

# Anthony

In loving memory

## Gakuru Ndegwa

Sunrise - April 26, 1981  
Sunset - December 7, 2023



Nairobi - December 13, 2023  
Naivasha - December 15, 2023

# Order of Service

## Wednesday, 13 December 2023

Memorial Service Programme for the Late  
**Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa**

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Presiding Minister – **Rev Jason Mwirichia** PCEA Karen Church

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1. Praise in Worship
2. Opening prayer
3. Word of resurrection
4. Welcome: **Elder Gitau**
5. Eulogy
6. Tributes – Family and Friends
7. Choirs
8. Bible Readings – **Luke 24 verse 19 - 31**  
– **Psalms 39 verse 4 -9**
9. Sermon – **Rev Mukundi Cheche**
10. Prayer for the family
11. Vote of thanks
12. Announcements
13. Benediction

# Order of Service

## Friday, 15 December 2023

Burial Service Programme for the Late  
**Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa**

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Presiding Minister – **Rev Jason Mwirichia** PCEA Karen Church

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1. Hymn – Blessed Assurance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Word of resurrection
4. Welcome note
5. Eulogy
6. Tributes – Family and Friends
7. Choirs
8. Bible Reading – **1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 29 and 30 verse 1 -8**
9. Sermon
10. Prayer for the family
11. Vote of thanks
12. Announcements - Master of Ceremonies
13. To the grave
  - Hymn 1 – Jesus is a rock in a weary land
  - Hymn 2 – Amazing Grace
  - Hymn 3 – It is well with my soul
  - Hymn 4 – The Old Rugged Cross
  - Hymn 5 – In the sweet By and By
  - Hymn 6 – Abide with me

# Eulogy

*Dear loved ones and friends, we unite today to honor and celebrate the extraordinary life of Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa a cherished son to Prof Dr. Lawrence Ndegwa Gakuu and Mrs. Veronica Wangui Ndegwa; a husband to Mrs. Susan Wambui Gakuu; a father to Amelia Wangui Gakuu and Azalea Wanjiku Gakuu; a brother to Dr. Reuben Rukwaro Ndegwa, Carly Rukwaro, Captain Thomas Waweru Ndegwa and Nancy Njeri Ndegwa; a son in law to Mr. David Mbugua Muthungu and Mrs. Mary Wanjiku Mbugua; an uncle to Imani Rukwaro, Asha Rukwaro, Remy Rukwaro, Rimi Kairu and Wanjiku Kairu; a brother in law to Monica Mbugua, Damaris Mbugua and Martin Kairu; a cousin and a nephew to many.*

## Early Life and Education

Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa was born on 26th April 1981 at Nairobi Hospital. He attended St. Hannah's School, Makini School, and Riara School for his early and primary education. He continued his education at Brookhouse School for his O-Levels and A-Levels (1992-1998) and pursued tertiary education at Bronte College (1999-2000) in Canada. Later, he went on to Coventry University in the United Kingdom (2001-2004), where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Law and Economics.

After completing his studies at Coventry University in the United Kingdom, Anthony embarked on a career journey that showcased his commitment and dedication. He initially joined the Kenya Revenue Authority, where he underwent management training from 2007 to 2008, subsequently assuming the role of Tax (Custom Administrator) from 2009 to 2012.

Later, he transitioned to Menelik Medical Hospital, where he served as the Head and Director of Human Resources until his untimely passing.



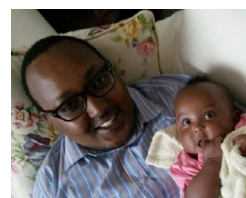
Alongside his professional pursuits, Anthony successfully managed a hospitality/accommodation business at Oletiko Cottages in Naivasha. Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa was not only recognized for his diligence, integrity, and remarkable work ethic but also remembered as a great mentor who steered the organization with admirable leadership. His charming and pleasant demeanor endeared him to both patients and support staff at Menelik Medical Hospital, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and professionalism that touched the lives of many.

## Family Life

Family held a special place in Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa's heart; it was the cornerstone of his joy and purpose. He encountered the love of his life, Susan Wambui, during their studies at Coventry University. Their union was sealed in the embrace of St. Francis Church on the 23rd of November 2013.



