



Steven Sewanyana

March 15, 1966 - December 27, 2019

Dr. Steven Sewanyana, the beloved doctor of North Charlotte Pediatrics, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2019 in an auto accident. He was born March 15, 1966 in Rubaga, Kampala, Uganda to Mr. John Kamy Serebe and Mrs Ruth Serebe, Steven married the love of his life and best friend Dorothy on Aug 09,, 1997 and spent 22 years building their family and fulfilling their dreams. They had three kids, Sean, Stephanie & Shadrack .

Steven graduated from Makerere University medical school in 1991 and started working in Mulago Hospital, in Kampala Uganda. He later migrated to the USA in 1994 and joined the pediatric residency program of Westchester Medical School graduating in 1997. He then worked in Dr. Karpowich's pediatric practice from 1998 to 2004. He moved to Hope Mills, Fayetteville and worked with Dr. Ashok from 2004 to 2006. Later in 2006, he moved to Charlotte and opened his own pediatric practice, North Charlotte Pediatrics, where he practiced until this unfortunate incident. Dr. Steven Sewanyana was a dedicated physician and family man. He loved his patients and they loved him back in equal measure. Steven will be remembered by many for his love of people, especially kids, a kind giving heart and a good sense of humor.

Dr. Steven Sewanyana is survived by his loving wife of 22 years Dorothy Namakula; Children, Sean Sewanyana and Stephanie and Shadrack Sewanyana; his parents;, sisters and brothers, a host of nieces and nephews, close friends & family..

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 04, 2020 at Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. Family will receive friends 12:00-02:00 PM prior to the service. Online condolences may be made at www.heritagecares.com.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

JAN **Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I am so saddened by the news I heard today when I called over to the office to check on everyone during this time. I had 4 foster children for 2 years and we all fell in love with Dr. Sewanyana. He and his partner, Dr. Kris Harper, helped us nurse the children back to health from severe malnutrition. Dr. Sewanyana was such a joy and a comedian at heart and our rock. The children loved him so much. We adored him so much and he will truly be missed. My condolences to his family. Pamela Smith - Charlotte, NC

Pamela Smith - May 06 at 03:20 PM



“ Oh Lord I pray that you continue to watch over and bless the family and loved ones of Dr. Sewanyana. I just learned of his passing and my day has stood still. Though my children are grown now he was there only pediatrician. Even as my children grew into young adults I remember calling and asking if he'd mind seeing them though they were not babies because he was so genuinely caring, friendly, passionate and just a good person. His spirit just radiated it. Over the years he would cross my mind and I wish I would have stopped by just to say hi because he deserved a friendly hello. Such a good guy. this broke my heart. As I pray for myself I will continue to pray for his family and loved ones that they may have peace in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My heart cried. thank you Lord for what you cultivated in Dr. Sewanyana that touched so many people in a big way. To God be the glory and may his family and children be blessed. Thank you Jesus

Terica Bailey - February 22 at 03:59 PM



“ I too just learned of Dr S passing and lost my breath upon reading it on the kidz care via a text I received stating they were honoring him, had no idea it was his life they were honoring because he passed my first instinct was calling his cell phone which went straight to voice mail I sent a text to his wife sending deepest condolences to her and their family. He was my now adult children pediatrician from 2011 when we relocated to Charlotte from CA through 2018 when I moved to SC I tried to see if he would sign up to take Anthem because I was not ready to leave him yet. He was an amazing person, and Dr. I never minded the wait time because when he came in the room with you he didn't rush through the appointment so I understood that he gave all his patients and parents the adequate time on the visit. He would always ask my kids how things were going ask about life, give them advice, ask what they wanted to be when they grow up and stay on them about education. He was so funny. He was a surrogate parent for them always giving caring and compassion advice he made us all feel loved and cared about the world just became a smaller place without him. My heart goes out to Mrs Sewanyana and his children and family as well as staff and colleagues. I thank God for the time he allowed all of us with you heaven definitely received an angel. I wish I'd known sooner and could have attended his service. We love you Dr S. Rest well my friend, you will be dearly missed.



“ This broke my hear. He's cared for my babies since birth and their older siblings. He was a very loving and compassionate person. He loved what he did and did it well. We love you and you are greatly missed.

