

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
ZILPAH AGWA ONYANGO



15TH NOV 1931 - 18TH SEPT 2025

Fare thee well Nyodao

Program



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THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 2025

10:00 AM: Mourners Gather at her Home In Nyasare Village

11:00 AM: Mourners Depart for St. Joseph Ombo Missions Morgue

2:00 PM: Body Leaves Ombo Morgue for Home

3:00 AM: Body Arrives at Home for night Vigil

16:01 AM: Night Vigil with Songs, Hymns and Sermons conducted by various preachers led by Nyasare SDA Church

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2025

(MASTER OF CEREMONY: Ben Owiti Assisted by Amos Ooko & Okiro Jossy)

8:00AM – Arrival and assembly of mourners.

08:30AM – Hymns and opening prayer.

09:00 AM – Burial services begins.

SPEECHES / TRIBUTES

- **Neighbours/ Friends**
- **Great grand children**
- **Grand Children** – Stephen, Jabes, Jephtha, Dr. Robert Okinyi Tabu, Ezra Gordon, Don, Jorim, Tyrus
- **Sons In-law**
- **Nyiwende** – Suna, Gwasi, Kadem, Sakwa, Karachuonyo, Chula, Seme, Gem, Kisumo, Gem and Asembo
- **Daughters in law**
- **Daughters**
- **Sons**
- **Co-wives**
- **Eulogy (Quinter Tabu, Ezra Onyango)**
- **National Administration and County Government Representatives**
- **HARAMBEE**

3:00PM – Sermon and prayers led by the church

- Procession to the grave site
- Prayer for the family
- Mourners leave at their own pleasure



Eulogy



EARLY LIFE

Mama Zilpa Agwa Onyango (Nyodao) was born on 15th November 1931 in Ramogi, God Jope, Migori County. She was the daughter to the late **Benjamin Odao** and the late **Truphena Randa**. She grew up in a humble background, characterized by strong family bonds, christian faith, and hard work.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

In 1949, Mama Zilpa married the late **Ezra Onyango Nyangalo**. Together, they were blessed with ten children: Zacharia Odendo, Siprinah Omwa, Joseph Tobias Otero, the late Agot, Shadrack Onyango, the late Pilister, the late Gordon Opiyo, Phoebe Atieno, Silvans Tabu, the late John Okeyo. She survived by a co-wife Leonida Agira.

Her step children were: Washington Juma, Gerson Nyabwa, Charles Onyango, Ulda, Lukio Samba, Juddy, Dinah, and Patrick Onyambu.

GRAND CHILDREN

The late Mama Zilpah Agwa Onyango was blessed with 105 grandchildren namely; The late Aoko, Pendo, Late Jecinter, Mary, Stephen, Siprin, Clifford, Queenter, Esther, Diana, Domnic, Ouma, Likowa, Brian, Letrice, Tabu, Fred, Wyckliffe, the late Mitchel, Jorim, the late Loyce, Victorine, Millicent, Caroline, Benson, Zilpa, Alpheus, the late Atieno, Truphena, Jabes, the late Salmon, George, Daphrose, Erick, Emily, Ezra, Obilo, Elsy, Naomi, Victor, Nick, Faith, Byrone, Akoth, Conslate, Rose, Maureen, Olivent, Tirus, Neville, Mercy, Javan, Billy, Jephtha, Jared, Josephat, Olive, the late Candy, Talia, Josiah, Ojwang, Ezra, Akinyi, the late Benjamin, Sharon, Frederick, Robert, Quinter, Wayne, the late Vinn, the late Ezra, Don, Wendy, Denzel, Larry, and Emmy.

