



Godfrey Kamyia

March 23, 1967 - December 25, 2020

Godfrey Bambali Kamyia's Obituary

On December 25, 2020, Godfrey B. Kamyia died. Godfrey was born to Bethuel & Elizabeth Kamyia in 1967 in Kampala, Uganda. He was the eighth child out of nine. He spent most of his time with his older sister Agnes and his younger brother Sande; the three of them formed the trio that stuck together like glue, much to the notice of the rest of the family members. In fact, Godfrey emerged as protector of his two siblings, always prepared to ward off any detected threat. As for his education, Godfrey attended Kitebi Primary School, then to Lubiri Senior Secondary School, and finally to Makerere High School (a pre-university educational setting). In the United States of America, Godfrey took to studying Criminology at Stockton University. While engaged in higher education, Godfrey got involved much in church ministry with respect to music and evangelism, including teaching young children and youth to sing and play instruments. He also availed his time to humanitarian causes geared towards communal wellbeing and stability around the city of Kampala. In his heart, Godfrey believed that knowledge, whether spiritual or factual, is something practical to help resolve identified need. Once upon a time, Godfrey moved to the United States of America where he continued to pursue his studies in Cape May, New Jersey. It turned out that that became his base of operation for the next several years. A Cape May resident once remarked that "Godfrey had established himself, and could pass for the mayor of Cape May were you to meet him." Not to forget, Godfrey also worked at the Washington Inn for 25 years, and was also involved in other business ventures. Although he established himself in Cape May, Godfrey never forgot his point of origin; Godfrey fairly frequently traveled to Kampala, Uganda to connect with family and friends. Then of course in due time Godfrey met the love of his life Doreen with whom God blessed them with two daughters, Rheannah and Breanna. Godfrey Kamyia is survived by his fiancé Doreen and their two daughters Rheannah and Breanna of Kampala, Uganda; four siblings, Rosette Bulwa of Kampala, Uganda, Patrick (Lillian) Kamyia of Zana, Uganda, Sarah (Peterson) Sozi of Kampala, Uganda, Agnes (Gideon) Wamala of Rock Valley, IA; lots of nephews and nieces Godfrey loved dearly. Godfrey was preceded in death by his parents Bethuel and Elizabeth Kamyia, a brother Enoch, sisters Rebecca,

Harriet, step-sister Proscovia, and younger brother Sande Kamyia who died in June of 2020. Relatives and friends will be received on January 9th (Saturday) at the First Assembly of God Church, 1068 Seashore Rd., Cape May from 9:30am until 10:45am. Godfrey's funeral ceremony will begin at 11am and will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend. The livestream will be available at 10:45am and accessible by clicking on this link <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/67574453> prior to the 11am ceremony. It will also be recorded and made available on Godfrey's Tribute Wall at www.spilkerfuneralhome.com Restrictions are in place at the church regarding attendance. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. Burial will follow in the Cold Spring Cemetery, Lower Township. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made through a gofundme that has been set up online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/giving-back-to-godfrey-kamyia>

Cemetery

Cold Spring Cemetery

780 Seashore Road

Cape May (Lower Township), NJ,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:45AM

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First Assembly of God Church

1068 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204

JAN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - January 08 at 04:03 PM



“ Uncle Godfrey....I will miss you dearly! I know we were planning on you coming up to Iowa and visiting with the fam...I will miss you so much.

Your Nephew

Micah Wamala - January 09 at 05:09 PM



“ RIP

Augustine Guma - February 06 at 02:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Godfrey's Funeral Service



Spilker Funeral Home - January 11 at 09:54 AM



“ Godfrey, you were such a beautiful soul, who touched so many with your positive, commanding presence. I am grateful to have known you, and to have been your colleague at the Washington Inn. You always brought out the best in others with your infectious, beautiful personality. You will be dearly missed, but always remembered. I know you will be dancing with the angels, Godfrey.

Marikay Malley - January 11 at 09:43 PM



“ Darkness in in friends and family. RIP Goddie.

John m sentongo - January 11 at 11:26 PM



“ Godfrey, you will always have a special place in my heart . Rest In Peace, beautiful soul!