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In the tapestry of their shared lives, Anthony and Susan were blessed with the radiant presence of beautiful twin girls, Amelia Wangui Gakuu and Azalea Wanjiku Gakuu. Anthony, a dedicated and committed husband, went above and beyond, crafting a love story that became the very pillar of his family.

Anthony's devotion extended to his precious daughters. His special bond with Amelia and Azalea was a testament to the tenderness of his fatherly love. He took joy in every moment spent with them, creating cherished memories that will forever linger in their hearts.

The void left by his passing is profound, and the warmth of his love will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew him. Anthony's legacy as a devoted family man, with a heart overflowing with love for his daughters, will continue to be a source of inspiration and fond memories. He leaves behind a tapestry woven with love, commitment, and the enduring bonds of family that will be cherished eternally.

## Christian Life

Anthony, a man who truly loved God, was baptized at PCEA St. Andrew's Church and confirmed as a devoted member of PCEA Karen. Actively participating in Bible study fellowship, his worship journey was a testament to his profound love for God. Alongside his family, Anthony found solace and joy in worship at Lavington United Church.

## Hobbies and Passion

Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa was a vibrant soul, embracing life with a symphony of passions. Known as HOVA among friends, his heart throbbed to the beats of Jay Z, reflecting his love for hip-hop. Manchester United wasn't just a football team for him but an emotional rollercoaster. A literary enthusiast, Anthony's bookish charm sparked lively discussions. In the kitchen, he orchestrated not just meals but moments of love. His dance moves were legendary, turning any gathering into a lively celebration. In the tapestry of his life, these passions composed a melody of joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments, making him the extraordinary person we all cherished.

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## Humour and Wit

Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa's sense of humor was among his many charming traits. His infectious laughter and sharp wit had the magical ability to transform ordinary moments into lasting memories. Even during challenging times, he effortlessly lifted spirits, emphasizing the profound impact of a simple smile.

## Demise

Anthony, a man known for his robust health and fitness, encountered an unforeseen tragedy on the morning of Thursday, 7th December 2023. While preparing for work, he experienced a sudden cardiac arrest, leading him to depart from us and join the Lord.

## Special Thanks

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PCEA Karen Church, Lavington United Church, Anthony's friends, relatives, family friends, and colleagues who have steadfastly walked beside us, providing unwavering support during this challenging period.

## Closing

As we bid our farewells today, let us refrain from dwelling on the sorrow of our loss but instead celebrate the life Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa led. He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience that will serve as a perpetual source of inspiration. In our hearts, he will forever remain a guiding light, and in our memories, his spirit will endure. May we find solace in the knowledge that Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa truly lived.

# Rugano Rwa Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa

*Endwa aakwa na araata aakwa, tutunganite na gitiyo tugikenerera utuuro wa Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa, uuria waciirirwo ni aciari aake Prof. Dr. Lawrence Ndegwa Gakuu na Mrs. Veronica Wangui Ndegwa. Arari muthuuri wa Mrs Susan Wambui Gakuu, baba wa Amelia Wangui Gakuu na Azalea Wanjiku Gakuu. Aciaraniirwo na Dr. Reuben Rukwaro Ndegwa, Carly Rukwaro, Captain Thomas Waweru Ndegwa, Nancy Njeri Ndegwa.*

*Arari muthoni-wa, wa Mr. David Mbugua Muthungu na Mrs. Mary Wanjiku Mbugua.*

*Anthony arari mama-we wa Imani Rukwaro, Asha Rukwaro, Remy Rukwaro, Rimi Kairu na Wanjiku Kairu. Arari maramu-we wa Monica Mbugua, Damaris Mbugua na Martin Kairu. Arari mwana wa tata kuri aingi.*

*Anthony arerirwo na mithingi mirumu ya Ukristo na akifundithio miikarire miigiririku, gwathika, na kuruta wira na hinya, winyihia na kunyitanira na andu.*

## Unini Wake Na Githomo Giake

Mutiga-iri Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa aciariirwo Nairobi Hospital kuri mweri 26th April 1981. Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa ambiriirie githomo giake cukuru wa St. Hannah's School, thutha ucio akiingira cukuru wa Makini School na Riara School kuria arikiirie githomo giake kia primary.

Kuri mwaka wa 1992, mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa niathire na mbere na mathomo make cukuru wa Brookhouse School kuria arikiirie O-Levels na A-Levels kuri mwaka wa 1998.