The Late Mama Zilpa had cherished step grandchildren namely: Cyrus, Bildad, Patrick, Jeremy, Catherine, Jeremiah, Effy, Austin, Hilda, Orpha, Elphas, Alvin, Maxwel, Alphones, Calvince, Johnmelwish, Brian, Ariso, Brenda, Winnie, Fidel, Morgan, Eddy, Treazer Atieno, Junior Onyango, Reagan, Audrey, Prince, Hanington, Novester, Gregory, Griefffin, Nijel, SherryL and Liam.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

The late was blessed with 109 great grandchildren namely; George, Jerald, Awino, the late Mitchell, Chaboy, Javel, Jakablack, Nreerah, Guddy, Vinah, Fidel Monica, Jerry, Rovey, Meshack, Maliah, Herra, Gael, Junior, Jackton, Sam, Hezron, Sharlett, Gabriel, Lameck, Ramon, John, Rosa, Maxwel, Hezron, Biden, Roshon, Kingsley, Trump, Alex, Olekina, Candy, Fabian, Meghan, Wayne, Job, Beatrice, Linda, Winslet, Emmaculate, JohnPeter, Scoviah, Dinah, Lowell, Doane, Beryl, Lovian, Debra, Bildon, Syprose, Mercy, Juliet, Fredrick, Molly, Vivian, Jovial, Aluoch, Junior, Ochieng, Stacy, Griffins, Fabrigas, Lavender, Hibra, Amara, Melisha, Asher, AnneMaria, Jael, Betha, Salmon Jnr., Elvis, Nadia, Wellington, Brighton, violet, Skylet, Alex, Mark, Precious, Linet, Liam, Damian, Joy Adisa, Ryan Nevaton, Ruth, Vicky, Maryanne, Joylyn, Marvelous, Brandon, Prince, Elian, Devin, Billar, Mark, Treazer, Tephy Candy, Calisti, Amos Junior, Tallia, Tilen, Jasony, Nicole, Nowi, Ian, Mitch, Berry, Herry, Havey, Whitney, Gabriel, Winny, Desmond, Victoria, Imani, Naila, Amari, Devaughn, Shem, Kayla, Mylan, and Kimberly.

SOCIAL AND CHRISTIAN LIFE

Mama Zilpa was a devoted member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and played a pivotal role in the establishment of Nyasare SDA Church. She nurtured her family to embrace faith in Christ, served the church in leadership positions, and dedicated herself to voluntary activities that fostered community growth and development.

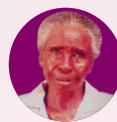
She was instrumental in church development and voluntary activities that have seen the church grow from a makeshift to the present District Headquarter.

SICKNESS AND DEATH

Mama Zilpa began battling illness in 2020 due to advanced age and was placed under hospice care. Despite the challenges, she remained steadfast in faith and spirit. She passed on peacefully at home on 18th September 2025, surrounded by family.

She leaves behind a legacy of faith, resilience, love, and selfless service that will remain etched in the hearts of her family and community.

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Tributes

MIN ULI (CO-WIFE)

You were more than a co-wife to me you were a friend, a confidant, and a pillar of peace in our family. Your kindness, humility, and wisdom bound our homes in love and understanding. You faced life's challenges with grace and always sought harmony over conflict. Your memory will forever remain a light in my heart. Rest well, my sister, until we meet again.

ZACHARIAH ODENDO (SON)

Mum, you lived with your relatives and in-laws peacefully till the time of your demise. You loved peace and always fostered unity, harmony among your neighbors, children, and grandchildren. You loved God and served God in different capacities in SDA Church, Kakrao (Now SDA Church, Nyasare). You were a hardworking mother and ensured your children lacked food not. You are gone but you will remain in our hearts forever Amen.

JOSEPH TOBIAS (SON)

Mum, you were my rock, my guiding light, and my safe haven. Your unwavering support, unconditional love, and infectious smile brightened every day. You taught me the value of compassion, empathy, and kindness, and I'll strive to carry on your legacy. I'll cherish the laughter, tears, and quiet moments we shared. Your love and influence shaped me into the person I am today, and I'll forever be grateful.