Lenka A. Fisher - January 09 at 04:25 PM



“ Godfrey's funeral ceremony was recorded and can be viewed by clicking this link <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/67574453>

Dennis Spilker - January 09 at 02:28 PM



“ Forever you will be in our hearts!
We will miss you but hope to see you in our eternal Father's home! Thank you for leading the way for us to know the Lord! Rip with the Angels



Lilian Nanyonga - January 09 at 12:31 PM



“ Godfrey, you were truly one of the best Uncles I ever have in my memories since childhood. Especially Christmas times when you had brought me and my brother the very first Christmas present in our lifetime back home in Michigan. Every December will feel a lot different without you for me and my brother. You will dearly be missed so much. I only wished you were still living.



Titus Wamala - January 09 at 11:25 AM



“ Dearest brother, best and childhood friend, it's such a big hole that you left in my heart and it can never be filled. I wish you were still here to explain to you how much I tried to fight for you to make it through, but there was nothing more I could do beyond what I was capable of doing. I trusted every word the doctors said and put my faith in them but I'm not sure they did what they were supposed to do to get better. I so terribly miss you my best friend, brother, and old age protector. My life has such a looming darkness and I'm not sure how I'll be able to make it through it without you, the weekend phone calls and hearing your voice. My life has changed so tremendously losing both of you Christopher and you in just six months apart from each other. The pain I have in my life is hard to explain but I'm trying to find a meaning through it all. I'm going to continue trusting God that He'll hold my hand and guide me through the darker days, weeks, months and years to come. May Jesus hold you in His bosom and keep you safe till we meet again.

Cao brother, best friend.

Agnes Wamala - February 03 at 08:16 AM



“ Godfrey, you will be so missed by all lucky enough to have known you. When you entered a room you brought joy and happiness with you. I will always remember and treasure your smile and your hugs
RIP, Gidfrey.

Lin Steenrod - January 08 at 06:53 PM



“ *Tribute to Godfrey Kamy*

“It takes a whole village to raise a child”. My name is Lilian Nanyonga and my home village is Zana. It was at a well in Zana where we used to fetch water, that I first met Uncle Godfrey. Godfrey liked me from the very first time he saw me speaking English at the well. Surprised by a young girl speaking fluent English, he was curious to know what house my home was, and this was only the beginning of many things that changed my life for better!

My childhood memories of Uncle Godfrey are filled with many precious moments that I can never forget especially those that laid my foundation of faith in God. He introduced me to his brother's family – Mr. and Mrs. Kamy, where I was welcomed with warm love in a new home away from my home! It was in this new home that the seed of salvation was first sown and grown!

Godfrey was a very humorous character who always knew how to spice things up, he would always come up with funny jokes. Life around Godfrey was always so much fun! Even his cooking skills were excellent. I remember the cooking competitions we engaged in where he would choose the best cook of “katogo ke empuuta ne muwogo”; I think Uncle Julius won several times, but Godfrey would tease him on “katogo ke empuuta ne muwogo”. There is hardly any dull moment I remember about Godfrey.

As a gifted songwriter and composer, Godfrey taught me how to sing. To date the relevancy of the songs he taught me is still applicable in my daily life. I always looked forward to going with him to church on Saturdays to practice music; he taught me how to play “Oh God is good!” on the piano. By the way, even though I am now married to a pianist, “Oh God is good!” is the only song I can play on keyboard.

I loved how the Kamy family loved Jesus, they took me every Sunday to church and those are precious memories, I got to go to Sunday school, make many friends and visit many lovely homes that impacted my life. Thank you all who have contributed to my happiness (Auntie Peace Zziwa, RIP auntie Susan, the whole congregation of Presbyterian church.

As a result of the seed Godfrey planted in my life at an early age, I later on confessed Jesus as my savior. From the well in Zana where we first met, Godfrey led me to Church.

I am truly thankful to God for giving me a last chance to speak with Godfrey on the last day before he went to hospital! He assured me that there was no need to panic about his health. I believe he had made peace with himself and His creator, ready for what would come next!

Condolences to the young family he has left behind, I truly trust God to take care of you! I

thank all his housemates for the great support they gave him in those last days especially communicating with us who were far away! May God reward them all.

I bid you farewell until we meet again my dear Gordon Godfrey Bambali Kanya "the Beaver" as he always wanted me to call him! RIP.

Lilian Nanyonga Nyende

Lilian Nanyonga - January 09 at 11:45 AM



“ My friend I have spent ten fun years with you at The Washington Inn . The years have flown by... because like the old saying “time flys when your having fun!” You brought a fun loving atmosphere to our work place .. always happy singing and dancing ..you were bigger than life... the beautiful warm smile.. we were one in the same always just want to have a good time! Your legacy will always life on ... and the memories will keep a smile on my face ... much love Godman may you rest easy my friend!