# Rugano Rwa Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa

Kuri mwaka wa 1999, mutigairi Anthony Gakuu niathire tertiary education cukuru wa Bronte College, Canada. Githomo giki akirikia mwaka wa 2000.

Kuri mwaka-ini wa 2001, mutigairi niangirire Coventry University, United Kingdom, kuria athomeire bachelor's degree in law and economics.

## Wira

Mutiga-iri Anthony Ndegwa, kuri mwaka-ini wa 2007, niandikirwo ni Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) ari management trainee. Thutha ucio akiandikwo ta Custom Administrator kuuma 2009-2012.

Thutha ucio, mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa, niandikirwo ni thiftari wa Menelik Medical Hospital ari Head and Director of Human Resource nginya kuhuruka gwake. Ari wira-ini uyu, niaratungataga biashara ya Oletiko Cottages, Naivasha.

Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa arari mundu wina uigiririku, mwirutiri na mundu wi kii. Aruti aa wira na arigitani hamwe na arwaru aria marokaga thiftari wa Menelik maramwendete muno ni wirutaniri waake.

## Uhiki Wake Na Family Yake

Family irokaga mbere maundu-ini moothe ma Anthony. Nyumba yake irari gikeno giake. Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa, nimacemanirie na mwendwa wake Coventry University, na thutha ucio kuri mwaka-ini wa 23rd November 2013, nimekiire uhiki kanitha-ini wa St Francis. Maturiite na gikeno kiingi na unyitaniri munene na makarathimwo na ciana igiri cia mahatha na nio Amelia Wangui na Azalea Wanjiku.

# Rugano Rwa Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa

Undu uria Munene Anthony arendete thiini wa utuuro wake wothe ni family yake. Ariia maramui weega nimoi arendete ciana ciake Amelia na Azalea na wendo munene muno.

Family ya mutigairi Anthony Gakuu nimegutuura mamuririkanaga uria arari na wendo munene wao, kumoonia na kumataara gwika maundu na uugi.

## Kanitha

Anthony arari muthuuri urendete Ngai, muthingi wa uturo wa ukristo wake wambiriirie kanitha-ini wa PCEA St Andrews Church kuria abatithiirio na agituika murumiriri wa kanitha ucio. Niangirire gikundi kia Bible study kuria erutaniirie muno kugooa Ngai. Niacokire agithie kanitha wa Lavington United Church kuria aratungataga nginya hindi ya kuhuruka. Anthony, arari mwitigiri Ngai.

## Withi Wake

Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa, arendete kunyitanira na arata aake maundu-ini moothe. Wendo waake uretagwo HOVA kuri arata. Niarendete nyimbo cia wendo na Hip-hop kuuma kuri muini witagwo Jay Z. Niarendete kirafu kia mufira kia Manchester United na nikio kiu-i-kaine ta Man-U. Muinire wake niurakenagia arata aake muno na mutigairi Anthony arari mundu wa mwanya kuri arata aake oothe. Mathekania ma Anthony maragwatagio arata oothe kuonania wendo wake na gikeno giake kuri andu oothe. Hindi ya ma-uritu Anthony aronanagia maundu moothe ni mahuthu kuhitukira gukena gwake.

# Rugano Rwa Mutigairi Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa



## Kuhuruka Gwa Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa

Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa, arari na ugima mwega wa mwiri na niaremenyagirira weega. Kuri mweri 7th December 2023, mutigairi akihariria guthii wira-ini wake, ni anyitirwo ni cardiac arrest na akihuruka. NGATHO

Turacokeria ngaatho kanitha wa PCEA Karen Church, Lavington United Church, Araata, family aruuti aa wira na colleagues niundu wa kurugama na family kahinda gaka karitu.

Tukiumagaria murata witu Anthony Gakuu, niatiga ciana igiri, mwendwa wake Susan na ariu na aari aa nyina.

Thie na weega muriu witu, muru wa maitu, mwendwa wa Susan, baba witu, murata witu. Moko-ini ma Ngai ukoome weega na ngoro-ini ciitu utuure hindi ciothe.

# Tributes

## Prof Dr. Lawrence Ndegwa Gakuu - *Father*

Greetings - Anthony Gakuu Ndegwa is my son, the first born among four of my children, Reuben, Waweru and Njeri. Gakuu is named after my father (Gakuu). In his early childhood he was energetic, playful young boy with lots of zeal, he would draw cartoons at times compete with his uncle Wainaina and he would win. He was such an artist at that early age. He was a good bicycle rider.

