

Dolores M. Bauer was born on 18th Sept.1934 in Oberösterreich. She had 3 children and 12 grandchildren.

She was an extremely motivated journalist, curious about the whole world, critically studying foreign cultures, societies and politics, trying to find out the reasons for underdevelopment, poverty and injustice and to inform her audience through radio or the readers of her articles and books.

But she was not only doing research and giving objective critical information she also took sides and helped whenever there was a chance to help. She helped political asylum seekers even by taking them to her home. Numerous projects were funded through her contacts and fundraising throughout the world whether in Haiti, Chile, Palestine or Uganda.

Her special love was Uganda. Since 1984 until her death she was the motor and heart of the Austrian-Ugandan relationships. She was the first journalist worldwide to report about the atrocities taking place in the 60s in the then war-torn Uganda. She had direct contact during the war with the leaders of the National Resistance Movement and even visited Uganda when no other “experts” dared to go there. For this she was honoured in Uganda together with former Austrian Minister of Internal Affairs Erwin Lanc as one of the “Unsung Heroes” of the Ugandan Liberation War.

She founded 1987 the “Platform Austria-Uganda” which set the ground for development-co-operation between two countries and she worked tirelessly to inform Austrians about the political advancements in Uganda. Out of this Platform grew the Austrian-Ugandan Friendship Association in which she acted as President.

Through her knowledge and commitment she was able to interest many people to join her in her activities. “We have to do something” she used to say, when she found things intolerable and she started immediately to collect money for well researched projects and to lobby for official political and economic support.

She used her wonderful deep voice in radio to arouse people who normally hear about catastrophes but don't move a finger and forget immediately what they have heard. She made clear that there are people like you and me who are suffering and that “we have to do something”.

Again and again she brought persons together to find solutions and support and wouldn't let them give up until a useful project was funded, evaluated and if found well implemented, she continued.

2006 she got the “Golden Medal of the Republic of Austria” – das “Goldene Ehrenzeichen der Republik Österreich” for the work she had done for humanity.

She was a deeply religious person with high respect for the creation of God which made her feeling responsible for her fellow human beings wherever they lived.

We thank her for her immense work and we will try to continue as good as possible though we will miss her energy, ideas and persistency and we will never forget her.