Catherine Sullivan - January 08 at 05:40 PM



“ Godfrey, you have been in my work family for a long time, Spanning two restaurants. You always made sure I had a ride home if it was raining and couldn't ride my bike, just as you did the last night we worked together. I will miss you big bright smile. I will miss you my friend. Rest In Peace.

Chris Galestok - January 08 at 04:35 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



Doreen Kamya - January 08 at 01:56 PM



“ Will be missed a lot Han by our daughters and your han. Thank you for the beautiful moments that we always shared as a family. whenever you were leaving for America you always told me to be a strong woman, and now that you have left me for your creator, what could have been your last words to me Han?!!!!!!' May good Lord give me the strength to fulfill all Your promises you made to our daughters, guide and nature them into beautiful and responsible ladies. Until then RIP

Doreen Kamya - January 08 at 02:24 PM



“ Godfrey will be dearly missed. It was great getting to know him in Cape May. May his Soul Rest in Peace.



Christine Nantongo - January 07 at 05:41 PM



“ Revelation 14:13 I heard a voice out of Heaven, “Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way!”
Yes,” says the Spirit, “and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they’ve done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end.”

Dear Agnes, abako, abemikwaano,

I write to express my deep chagrin and sadness at the death my beloved brother in law Godfrey Bambali Kamyia.

We both came to the USA to peruse our dreams. While interning as a seminarian in Wilmington Delaware, I took every opportunity to drive to cape May just to hang out with the Godman! He always prepared me the most delicious food!! Then when he revealed he’d joined the sporting community of cape May as a body builder. He showed me his pictures of the competitions and had won 1st prize and named Mr. Cape May! He looked like Mr Atlas, Mr Olympus and Mr Universe all rolled in one! I was so jealous of his total alpha male status at the same time so proud of him!

The Godman was a happy personality. He was always optimistic, upbeat, vivacious, evernescent, and the life of the party!

I am blessed to have known you, musajja wattu Owemamba! Rest In Peace!

Fr. Benjamin Twinamaani - January 08 at 11:12 PM



“ Rehana and Brianna



Doreen Kamy - January 06 at 02:28 PM



“ Oh dear!
Lovely

Augustine - January 06 at 06:22 PM



“ Doreen my friend stay strong for our 2 daughters for there future is not as clear and certain as it was when our brother and friend was alive. Time heals the pain u have now and prayer. Rip mr godfrey kamy

Paul muyanja - January 04 at 06:15 AM



“Gone too soon Han, Thank you for being the best husband I could ever have and the best father Rehana and Brianna could ever have. We are so grateful to God for letting us be part of Godfrey’s life. He was an adorable father to his Two little daughters (Rehana and Brianna), an honest man, a friend and most of all a loving husband. We will miss you and until then May your Soul Rest In Peace, Amen.



Doreen Kamya - January 03 at 05:38 AM



“Doreen He was so fond of you and proud of the family you had given him and was planning to bring you for us to see
I will miss him dearly

Augustine - January 03 at 10:36 PM



“I am lucky to have known your husband. He was a great friend, and I'll miss him. I'll be praying for you as I think of him and the good memories.His heart was always on you as his spouse and your two daughters...
Godfrey's unique role will be missed...please accept my sympathy...
May his soul rest in peace

Solomon kyambadde - January 04 at 12:54 AM



“Doreen,I sympathize with you and family for the loss of your husband.Very cool and humble to everyone.Capemay will miss you forever.May his soul Rest in Peace.

Doreen Nassuna - January 04 at 06:27 AM



“Doreen, I can only pray and ask you to put your faith and needs in God's hands. My wife tinah and I had a chance to know your fiance and with him was never a dull moment. We have alot of videos of us enjoying the lil time we had with him. As always we promise to come check on our beautiful daughters when we in uganda.. Am also thankful Godfrey made lots of friends here in capemay who have raised alot of funds to help you and the kids out. Take heart my friend our condolences from Tinah and Paul makanga muyanja

Paul muyanja - January 04 at 10:03 AM



“May God bless you all. Me and my daughters will always be grateful to you for your love, care and commitment towards a husband, father, and the entire family.