He always wanted to join me on international trips, whether they were business or educational, he would tag along with their mother, his brothers Reuben, Waweru and his sister Njeri. He made sure we were well served even on those trips.

In UK, especially I remember he took us to see and ride on the London eye which was very memorable, He showed his generosity a lot by taking us to good hotels. Even here at home he would invite us to his Ole\_itiko Lodge and he made sure we were well served.

He was such an adorable father, teaching the two girls, attending to their homework and taking time to be with them. He was such a hardworker and even when I had a lot of work at Menelik Hospital, Gakuu took a decision to resign from KRA and took administrative work as HR at Menelik Hospital. He worked cordially with over 60 employees harmoniously. He worked hard with commitment and zeal. He respected his employees who would in turn admire his leadership and mentorship skills. Gakuu was always smiling, looking happy like he was not bothered by any negative events. He looked forward to achieve more success.

We shall forever miss him. May God rest his soul in eternal peace that last forever. — Amen.

### **Mrs. Veronica Wangui Ndegwa - Mother**

In the quiet echoes of a mother's heart, the loss of my firstborn son, Anthony leaves a profound ache.

From the first moment he laughed, his laughter became the melody and joy of my life. Our journey, filled with ups and downs, was navigated with a bond that transcended the ordinary; he was not just my son but a cherished friend.

Anthony with his caring soul, constantly sought to understand and uplift me. His compliments were a testament to his genuine appreciation for the beauty he saw in me.

Through strengths and weaknesses, he stood as a pillar, extending his compassion not only to our immediate family but reaching out to the extended family with unwavering devotion.

The memory of the day he survived a car accident remains etched in gratitude for the second chance at life.

I remember the last day we saw each other when I left him at the office on my way home, we were talking about Oletiko cottages and catching up on business matters, Little did I know that destiny would unfold in a way that now leaves a void only he could fill.

On this day of remembrance, I find solace in the belief that his spirit lingers, a guiding force for our family. Anthony you faced life's challenges with unwavering determination, conquering them all.

Your absence is deeply felt, yet your legacy of love and resilience lives on in our hearts. I will forever miss my son's presence and hugs of love, his comforting words, and the assurance that he was there to rescue me in times of need.

As we reflect on your life, I am grateful for the chance to have been your mother. In God's plan, you fulfilled your purpose, and though our paths



diverge for now, the bond we share will endure eternally. Anthony has left two beautiful girls and we give God the glory.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"

Rest in peace, my beloved son, Anthony.



## Susan Wambui Gakuu - Wife

My dearest Anthony,

It's with a heavy heart and tear-stained eyes that I attempt to put into words the profound impact you've had on my life. From the moment our paths crossed at Coventry University, you became the unwavering force that would shape my world in ways unimaginable.

I vividly recall the International Students welcome party where you, like a modern-day Prince Charming, set out on a quest to find the mysterious girl with the brilliant dance moves—little did you know, our destinies were already entwined. Your determination to trace me, change your course of study, and later pursue me even after graduation was a testament to the love and commitment that would become the cornerstone of our journey together.

When we reconnected years later in Ethiopia, your dedication soared to new heights. Flights across continents, the beautiful bouquet of flowers you sent to my office just because you missed me, and your relentless pursuit of our relationship were chapters that built the foundation of the love we shared. Your prayers for me to secure a job in Nairobi, the romantic dinner where you knelt and asked me to be your wife on Valentine's Day 2012, and the grand gesture of packing a flight with our loved ones to seek my parents' blessing in South Africa—all etched in the annals of our story.

Our marriage unfolded like a dream, a dream that saw the joyous arrival of our beautiful twin girls, Amelia and Azalea. Witnessing the unique bond you cultivated with them—special jokes, your own language of love, and the care you showered upon them—filled my heart with gratitude. They affectionately referred to you as "Mr. Big Stuff" because of your squidgy tummy, bear hugs, and tender kisses on the forehead. You were the epitome of a father, seamlessly transitioning between the cool, funny dad and the stern yet loving figure our daughters needed.

