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MEDIA RELEASE

The Archbishop and all Bishops of the Anglican Church of Tanzania are expressing their sympathy in regard to the death of the fourth Registrar of Anglican Church of Tanzania, the late retired Chief Justice, General Brigadier, Rev. Can. Judge Augustino S. L. Ramadhani.
BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE GENERAL BRIGADIER, RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE,

JUDGE, REV. CAN. JUDGE AUGUSTINO S. L. RAMADHANI, THE FORTH ACT REGISTRAR

1. BIRTH

The late Rev. Can. Judge Augustino Ramadhani was born at Kisima Majongoo, Zanzibar on 28th Dec 1945 (Last days of the second world war). He was the second born in the family of eight children (4 Girls and 4 Boys) of the late Mwalimu Matthew Douglas Ramadhani and Mwalimu Bridget Ann Constance Masoud.

2. CHURCH’S LIFE

Augustino was born and raised up in a Christian family despite the facts of the family names that are mixture of both Islam and Christian background.

As a Christian he played several roles in the church from the local church to provincial (national) level. At the parish level he was a good chorister, as well as pianist. He is the author of several books and articles. Even after joining military service he continued to serve in the church as secretary for the parish of St Alban in Dar es Salaam.

In 2000 he was appointed to be the 4th Provincial Registrar of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (ACT) since the inauguration of the Province in 1970 , the position that he held for seven years until 2007 when he resigned after being appointed as the Chief Justice of Tanzania

25th July 2007 at All Saints Cathedral in the Diocese of Mwapwa he was honored to be a Lay Canon.

In 2013, 14th May he was consecrated deacon and priested on 29th Dec in the Cathedral of Christ in Zanzibar.

3. EDUCATION

In April 1952 at the age of seven years, the healthy young Augustino came along with his parents who got transfer to teach in a school at Mwapwa- Idomonia (DODOMA). He began primary school in 1952 at Mwapwa and finished standard eight in 1959 at Mwapwa. This was after the promotion of his father who became Headmaster and got transfer from Tabora to Mwapwa

- Standard 1&2 1952-1953 at Mwapwa
- Standard 3&5 1954-1956  Tabora Town
- Standard 6&7 1957-1958  Kazel Hill (Itetemia)
- Standard 8 1959 Mwapwa.
Between 1960-1965 he joined high school at Tabora Boys. This is a place where he learned to play piano, one of favourest music instrument that his grandfather whom he was named after also played, basket ball; he did it well in regard to his height. It is during these years; on 1st March. 1961 when he was 15years old, his father died on train accident at Guidebridge Ashton Under-Lyne and was buried at Southern graveyard in the UK. This was a great loss for Augustino who became uncertain of who was to cover for his school’s fees. However, by God’s grace he managed and furthers his education up to university's level.

University 1966-1970- He graduated in March 1970 with Bachelor Degree of Law at the University of Dar es Salaam.

Rev. Can Augustino Ramadhani furthered his studies in Theology and Laws in different times, until his death he has been holding a PhD.

4. WORK

After finishing his Bachelor degree he joined JWTZ in 1970. During his army’s training he became the JWTZ’s Lawyer, the office that he maintained until the end of his military course.

After training in the military Academy, in 1971 He was promoted Second Lieutenant and appointed to be the head of Mugulani Camp. In 1978 he became Major and transferred to Tabora as the head of JWTZ at Faru -Brigade.

In 1978 during the time of Late Abdul Jumbe Mwinyi, he was called by the government of Zanzibar to be deputy Chief Justice. Judge of Appeal’s Court and Chief Justice of the time was Damian Lubuva.

In Oct 1978 he was appointed to be the Chief Justice of the government of Zanzibar.

In March 1979 during the war between Tanzania and Iddi Amin, he rejoined JWTZ, appointed to be Canal and went straight to battle’s field in Uganda. At the battle field he continued with his profession as the judge of military Court (Court Martial).

After the war, on 8th Jan 1980 he was appointed by the government of Zanzibar to be the Chief Justice until in 1989 when the office was given to Judge Hamid Muhamad Hamid.

On 23rd June 1989-2010 General Brigade, Judge, Rev. Can Augustino Ramadhani was appointed by the government of Republic of Tanzania to be the Judge of Court of Appeal.

Judge Rev. Can. Augustino Ramadhani was appointed as the Deputy Electoral Commissioner (NEC) 1993-2003. In 2002 he was appointed Deputy Electoral Commissioner of Zanzibar (ZEC); the office which he held for five years

November 2001 he was appointed Judge of East Africa Countries Court for six years
2007-2010 he was appointed by the government of Tanzania as Chief Justice. Then in 2012 he was appointed to be deputy Chairman of Commission of Constitution’s Amendment while retired Prime Minister of Tanzania, Judge Joseph Sinde Waryoba was the chairman of the commission.

July 2010 Rev. Can. Augustino was appointed as a Judge of African Court of Justice and Human Right and his fellow Judges elected him to be their president for a period of two years; 2014-2016 when he retired.

AWARDS

23 Feb 2012 He got “Dr. Martin Luther King Award” from Hon. Alfonso Lenhardt who was USA ambassador in Tanzania

18th Dec 2014 he was awarded “Tanzania’s Order of the Union” a medal for distinguished service to his country by the retired President of the Republic of Tanzania Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

5. CHURCH MINISTRY AFTER RETIREMENT

After his retirement from various government positions, Judge Rev. Can. Augustino, the holder of Bachelor Degree of Theology from London University UK (2004) and Laws with MA Degree in International Law, was ordained as a clergy in Anglican Church of Tanzania in the Diocese of Zanzibar in 2013. Because of his gospel’s passion, the late General Brigadier Judge Rev. Can. Augustino was called from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam to assist pastoral work at St. Alban’s Cathedral in the Diocese of Dar es Salaam. During his pastoral ministry at St. Alban he continued with his pastoral duties as well as pianist.

6. FAMILY LIFE

He was married to Lieutenant Canal Saada Mbarouk on 1st Nov 1975. In their marriage they have been blessed with four children, Francis, Bridget, Marine and Matthew. He has left grand children.

The church would like to express its condolence to the family of the late Can. Ramadhani. May God of peace and comfort be with you during this difficult time. Can. Ramadhani has gone to rest in peace and eternal life with his heavenly Father. He has fought the good fight and finished the race.

As we remember the faith and church ministry of our brother Augustino, it reminds us the faith of his mother the late Bridget Ann Constance Ramadhani who during her lifetimes served the church with dignity and integrity. The church is continuing to pray for mercy that God who called him might give him eternal rest and peace.

The Lord gave and God has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.
“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they will rest from their labor.” (Revelation 14:13)

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