Tonnia Wilson - February 07 at 10:32 AM



“ God. I just found out this morning as im trying to schedule an emergency appt for my son. I cant even think of what to say because my brain is everywhere, I cannot stop crying, I am at a lost for words. I am praying for your family and sending positivity their way. We are forever grateful for you. You were my son's first doctor to check him out when he came into the world and only doctor. You formed an amazing relationship with him and it will truly be difficult to replace such an amazing Pediatrician. God bless his family and friends. Thank you for all you did Dr. S.

JH - February 03 at 09:32 AM



“ Dr S you were a amazing doctor and I had the privilege of bringing my new born and five other children to you. I am so heart broken and shocked that I will not see you. I am forever grateful for your genuine concern for your patients and love and sincerity. My condolences to the family of this extraordinary man and doctor whom I trusted my children to. Our family will miss you Mr. S

roopa - February 03 at 01:07 AM



“ OMG! Dr. Sewanyana you will forever be remembered and missed. What a truly compassionate person you were. You left my two boys(grown-up) and my 13 years old princess heart broken. We saw you last in October me and my daughter. You told us you were going home(Uganda) to visit and we said we were also going home(Ghana) to visit as well. Yesterday I brought my daughter as a walk-in because she felt sick. She was especially excited to shear with you her experience in Africa and to our greatest SHOCK we never met you. My daughter was heart broken and cried the whole time. So sad! You took care of my kids for 12 years when my daughter was 1 and my boys 7 and 8 when we moved to Charlotte in 2007. My little girl was always looking to see you whenever she was sick. She asked yesterday while sobbing, now who's gonna be my doctor, daddy? I had no answer! Me and my family will missed you. Rest in peace! Love, Frank, Famata, Will, Ricky , and Caro!



“ Dr. Sewanyanna, or Dr. "S", I am having a hard time putting into words how heartbroken we are at the news of your passing. I was just reaching to your office today to schedule my girls to see you and learned of this very sad news. You have been our pediatrician for over 13 years for all of my children and you provided nothing but exceptional care. No matter how busy the clinic was, you were ALWAYS extremely patient and ensured all of my questions and concerns were addressed prior to moving on to the next patient. When I had any type of concerns regarding my daughters' condition, you were right there to assist and help me to feel better. You knew all of your patients and made each visit so bright and easy for them. You will be sorely missed!!! As a parent, I can't express what it will feel like entrusting my children's care to another pediatrician... Enjoy Heaven!!! My sincere condolences to your wife, children, and family...

Thank you for your AMAZING service!

The Mills Family

Ken, Shannon, Deshza, Kennedi, Kyndal, and Sean!

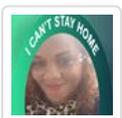


Shannon Mills - January 28 at 04:51 PM



“ Words can express how saddened I am by news of your passing. You've been both my boys Dr's for over 10 years and almost treated us like family. Every time I went to your office you had a smile from ear to ear. My wife would call you at all times and you always helped us. I can still remember once she texted you and you from Uganda called the local cvs to authorize medication for my boy. Dr. S you will be trully missed... The Gyorody Family, Rey, Gio, Maria, and Frank :(

Frank Gyorody - January 27 at 04:46 PM



“ Dr. S you were truly an amazing individual God blessed your hands and heart to be part of all 4 of my children's lives as their Dr for years until our insurance changed and we had to find another Dr. You were such an amazing doctor that my second daughter would come and see you even in her 20's. RIH Dr. S love the Gaskin family.



Demina Gaskin - January 22 at 03:22 AM



“ I don't know where to begin. My family and I are just puzzled by this. I never thought I will be sitting here writing to you this way. You have been in my life for 17 years and I am grateful for that. My children loved you unconditionally because you took time out to listen whether they were being silly or serious. Even when I called and needed questions answered or if something didn't sit right you were just a call away. I don't know what we're gonna do now on finding someone as genuine, caring, loving and patient as you and that knows their patient's individually names & elements without having to second guess who the child is. Dr. S, I know there isn't gonna be anyone that matches up to you. We will continue to miss you dearly. We Love you Dr. Sewanyana §

Sincerely,
Chante' Slappy & Family

Chante - January 09 at 11:45 PM



“ Your passing has sadden my family. You have been apart of our lives for over 10 years, and have watched my boys grow. I pray your family and friends find peace and know how truly they were blessed to be apart of your life. You will be missed! May your rest in peace. Thank you for showing this world your kind heart.