Amidst our joy, we faced challenges that tested the very fabric of our



relationship. Yet, we honored each other by clinging to the love and indescribable bond we shared. It seemed better for us to face these challenges together, knowing that as long as we remained united and trusted in God, we could overcome any obstacle life threw at us. Now, as I grapple with the reality of your absence, I find solace in the memories of your tender touch, your infectious laughter, and the warmth of your presence that made me feel safe and secure. You were not just my husband; you were my best friend, a wonderful father, and my life partner. Life feels incomplete without you, and the void you've left behind is immeasurable.

Though our time together was cut short, I am grateful for the love, laughter, and the profound bond we shared. Losing you on the cusp of our tenth wedding anniversary is a cruel twist of fate, but I hold onto the promise of great things that God has in store for us. Your protective spirit lives on, watching over me and our precious girls.

The pain of your departure is indescribable, but I promise with the help of God, to navigate this journey with strength and grace, bringing up our girls in a way that honors the incredible father you were. Until we meet again, my love, rest in peace. You are deeply missed, and your love will continue to guide us through the days ahead.

With all my love, Wambui

### **Amelia Wangui Gakuu - Daughter**

Hi Mr. Big Stuff,

I miss you every day. It's me, Wangui, your little girl. I want you to know just how amazing you were to me.

You always tried to get me what I wanted, and even though you used to remind me that "money doesn't grow on trees," you somehow always managed to get me what I wanted eventually. Your love was my favorite kind of magic.

I remember the times we sat together, and you let me steer the car. I almost hit a tree once, and we laughed so hard. Your jokes were the best; they made me laugh until I almost cried. I loved our Sunday breakfasts before church and the delicious nyama choma you made for us. You were the best chef, Dad.

You were always the life of the party, and that's why I called you Mr. Big Stuff. You cared about so many people, and I was always surprised by all the friends you introduced to us. You loved to dance, and I'll miss the funny cat videos we watched together on Instagram.

Even though you said you didn't really like our dog, Whitney (you called her Twinky by mistake!), we often caught you playing and petting her when we weren't looking. You had a soft spot for her, just like you did for us.

I miss you so much, Daddy, but I know you're in heaven. I hope to see you again some day. I'll always love you and remember you.

Oh, and I can't forget how you used to take Shiku and me to school in the car, blasting the music and singing "It's Friday, It's Friday, Saturday, Sunday morning" to usher in the weekend. Those car rides were the best!

Love always,

Wangui



### **Azalea Wanjiku Gakuu - Daughter**

Dear Daddy,

I miss you so much. It's Azalea, your little girl. I always called you "Mr. Big Stuff" because you had a big, squidgy tummy, and to me, you were as tall and big as an elephant. I loved that about you.

You gave the best hugs—big and warm, like a cozy blanket. Your funny jokes could always make me laugh, even when I felt sad. I cherish the times we sat together to watch movies, danced around the living room, and shared those special moments that made our bond stronger.

One thing I'll really miss is how you were always there for me, every day. You took me to school, picked me up, and tried your best to keep your promises. I loved our time together.

I'll miss our trips to the hairdresser and spa, where you made sure my hair and nails looked beautiful. You were the best dad a girl could ever have. Even though you're not here with me physically, I know you're in heaven with the angels, and your spirit is always by my side.

I love you, Daddy. I miss you every day, but I'll never forget your spirit, and I'll hold onto our memories forever. You'll always be a part of me.

Love always,

Shiku Liko Gakuu





**Siblings—** *Dr. Reuben Rukwaro Ndegwa, Carly Rukwaro, Capt. Thomas Waweru Ndegwa and Nancy Njeri Ndegwa*

Today, we gather to remember and celebrate the life of our beloved brother Anthony. Throughout our shared existence he brought us joy, love, and unforgettable moments.

The passing of our firstborn brother, Anto aka Hova is a profound loss that words cannot capture.

From the earliest memories of childhood mischief to the complexities of adulthood, Anthony stood as a steadfast companion, a source of guidance, and our pillar of strength.

His departure leaves a void that echoes in the spaces we once occupied together, a silent reminder of the bond we shared.

In laughter and tears, victories and defeats, Anthony was there, a constant presence that shaped the narrative of our lives. His compassion knew no bounds. The stories we crafted together, the shared dreams, and the unspoken understanding formed a connection that time nor distance could diminish.

