa watu.



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6.

Mtume Petri akamnusa,
amenena simjui
Uhodari umekwisha, machoye
hainui
Pilati amwona Rabii, hakukosa
hata neno
Asema sioni dhambi, lakini ni
mwoga mno.

7.

Hathubutu kumwachia,
ananawa mikono
Mkimtaka Yesu muueni, la
mwanzi hilo neno
Mara askari wameanza, ni
kupiga kelele
Kumcheka na kumchokoza,
Mwenye mema milele.



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VOTE OF THANKS

The family sincerely thanks

Today we stand here with heavy hearts, but also with grateful ones. Since the day we lost our mother, you have not left us alone. We acknowledge the church, relatives, friends, colleagues well-wishers and everyone that has stood with us in prayers, support and counsel. For that, on behalf of Mzee Aggrey Markus Obimo, we say a heartfelt **thank you**.

Mama taught us that generosity is the highest form of prayer. In her honour, we pray that God will bless each of you and your families, bring you safely to your homes and return to you everything you supported us with in abundance.

Erouru kamano ahinya. Orio muno vosi. Asante sana. Thank you so much!