April Bellamy and family - January 09 at 06:03 PM



“ I never got the chance to meet this very wonderful doctor but i got to know about him through my sister Joy who is a friend of Dorothy, and my sister Rachel who is friends with the doctor's sister, Dr. Catherine. From their stories plus the messages/memories online i know he was such a good person and will greatly be missed. My heart and prayers go out to you Dorothy and the kids. My family, church and prayer group are praying for you. May his soul rest in peace.

Esther-Faith Tendo
Worcester MA



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Liliet C. Council - January 07 at 04:10 PM



“ To Dr S family you were Blessed to have Steven and willing to share him with so many of us May God continue to give you the strength to carry on without him I pray for your strength through Christ we love you as much as we loved Dr S Benjamin Trinity Harmond and Christian Anderson

Carol Anderson - January 06 at 06:01 PM



“ Steven and I trained in the Pediatrics Residency Program at NYMC/ WCMC and OLM hospitals in N.Y. from 1995 to 1998. We were both selected to serve as Pediatric Chief Residents from 1998-1999 at the same Pediatric Residency Program in Valhalla, N.Y. It was a joy and privilege to have served and worked with him. He was brilliant, gentle, caring, empathetic physician and a true friend. He was dedicated and committed to always giving his best and his all when caring for patients and their families. He would go the extra mile for his patients. He was an excellent teacher to all his junior residents and medical students. A great colleague to work a long side. He was loved and respected by all the staff in the Pediatrics Department at WMC. I and my family has had the pleasure of knowing him as a brother and friend. I will forever cherish the memories we created while you were here. Your smile and your angelic presence will be missed dearly. Sleep on in Peace. Dorothy, we are praying for you and the entire family: Shawn, Stephanie and Shadrack as well as Steven's parents and siblings and extending family. May God send His Holy Spirit the Comforter to comfort each of you at this time of such a great loss. May He strengthen you, guide you, provide for you. May you find strength and comfort in all the great memories you as a family have created with your loved one Steven throughout the years. May his legacy be remembered and live on forever in the lives of the many people he has touched and inspired. God Bless.

Dr. Vanessa Sukra - January 05 at 01:22 AM



“ Dr. there are no words to explain how many lives you touched. We all have heavy hearts knowing your existence is no longer on this earth. Although you left us with a lasting impression that can never be extinct. You were and still are a true GEM to every person you have known. Even in your passing you still are light for us because of the person you were. You gave hope, friendship, care, healing, strength, advice, but most of all you showed love to everyone that you knew. You are definitely a needle in the haystack, one of a kind, a special kind of person that will truly be missed. Your smile and laughter is forever embedded in our hearts. We are deeply saddened for your beautiful family who I can't imagine the pain they are feeling. God caress their hearts and ease the pain they are feeling and give them strength to live life through him the way he would want them too, because he was an unselfish person that way. God bless you Dr. Sewanyana and all who have been greatly affected by this tragedy. I believe you are still doing the good work in spirit. North Charlotte Pediatric staff you are all awesome and you will triumph and continue doing good as I'm sure he would want you all to.
Love the El Sabban and Richardson Family

pauline rendon - January 04 at 01:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Steven Sewanyana Video



Peter Mijumbi - January 04 at 12:38 PM



“ We worked together at Dr Karpowicz's Office for 6 years, kept in touch once every three years since then, will miss his smile and ability to lighten everyone's mood. He was a good man and great pediatrician. His solo practice inspired me to start my own.



Bina Fenn - January 04 at 11:59 AM



“ Steven was my colleague and became a friend and helped to create the best pediatric practice - the best time of my 30 year career. My biggest regret was when I made a change in the direction my practice that he did not want to go. It was the biggest mistake of my career. He was fun, knowledgeable and incredibly kind and caring for the children we served.
Kevin Karpowicz MD