As siblings, we mourn not only the loss of a brother but the irreplaceable piece of our collective history. As we bid farewell, let us not dwell on the sorrow of his departure but instead cherish the gift of having known, loved, and been loved by Anthony.

Rest peacefully, dear brother. May your spirit find eternal tranquility, and may the memories of your warmth and kindness continue to inspire us as we navigate the journey of life without you.





**Mr.David Mbugua Muthungu & Mrs.Mary Wanjiku Mbugua**  
*- In law*

In our hearts, Anthony was far more than a son-in-law; he was a cherished son, a beacon of warmth and wisdom. His sudden departure has left an indelible void in our family, yet his spirit remains woven into the very fabric of our lives.

His bond with his father-in-law was profound, filled with mutual respect and heartfelt conversations that mirrored a deep father-son relationship. With his mother-in-law, Anthony shared a spiritual and emotional connection, their devotionals and talks reflecting a genuine, loving bond.

As Susan's husband and father to Kui and Shiku, Anthony's love, commitment, and integrity knew no bounds. He radiated a love that touched every aspect of our family life, leaving a legacy of enduring love and humanity. His laughter and empathetic nature will be forever cherished.

Farewell, Anthony. You brightened our lives as a true son and left a mark on our hearts that will guide and inspire us through the days ahead. Rest in peace, knowing your spirit lives on in our cherished memories and the enduring love you left behind.



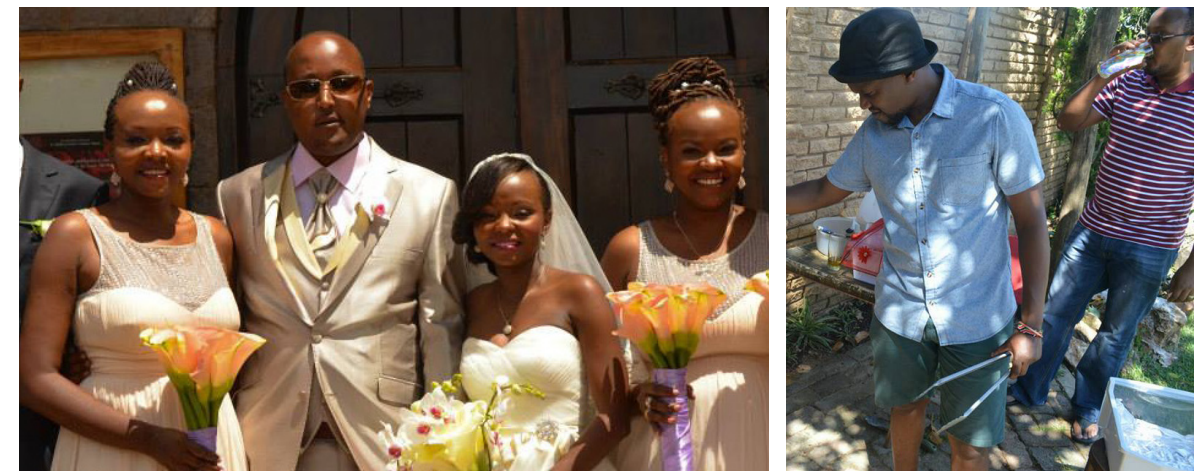
**Siblings-in-law — Monica Mbugua, Damaris Mbugua**  
*and Martin Kairu*

**The Unforgettable Melody of Our Lives**

In 2003, Monica's life was beautifully transformed by Anthony, affectionately known as 'Hova.' Three years later, he charmingly entered Damaris's, 'Dee,' world, weaving his way into her heart with the same warmth and spirit. Four years ago, Martin also became part of this circle, quickly forming a bond with Anthony over their shared love for Manchester United and quick wit and humour. His profound love story with Susan, 'Susie Q' was a journey of deep love, offering lessons in partnership and devotion. The delight in his daughters, Kui and Shiku's eyes, whom he lovingly called Beep Bop and Rock Steady, and their fond nickname for him, 'Mr. Big Stuff,' was a testament to his loving, playful spirit.