Doreen Kamya - January 04 at 11:41 AM



“ Weeping has certainly become a norm for many of us. I say this with a very heavy heart as I try hard no to continue weeping.

I learnt about Geoffrey illness sometimes after Thanksgiving. I reached out to a couple friends to rally in support of our dear friend Godfrey. I knew him as one determined friend who was full of life and often positive in his approach in dealing with issues.

On Christmas news of his passing was not only devastating, but a lost to a young energetic friend who many of us love in our community in Cape May. You suddenly left us while we had hopes that you will pull it through. Go well my friend. God had a better plan and loved you more. See you later my friend till we meet again.

Tom Nyaoke



tom Nyaoke - January 03 at 12:09 AM



“ Janette Balaba lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kanya



Janette Balaba - January 02 at 09:42 PM



“ Words can not express my sincere feelings for a soul lost so soon. Godfrey we miss you lots.

Almost 30 years ago, a group of students from Africa, India, Brazil just to mention a few converged at a small Christian College-Shelton College in Capemay NJ to pursue further studies. Among those students was Godfrey. Godfrey forged a unique special friendship with so many of us that was long lasting until he recently parted from us on Christmas day 2020. My children knew him as uncle Godfrey. Whenever my family and I visited Capemay, Godfrey's house was the place to be for staying;...the breakfasts, lunches, dinners, barbecues...Godfrey loved entertaining...his loving heart was open and giving. Whenever I visited Uganda and Godfrey was there, his house again was warmly open for a visit...with ever unending joyous parties with his two little beautiful girls and their mom there to welcome us. He was a good friend,we chatted on WhatsApp almost everyday. For the family, please stand strong...know that it is well it is well. Godfrey my brother, may your soul rest in peace until we meet again. Love you.

George Tom Balinda - January 02 at 12:01 PM



“ Elsa Amondi lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kamya



Elsa Amondi - January 02 at 10:54 AM



“ It is an believable that Godfrey is gone. Godfrey was part of the Cape May group of students who came the Christian college. Far away from home we all became very close. Godfrey had the most beautiful smile. Condolences to his family and to all my Ugandan friends he will be surely missed

Betha Obange - January 02 at 10:52 AM



“ Godfrey was good man and was always talk about his wife Doreen and children.he used to tell me that he can't spend a year with out seeing his wife Doreen plus kids his gone too soon

Rebecca Nabiddo - January 04 at 12:37 AM



“ Eunice Vasser lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kanya



Eunice Vasser - January 02 at 10:35 AM



“ Godfrey and I were room mates for two years. We also went to the same college in New Jersey. I still cannot believe he is gone, he will be missed.

Ron Gwendo - January 01 at 11:35 PM



“ Godfrey was like a brother we came to the US just about the same month and worked so hard to achieve the American dream . I remember when one of our dreams was to own a Japanese car and he pulled that off within six months but we were working like crazy over 100 hrs/week
We continued to sing in Church(I still do) when ever we could we did everything and took off same days and occasionally shared Breakfast together He was an ambitious man and loved life and friends. I never saw him pick a fight only challenge in conversation
I encouraged him to get married when we parted and I moved from Cape May to Woodbridge VA where he occasionally paid me a visit and I made sure I saw him and dropped of some Guma Pies-he loved whenever I was in Cape May
He was so happy then he had his beautiful girls and mom and was planning to bring them to the US
Last time I talked to him was when stranded in Uganda during Covid lockdown
And friend in vein to reconnect when he came back
My heart is so sad he will be missed
Guma



Augustine Guma - January 01 at 05:40 PM



“ May he rest in the loving arms of our Father!

Brenda - January 01 at 06:11 PM



“ Talking about Godfrey Kanya you can't exhaust his services. Godfrey in our early years in the Presbyterian Church in Uganda was among the first youth Church leaders in our youth ministry.

Godfrey took the lease in training the Kids Sunday School choir in the early 80s till he left to the USA to fulfill his dreams which I am sure he has achieved to some extent.

Godfrey will be missed a lot but you have just gone ahead of us. One day we will meet in the Father's house.

The Church in the US that has served as his home Church God bless you so much.