Kevin Karpowicz - January 04 at 11:58 AM



“ Words can't even begin to express what a shock this is to everyone you've impacted. You ARE truly a genuine spirit, angel, and a man whose heart is filled with pure love. I met you 12 years ago and you've been part of me and my family's life ever since. The countless words, advice, help, healing, & love you've displayed will never be forgotten. You inspired me and so many others to reach our greatest potential in life and your spirit and impact will forever live on. Today isn't goodbye, it's a I'll see you again soon and we'll pick up laughing and talking about life like we never missed a beat. I love you Dr Steven Sewanyana! People like you don't come on this earth often. Prayers and love to your wife, children, family, friends, colleagues, & employees during this time. - Deonte Witcher

Deonte Witcher - January 04 at 10:08 AM



“ Stephen the last time we met physically I was still working for Nsambya Hospital. We chatted for a long time and laughed loudly. I noted you were still the cheerful outgoing person I always knew. So sad to see you depart so early. Fare thee well. We pledge our prayers for your young family.
Martin M. Nsubuga

Martin Nsubuga - January 04 at 03:37 AM



“ A kind soul gone too soon! Fare thee well Steven!

Janet Oola - January 04 at 01:49 AM



“ Dr. S you will surely be missed by my family (Berry, Watson, Sewer) too. This news is still so unbelievable to everyone whose lives you have touched. For 15 yrs u took care of my kids and whenever we came to the office we always wanted to see you. Even though the wait was sometimes long that didnt matter when you'd walk in the room with that huge smile. The kids loved you and I thank you for always being good

to them. From medical advice to talks about school and the music they listened too, they always enjoyed talking to you. Even for myself, if I had a medical question u would give me an answer. I will always remember you and I'll make sure the kids do too. I pray that God gives your family comfort during this difficult time and that they know how much you are loved by us all. We thank them for sharing you with so many people. REST EASY DR. S, TIL WE MEET AGAIN ONE DAY. WE LOVE YOU

Denise Berry - January 03 at 11:37 PM



“ You were a dear friend. I'll always remember. Rest In Peace,
Go well.

John Richard Ouma

John Ouma - January 03 at 11:28 PM



“ Where to start .. Dr Steven, my heart still sadden by this loss because he was not just any doctor he was the best doctor, would go above and beyond for his patients, my two kids being his patients always got a direct a clear diagnosis from and he was always right as to what it was, but it wasn't that he was the best doctor but a great and incredible person, always smiling always there had the soul of wanting to help. Not once did I ever see him angry or mad even when the patients might have been irritated from the long wait, but a wait thats well worth it because you knew that you were in the best of hands. Doctor Steven you are missed and will forever be missed , it was a sad moment and still is a sad moment to think that the world has lost such a great doctor, person, father . Doctor Steven may you Rest In Peace and one able to see in heaven again.

Rosa Bonilla - January 03 at 11:05 PM



“ Excelente persona, un carisma único.. siempre amable, amoroso con sus pacientes ... en lo personal mi familia siente un gran aprecio por el doctor Steven.. lo vamos a extrañar siempre



Zoe y lia reyes - January 03 at 07:27 PM



“ Dr. Steve was my doctor since I was a little girl... he went above and beyond to make sure we stayed not only healthy but happy. When I was in the worst stage of my life with depression and anxiety, he told me it didn't matter if he prescribed me medicine or sent me to a therapist because none of that stuff would work if I didn't turn to God for help. I always loved going to the doctors because it meant I got to see him and can only recall one time I came in not smiling because of the pain I was in. But Dr. Steve made sure I was smiling before I left out. He inspired me to want to be the best I can be. He was always giving me advice, telling me random facts, picking on me about my height or just making me laugh. I wish I could go back in time and hug him again. This wasn't a job to him it was a lifestyle and he loved what he did. He loved us... I'm blessed to have had him apart of my life for 18-19yrs. I'm beyond thankful for him and what's he's done for me. A prayer to his family, thank you for sharing him with us. Things may be hard and seem dark but he was definitely a shining light on this earth. He was loved and will truly be missed. But now he's somewhere up in the clouds looking down on us and shining his light toward us



Caitlin Smith - January 03 at 01:45 PM



“ Sara Barahona sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Sewanyana



Sara Barahona - January 03 at 01:35 PM



“ Dr. Sewanyana it was the really special Doctor for my 4 daughters he was the only doctor they knew is hard but now he is resting, we have his family in our prayers... thanks for everything Doctor, hope we see soon!

Sara Barahona - January 03 at 01:33 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steven Sewanyana.



January 03 at 12:39 PM