SHADRACK ONYANGO (SON)

I am still in shock that you are gone, gone forever mum. You really loved us and I can affirm to this because the morning you rested, I dreamt of you telling me to take care of your visitors. It never took a day. You were no more. As the sun sets on your remarkable journey, we gather to celebrate the life you lived. Go well beloved mum.

SILVANS TABU (SON)

To God be the Glory all the times and seasons of our lives. To the SDA church community present here, ladies, gentlemen, relatives, friends, neighbors, and mourners in general, I welcome and thank you so, so very much for sparing time out of your very busy schedules to come witness the sendoff of my Mum. I'm the 9th born in a family of 10 and my parents the late Ezra Onyango Nyangalo and now late Zilpah Agwa Onyango named me Silfano Tabu Obuya initially. Like any other growing up man, with time I adopted a more palatable name.

My Mum intimacy to me is a mix of biological, socio-economic and physical. She first offered me life through God's grace. She told me I was born under difficult circumstances and it took God's hand for my conception to birth to come to fruition. Given that medical facilities were far and wide, she had to visit her cousin Dede in Kericho for some medical intervention.

My Mum was a strong Christian and a prayer worrier. When health challenges set in, each time I called her the first thing was prayer. She loved me and I tried my best to love her back. I ensured she got the medical attention I could afford, was in a comfortable shelter and had adequate food. When she was strong in health and physique, she was a marvelous, a church leader, a community leader, a farmer, a caregiver to her family, a disciplinarian and a business lady. She had such a strong bond with her relatives, neighbors and friends and this she demonstrated by sharing food and what I remember most was her commitment in congregating with her bereaved relatives and friends.

When her health kept deteriorating her clear message was "treat my mourners well". Up to this point I believe we have done our best.

Mum there's so much to remember about you. I can't however, pen all of those here. Please rest in peace and I'm optimistic that on the resurrection day we shall once again rejoice.

Washington Juma (Son)

Mother will be remembered for her express and sharp disappointment or criticism of someone because of their behavior or action. She rebuked with love.

GERSON NYABWA (SON)

Today, I say goodbye to the most selfless, loving, and kind-hearted person I've ever known. Her passing leaves an unfillable void in my life, but I'm grateful for the countless memories we shared. Rest in peace, Mum. Your memory will live on in my heart, and I'll continue to make you proud.



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PHEOBE ONYANGO (DAUGHTER)

Mum, my heart aches knowing you are gone. You were my source of strength, love, and comfort. Your gentle voice, warm smile, and unending prayers guided me through every season of life. You taught me to love, forgive, and trust in God's timing. Though you are no longer here, your spirit will forever live within me. I will hold onto your lessons and cherish every memory. Rest peacefully, dearest mother, until we meet again.

SALINE ODERA (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

I am honored to have been your daughter in-law, our matriarch. Your passing leaves a profound void but your legacy of strength, wisdom, and boundless love will always live in each of us. As the heart of our family, you guided us with grace and compassion. I am forever grateful and will strive to honor your beautiful memory. Rest in peace "Lera" Nyar Ramogi.

JABES OMONDI (GRAND SON)

I can't believe you are gone for good Dani (Min John), my best friend, the greatest source of inspiration I ever had. We shall forever cherish the memories of the good and bad moments we had together. Your great grandchildren will now have more questions than answers regarding your whereabouts. RIP Nyar Odo

JEPH ODHIAMBO (GRANDSON)

Grandma, it breaks my heart to say goodbye. You were my greatest inspiration, loving, prayerful, and full of wisdom. Your stories, laughter, and gentle advice shaped my childhood and taught me the meaning of family. You always welcomed me with open arms and a warm smile that made everything feel right. Though you are gone, your love remains a guiding light in my life. Rest well, Grandma, till we meet again in God's glory.

QUINTER ZILPA ANYANGO SINGA (GRAND DAUGHTER)

My dear grandmother, I can only give thanks to God for the many years he gave us with you. That you were able to see your children's children and their children. Though your last days were difficult and painful, I find peace in knowing that you are now at rest. Nind maber, Nyinga, nyaka warom kendo.