Bob Gad Kalyowa

General Assembly Stated Clerk

Presbyterian Church in Uganda

Bob Gad Kalyowa - January 01 at 04:55 PM



“ I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ brings us and Godfrey's family the much-needed peace during this sad time. Godfrey's transition was a shock, and has brought a quick awakening to all of us who knew Godfrey. Let's use all the talents God has given us to serve other people, never give up an opportunity to help others need. You have very little time on earth, use the little time you have left to minister to God by serving others. I really miss my brother,

Michael Kiyaga

Michael Kiyaga - January 02 at 09:04 AM



“ Such wonderful memories of Godfrey from the Washington Inn. We always requested Godfrey to be our server. He was so kind to our children when they were young and as young adults. He enjoyed chatting with them and their spouses. We enjoyed our many chats with you. You are missed, Godfrey.

Paul and Phyllis Randolph - December 31, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Kyle Millner lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kanya



Kyle Millner - December 31, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ The miracle of meeting Godfrey. Heavy fighting over Mogadishu, Somalia international airport meant I had to fly medical loaded duffle bags to a dirt airstrip, 50k, on a small bush plane to where guards, hopefully, would escort me to the Baidoa Orphanage. Then a piper cub sized plane crashed on the airstrip right in front of our plane. So God sent a sign go elsewhere. A regular commercial flight was going within the hour to Kampala Uganda. Everyone in Kampala recommended Rev. Sempangi who had a orphanage in the jungle near Kumono a hour away down a bad, jungle dirt road. A driver stopped and we picked up plastic mattresses strapped to the roof and picked up cleaning supplies everything for a medical clinic at the orphanage.

There I met Rev. Sempangi, whose first words of welcome said “ You are from America, I know the big cities but did you ever hear of Cape May?” I was astonished and I said I came from there to here.” He translated the story to the crowd and all agreed it was a miracle and praised God. He asked if I knew Godfrey who worked at The Lobster House and would I look him up to say his father says hello! Which I did on return to Cape May to an amazed Godfrey. We funded a halfway house for glue sniffing street kids at the orphanage called the Cape May House and Godfrey worked for several seasons at the Chalfonte yearly heading back to help Uganda. Bob Mullock

Bob Mullock - December 30, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Mukono, Uganda near Kampala, the capital

Bob Mullock - December 30, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Memories of Godfrey are many, from bringing in our friends and playing trivia of where you were from. To our family gatherings and you always being our waiter, as we always requested you, to the first time meeting you, to you waiting on us last time with Brianna and Shane, you always brought so much joy. It will never be the same not seeing you at the Inn, you are and will be missed ! RIP
The Reichle Family



Dorothy Reichle - December 30, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Godfrey was such a kind, gentle, happy person. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace Godfrey.



Theresa Grimes - December 30, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Maria Marshall lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kamyra



Maria Marshall - December 30, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Wow, where to begin. Godfrey possessed a kind and gentle soul unlike anyone I have met. Everyone he met became family. For this reason, he might have well been the mayor. He serves as an example to all of us to embrace life and dance every chance you get. Now, as far as my memory, he could drive me crazy at work; however, at the end of the shift we always smiled and laughed. My two best memories carrying me through the tougher days are the huge hug Godfrey gave me when returning home to Cape May this summer, as well as, the insanely huge bonfire he built this fall when he had people over at his house. In so many ways, this bonfire was Godfrey; larger than life and a spirit that warms everyone around him. Love you brother; I will miss you dearly. I will do more to embrace each and every day, in addition to the people around me, in your memory.



TJ Belasco - December 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Myles Millner lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kamya



Myles Millner - December 30, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ John And Vicki DeBaun lit a candle in memory of Godfrey Kamya



John and Vicki DeBaun - December 30, 2020 at 08:45 AM



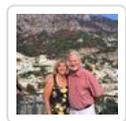
“ Godfrey Gone too soon was very loving husband to his wife Doreen and he always talk about his wife and kids

Rebecca Nabiddo - January 04 at 12:55 AM



“ So sad I lived in his house so many times I remember seeing his wife and kids pictures on the fridge commenting on them when he's smiling

Rebecca Nabiddo - January 04 at 01:17 AM



“ So sad to hear that you are gone "Godman". We both worked with you at the Washington Inn, and will remember your charm, sense of humor, and grace. Our hearts go out to Doreen, and daughters, Breanna and Rheanna.

Lisa and Allen Taylor
Key West

Lisa - January 06 at 02:16 PM



“ Wish i could find the words Godfrey...
Rest in peace dear Brother.
Till we meet again.

Sean Farley

Sean - January 09 at 01:21 AM