**BIOGRAPHY OF LATE S. K. KILO**

On April 25th 2013, we counted 36 years since our dad, Mr. SYLVESTER KINDZEKA KILO, one of the most illustrious sons of the North West Region passed on to eternity.

There are a good number of people who knew him personally and interacted with him, others only heard about a great man who touched the lives of many. How many do really remember him after 36 years.

Late Mr. S. K. KILO was born at Sob, Jakiri sub division in Bui division, North West Province on February 10th 1932. KILO ALPHONSE was his father and Mama SHANG SKIYKI ANNASTASIA, his mother, both of blessed memory.

Late S. K. KILO attended Shisong Catholic mission primary school from 1941 to 1947. He did his secondary school course in St. Joseph’s College Sasse from 1748 to 1952. On completion, Mr. S. K KILO entered the civil service as a Government Cooperative Inspector. He was later sent to Ibadan Cooperative College where he graduated and started work in 1955 as the first qualified Government Cooperative Inspector of Southern Cameroon. Mr. KILO resigned from Government service in 1959.

BUSINESS CAREER;

In 1959, Mr. S. K. Kilo commenced in business as a registered building contractor. He managed several businesses which included;

- The first agency in Cameroon in the sale of Toyota vehicles.

- Sales and distribution of Jute bags

- Running a comprehensive secondary school in Sop, Kilo Comprehensive College, his village of birth, and

- Building contracts.

His company, KILO Brother’s LTD. was an employer of over 300 Cameroonians including expatriate technicians. As a business magnet, late Mr. S. K. Kilo contributed immensely to the development of this great Nation, Cameroon.

Up to the time of his death, Mr. S. K. Kilo had served Cameroon in the following capacities

* Bui Section President for eleven years
* Vice president of the economic and social council
* Member of the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce
* Member of Mutuelle Agricole, an insurance company.
* Secretary of Denmark International Seminar where he represented Cameroon in 1966.

**DECORATIONS**

Mr. S. K. Kilo died a proud recipient of the Cameroon Grand Order Of Valor.

**FAMILY**

Not only was he very instrumental in increasing the population of Cameroon by the 17 children he left behind (LOL!!!!), but he also raised them to become strong economic, academic and political forces to reckon with, wherever they found themselves. Mind you, he loved beautiful women so he married four! Death tragically separated Daddy from us at the age of 45 but you can be sure his memory and good deeds live on. (ASH IS HERE TO PROVE that hahahaha!!!!!)

**OFFICIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES**

**MESSAGE OF THE HEAD OF STATE TO THE KILO FAMILY**

I have learned with a great emotion the death of Mr. Sylvester kilo, vice president of the economic and social council and president of Bui C.N.U Section {stop}

In this sorrowful circumstance, I request you to extend to the bereaved family my heartfelt condolence {stop and end.}

AHMADOU AHIDJO.

 “In him, the North West has lost one of its most reliable and representative sons, the C.N.U party has lost one of its most fervent defenders, and Cameroon has lost one of its most respectable leaders.”

**FROM HON. DAVID ABOUEM A TCHOYI**

“The death of Mr. KILO has created a gap amongst us that which will certainly be impossible to fill.

We know his contribution for the social council, economic and political development not only for Bui division but for the entire republic of Cameroon This elevated him to the rank of first vice president of economic and social council.”

**Hon. C. S BONGWA, Hon. J. N. MONIE, Hon. J. C. AWUNTI & Hon. P. YANG** were amongst the top government officials who were present and read eulogies at what went down in history as the very first OFFICIAL BURIAL that Nsoland had ever witnessed.

**BURIAL ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.**

It has fallen upon me to perform the difficult task of delivering this short address on behalf of the Economic and Social Council on the sad occasion which we are witnessing here today and which has left all of us here and elsewhere stricken with grief.

Mr. S. K. KILO, who is lying before us inert and forever silent lived like the rest of us. Today as we commit the remains unto the bowels of mother earth and return, each to our various residences, we are bound to wonder whether after all it is at all worth struggling in this world in order to improve our individual lot.

But while this frame of mind let us remember that mortality is man’s fate and that all human beings are bound to depart this world sooner or later. Death is indeed inevitable.

The important thing that we can learn from the phenomenon during his short existence on this earth, man must so comport himself in such a way that he is a symbol of happiness to the human society and must so exert himself that he becomes the source of well-being to his fellow beings, and must so struggle with the odds of this life that he comes on top as the conqueror of all human problems and is proclaimed by his fellow men as a light unto the feet of those groping in the dark, and a source of hope to those not able to stand up to the rigors of this life.

Why I am filled with Grief and Emotion today is because of my awareness of the fact that kilo answered to these qualifications I have set here, of what I can call The Conquering Man.

Kilo was too well known by all of us here to require an elaborate Biographical eulogy, but the sadness of this occasion dictates that, at least from what I knew of him as my second vice president in the economic and social council, I should, if only to sooth the pain that his death has caused, eulogize his achievements. As we knew him in the economic and social council, Mr. Kilo’s early departure has dealt a severe blow not only to the Nso people but to all people who like to see the United Republic of Cameroon painted on the economic map of the world. To say that Kilo did a lot to promote the economic life of this country is to commit a tautology. Kilo represented that group of Cameroonians who believe in the tenets of the principle of self-reliant development.

If those of us who only had some type of on-and-off association with Kilo could feel his loss so intensely, the feelings of his immediate family and relations can be imagined. The grief which has struck Kilo family is overwhelming and I can only end this sad address by extending to the bereaved family the heartfelt condolences of the economic council.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.