



### **MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MADAME JANE ROSEMARY KATJAVIVI.**

The National Assembly hereby informs the Namibian people of the passing on of Madame Rosemary Jane Katjavivi, the Spouse of the Speaker of the National Assembly.

Madame Rosemary Jane Tuauana Katjavivi was an English born Namibian writer, and publisher. She received her Masters from the University of Birmingham in African Studies. She worked at World University Service (UK) in 1975 as a Scholarship Officer, focusing on Southern Africa and with SWAPO in London as an Information Officer from 1976 till 1978, before later moving into magazine and book publishing.

She married the SWAPO activist and historian Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi and they moved to Namibia shortly before Independence in 1990. At the dawn of independence in 1990, Madame Katjavivi was a writer, editor and publisher. She set up New Namibia Books and for 10 years published Namibian writing – literature, autobiography, academic books, school textbooks and children's books. She found and operated a bookshop specializing in books about Namibia and Africa. She served as the Founding Chairperson of the Association of Namibian Publishers and the Namibia Book Development Council, Southern African Representative on the African Publishers Network (APNET) Board, and a member of the African Books Collective

Management Committee. She has consistently been a consultant on book development projects in Africa.

Madame Katjavivi, was also the founding Publisher of the University of Namibia (UNAM) Press, from 2011 to 2016, publishing and peer-reviewing books in law, public policy, history and memory politics, autobiographies, language and culture, and indigenous knowledge.

Madame Katjavivi was a dedicated wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and a friend to many around the world. She will be remembered for her gentleness, kindness, consideration and eagerness for helping people and for contributing to the writing of Namibian stories.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Loide Kasingo, on behalf of the entire membership of the National Assembly and the Secretariat herewith extends deepest condolences and sympathies to the Speaker and the entire family.

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