

Senator Donatille Mukabalisa, who was the former Speaker of Chamber of Deputies has passed away due to an illness, said a statement from Senate President François-Xavier Kalinda this Thursday, July 30.

“It is with heavy heart and great sorrow that the Senate of Rwanda announces the passing of Honourable Donatille MUKABALISA, who died today, 30 July 2026, at the King Faisal Hospital (KFH) in Kigali,” the statement said.

Senate President offered condolences to Mukabalisa’s family and said that details about the memorial service and the funeral would be communicated later.

Mukabalisa, who was President of Liberal Party (PL) held several key leadership positions in Rwanda’s parliament. She began her parliamentary career in 2000 as a member of the National Transitional Assembly, serving until 2003 when the country adopted a new constitution. She was elected to the Chamber of Deputies, where she served until 2011.

She was later appointed to the Senate but returned to the Chamber of Deputies in October 2013 and elected Speaker of Parliament, a position she held until 2024.

After completing her term as Speaker, she returned to the Senate until her passing.