OLYYVENT ODERO (GRAND DAUGHTER)

Mothers come in different shapes and sizes with varying strength and weaknesses, but none has shown the variety and approaches to motherhood like you did.

Grandma lived an exemplary life based on integrity. She never tolerated excuses but corrected with grace and bore no animosity to anybody.

Grandma's life brought an overflowing blessing that touched every area of our lives. A life never to cling to resentment, a life to always be a blessing to others. Even when you are despised. A spirit like mama's never dies, great minds never die and they pass unto generations. Grandma has only transitioned to eternal glory and I wave a joyful journey to her she will forever live in our hearts #Rip Dani

ZILPA AGWA (ADOTI) (GRAND DAUGHTER)

Grandma, your love was pure and your heart full of grace. You cared deeply for everyone around you and taught us the value of kindness and prayer. I'll forever cherish your laughter, wisdom, and warm embrace. You may be gone, but your spirit lives on in our hearts.

LILIAN OKINYI (GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

Grandma was very hardworking and loving. You left us in great shock. Rest easy Shosh and all these are God's plan. We shall meet on the resurrection morning. Nind gi Kwe Nya ramogi.

WENDY STECY (GRAND DAUGHTER)

You may have passed on, but your memories will forever live within us. Thank you for your sacrifices, your care and concern, your love, and everything you did for me. Wherever you are, I know you're in a much better place. You always called me by your mom's name, Mamma, and treated me with the same kindness and affection. Rest easy, Shosh. Your love will always remain in my heart.

JOY A. ONYANGO AND RYAN NEVATON (GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN)

With a heart full of love and a spirit that touched countless lives, you lived a life that inspired generations. Your strength, wisdom and kindness were beacons of hope and guidance for our family. RIP My dear Great Grandmother. Today, we gather to celebrate the life of an extraordinary great grandmother. Your passing leaves a void in our lives, but your legacy will forever be etched in our hearts. We will forever miss you.



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Hymns



275 AGENO WANAROM

1. Ageno wanarom e polo, ka chandruok me piny rumo; Ka agano sigana mar wuodha e dho nam sigwedh maler.

E dho wath marieny, dho nam dhahabu, E dala Wuonwa e pinyo mar mor. Ageno wanarom, ageno wanarom, kwasidho osimb locho e polo.

2. Ageno wanarom e polo, E tiend yadh ngima maber; Ageno wanapak jawarwa; kuom ng`wuono mar warowa.

3. Ageno wanarom e polo, kwaluoro kom duong` Nyasaye; Ageno bedo gi jomowar, kwapako hera Jawar.

4. Ageno wanarom e polo, katichna me piny rumo; Ageno wanamosre gi mor, E wath marieny mochwere.

227. BE YESU LING

1. Be Yesu ling` ka chunya otur, Kuom dwaro mor kata wer; Saa ma ting` tura parruok be ola, ka wuoth bedo maolo chuny?

Ee, orita mano adier; Kuyona mulo chunye; Ka aol godiechieng`, Kaluor gotieno, adier Jawar rita (adier).

2. Be Yesu ling` ka chunya opong` kod buok be luoro mathoth; Kodiechieng` rumo kotieno chopo, bende obedo machiegni?

3. Be Yesu ling` saa ma tem matek asekedogo motama; Ka chunya kuyo hoch be ongena, kata pi wang`a chwer malit?

4. Be Yesu ling` ka tho pogo gosierna mahero chuth; Ka chunya kuyo kachiegni gi tho, be oling` ma ok onena?

"Nyikwaya, ka ji osekee e lienda, to udong' ka uriworu kanyakla. Kik ng'ato donj e kindu. Bende kik uyie ni nga'to keto wach marach e yitu. Adwaro ni ubed kod kwee...."

Mama Zipa Agwa (Mother)
5th December 2022



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Burial Date
17TH OCTOBER 2025