

## Shaka M. Ssali

April 18, 1953 - March 27, 2025

Shaka M. Ssali (71)

Of Arlington, VA passed away Thursday, March 27, 2025. He was a loving and cherished father to Heza Mulinzi. He will be missed by many.

Relatives and friends will be received at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 for a gathering on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 5PM-9PM.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

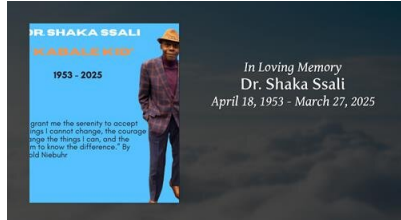
APR 9. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shaka M. Ssali



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - April 09, 2025 at 10:20 AM

PS

“ Today I miss my dear brother more than ever... an immense loss for mankind Africa and all fortunate enough to have known him. Good-bye dear brother - you are in my heart and always will be.

Paul Sisco - May 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RT

“ Rev Moses Tugume lit a candle in memory of Shaka M. Ssali



Rev Moses Tugume - April 10, 2025 at 07:03 AM

AI

“ 04/09/2025

*Dear family,*

*I would like to extend my deepest condolences for the loss of your dear one Shaka Ssali. I knew him as a colleague, a friend, an uncle, and a great source of inspiration as a journalist. He always stood for what he believe in while on or off Cameras. It was a great honor for me to know him and to spend many many hours talking and walking with him, in the offices and great hallways of the Voice Of America (VOA) here in Washington D.C for over 20 years.*

*Back in the early 2000s, getting to know him as an individual he was always very smart, kind, funny and resources to be around, for me as a very young journalist. Many years latter as a professional and a colleague in the Africa Division, he was always available to answer any questions about topics, countries and people he had covered in his programs. Other times he was simply a present and powerful sources of inspiration.*

*I am forever grateful to have crossed path with him in this life. I pray for comfort and strength to all who morn his departure and to all his family, friends and fans around the world. Let's continue to honor him and to "keep the African hopes alive".*

*Auriane Itangishaka  
Colleague & Friend*

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**Auriane Itangishaka** - April 09, 2025 at 02:21 PM

ZL

“ Zoe Leoudaki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shaka M. Ssali.



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**Zoe Leoudaki** - April 09, 2025 at 12:49 PM

MA

“ I first watched my mentor on TV on Straight Talk Africa, Mrs Anita Mpambara Cox. She shone like a bright star next to her brother the Kabale Kid. The bakiga were pleased.

*We will miss you.*

*Rest in Peace.*

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**MATEMBE ALEX** - April 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KD

*"Voice of America has all along been speaking truth to Millions" President George W Bush. Those were the words that continuously re-echoed in my mind as I heard my mentor and boss at the time ,Anita Mpambara Cox engage with one of the best interviewers ever who probably only had a match in David Frost,the legendary Shaka Sali during a straight talk Africa program. She addressed issues that were complex at the time as put to her by Shaka Sali in what turned out to be a riveting experience bordering on dialectical analysis of the issues of the day,the typical engagement needed around the time to calm down tension. I saw two academics originally from my home area Kabale (Uganda) enlighten the world and especially empower a person like me to this day.As I speak, I happen to be in charge of media for a given political aspirant in my country asking pertinent questions oftentimes in case issues crop up as a follow up on earlier questions, on the platform but more so, doing that respectfully yet without losing focus borrowing from the legendary interviewer,Shaka's inspirational style and I address concerns of over 900participants howsoever they are framed dispassionately and respectfully given that at the end of the day 'every vote' matters and the preliquiste is that every voice should be heard and attended to as I saw Mrs Anita Cox approach ' 2sides of the coin' rather than only choose to come off as subjunctive . Thanks to that memorable show where there was the ' meeting of minds'.*

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**Karuhanga Didan** - April 09, 2025 at 01:06 PM

ES

*You have fought a good fight and finished your race. Well done faithful Kabale Kid. Rest in glory Sir .*

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**Esether** - April 10, 2025 at 04:18 AM

PT

*Your contribution to humanity will ever be remembered. Fare thee well, Shaka. May your soul rest in peace.*

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**Prosper Tumusiime** - April 10, 2025 at 05:42 AM

MO

*I believe that God sends an angel to comfort and look after you when you are going through life's challenges. Shaka was that angel sent to me and he lifted me up. I will forever be grateful to have met and known him. May His Soul Rest In Perfect Peace 🙏*

*Maureen Ogola's, Kenya*

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**Maureen Ogola** - May 04, 2025 at 01:39 PM