

BIOGRAPHY

Hon. Ebenezer Namata Ewanga

Sunrise: June 12th 1940 Sunset: March 4th 2011

Hon. Ebenezer Namata Ewanga who was born on June 12th 1940 at Konye, to Papa Ferdinand Ewanga and Mami Susanna Bie Ewanga. He was an only child to his mother.

After his primary school education at Krume, Victoria and Kumba, He proceeded to Kings College Lagos, Nigeria, and later to Yaba Technical Institute still in Lagos where he studied Technical Engineering, and graduated with a higher National Diploma in Technical Drawing.

When he returned home at the end of his studies, he worked with the Public works Department for one year and later enrolled to study Architecture at the University of Lawrence Kansas in the United States of America. There he obtained a Master's of Science in Architectural Engineering and Urban Town Planning. In 1968, he returned home and resumed duties with his former employer until 1971 when he resigned.

While studying in the U.S. Hon. Namata Ewanga met his beautiful wife Yvonne Ewanga nee Williams. On April 7th 1967, they got married in Washington D.C. Their union was blessed with three daughters and a son.

In 1972, he established a privately owned Architectural design firm, Namata Ewanga Associates in Limbe a town he loved so much. He distinguished himself as one dedicated to serve his country and people. Among the projects he successfully executed, were the SONARA Residential complex, which he did in partnership with his late friend, E.T Manga, the Governor's Office Bafoussam, the then

Delegation of Mines and Power, Limbe and Bertoua, the National Produce Marketing Board Complex in Nkwen, Bamenda. The list of projects he did is long to state all.

Besides his professional life, he had a very colourful political career, which began with his membership of the Cameroon National Union party(CNU).He was President of Kumba Central Section of the Cameroon's People Democratic Movement(C.P.D.M.), President of Konye Section of the C.P.D.M, Member of Parliament and Vice Speaker of the House of Assembly. Until his death, he was a Member of the Central Committee of C.P.D.M.

Socially; he belonged to many social groups. He was president of Rotary Club Limbe and President of Victoria club Limbe , where he remained a patron of the Club until his passing. He was also a lover of sports and became President of Victoria United, president of FECAFOOT, and President of Cameroon Architects. He was also a prominent leader of the Bakundu people.

On March 3rd 2011 Hon. N. E. Ewanga went to his village, Konye to participate in the death celebration of a relative. During the ceremonies on the 4th of March, he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital in Kumba, but he couldn't make it. He was pronounced dead at about 11am that morning.

He worked hard for his family and the community by expanding his reach as he nurtured and mentored a small clan of family children, friends, colleagues and fellow Konye kinsmen. His charm, poise and infectious smile earned him the nick name "Fineboy".

He leaves behind his wife Yvonne, his children Rosemary, Bie, Baki, Ongie & Nipanga, his brothers Edward and Ferdinand, eight grandchildren and a host of other family members to mourn him