

Rest in Peace, Moyo Imwambo

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On the afternoon of Monday, 17th March 2014, the late Queen to His Majesty King Lubosi Imwiko II, Moyo Imwambo, Rosaleen Mulako Lisulo-Imwiko was finally put to rest at Mutwiwamba, some 13 kilometres south of Mongu along the Mongu-Senanga road. Her resting place has since been named Mbatiwana, a Si-Luyana word meaning “you will find us.” The death of the Queen has been the first ever witnessed in respect of a reigning King of Barotseland and left staunch traditionalist, the old and the young bewildered as no one had a clue on how to handle a calamity of such a high ranking personality.

Speaking earlier in the day during the requiem mass held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Limulunga—the Litunga’s winter residence, Diocese of Mongu Bishop Chinyemba told the parked congregation that the late Queen never doubted her faith in the Lord. despite her status in society. Bishop Chinyemba further said “God has known her desires to pray and participate in the life of the Church throughout her life despite her situation of living in the palace.”

The Bishop also beseeched the mourners who attended the requiem mass to pray for His Majesty the Litunga who has been going through difficult times brought about by the sickness of his departed dear Queen and pressures of governing Barotseland. The Litunga had to deal with issues affecting Barotseland especially the one about the unilateral abrogation of the Barotseland Agreement by the Zambian government and the people of Barotseland’s final acceptance of it. Coupled with the ill-health of the Queen, his Majesty came under intense pressure. He will, therefore, need prayers from all of us.

Moyo Imwamba passed on at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka a week earlier. The remains of the Queen, aboard a Zambia Air Force (ZAF) AF-221 plane, was received by multitudes of people of all ages who had gathered at Mongu airport on 10th March 2014. May Her Soul Rest in Peace.