Anthony's departure leaves a profound void but also a legacy of love and enduring connections. Hova composed a melody that will eternally echo in our hearts. As we bid farewell, we celebrate a soul whose presence was a radiant beacon of love, laughter, and unwavering kinship. Anthony, our beloved Hova, was not just a brother by chance but a brother by choice, a luminous guiding star in the constellation of our lives. In every shared laugh, every heartfelt embrace, and every cherished memory, his spirit dances on. In the joyous eyes of Kui and Shiku, in the enduring love he and Susan embodied, Hova's legacy lives, transcending the bounds of time. Though he steps beyond our sight, his laughter, wisdom, and profound love remain deep within us. Farewell, Hova, you were not merely a part of our lives; you were a part of our souls, and there you will forever dwell, cherished and unforgettable.

Fly High Hova. We Love and will miss you Bro!



## Mr Mbauni - *Uncle*

My Nephew Anthony as I always called you, the loving memories of your childhood are ever vibrant in my heart each day from picking you up from Makini School to watching you grow to the great man you were and that created an immense attachment between us.

When you invited me to accompany you to South Africa to visit Susan's parents I was honored and I will never forget my first flight experience.

Our journey together was brief and so I share your memory with joy honoring the gift you were in your short time among us. I will hold you close in my heart forever.

You are gone but will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Anthony till we meet again.

## Cousins Tribute

In loving memory of Antony, a remarkable soul who embraced life with open arms.

His boundless love for people made him a friend to everyone, and his infectious laughter lit up any room. Antony was not just generous, but his generosity knew no bounds. A true connoisseur of joy, he reveled in the company of friends and family, making every gathering the life of the party. His passion for movies, especially relishing the full experience with sound effects, reflected his zest for the magic of storytelling.

Antony's sharp sense of style mirrored the vibrant spirit he brought to every moment. Gakuo, it is very difficult to accept that you are gone. We are truly thankful and grateful for the time and effort you made to connect with us.

For every extra mile you took for us. For every phone call you made to each and every one of your cousins. For every moment you encouraged us. For always stepping in and offering to help. For being our loving and bubbly cousin.

May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration, reminding us to cherish the laughter, generosity, and love that defined his beautiful life.

Gakuo you have left us, but your memories never will ...

Like a burning candle, you are still here and you will forever be.  
May your soul rest in eternal peace.

## HYMN - Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land

### Verse 1

The Lord's our Rock, in him we hide,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
Secure whatever ill betide,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

### Verse 2

Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,  
A weary land, a weary land,  
Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

### Verse 3

A shade by day, defense by night,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
No fears alarm, no foes affright,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

### Verse 4

The raging storms may round us beat,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
We'll never leave our safe retreat,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

### Verse 5

O Rock Divine, O Refuge dear,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
Be thou our helper ever near,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

## Hymn – Amazing grace

### Verse 1

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

### Verse 3

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

### Verse 4

When we've been there ten  
thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing  
God's praise  
Than when we first begun.



**HYMN - It is well with  
my soul**

**Verse 1**

When peace like a river  
attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught  
me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

**Chorus**

It is well with my soul  
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It is well, it is well with my soul

**Verse 2**

Though Satan should buffet,  
Though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my  
helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for  
my soul **(Chorus)**

**Verse 3**

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious  
thought My sin, not in part, but  
the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
more Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul **(Chorus)**

**Verse 4**

And Lord, haste the day  
When my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the  
Lord shall descend Even so, it is well  
with my soul. **(Chorus)**

**HYMN - The Old Rugged  
Cross**

**Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old  
rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the  
dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

**Verse 2**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
(rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a  
crown

**Verse 3**

To the old rugged cross I will ever  
be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then he'll call me some day to my  
home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share

**Verse 4**

And I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
(rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
And I will cling to the old  
rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for  
a crown  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for  
a crown.

**HYMN - In the sweet  
By and By**

**Verse 1**

There's a land that is fairer than day  
And by faith we can see it afar  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there

**Chorus**

In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that  
beautiful shore  
In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that  
beautiful shore

**Verse 2**

We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed  
And our spirit shall sorrow no more  
Not a sign for the blessing of rest  
**(Chorus)**

**Verse 3**

To our bountiful Father above  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow  
our days. **(Chorus)**

**HYMN - Abide with  
me**

**Verse 1**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with  
me abide.  
When other helpers fail and  
comforts flee, Help of the helpless,  
O abide with me.

**Verse 2**

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

**Verse 3**

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the  
tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and strength  
can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

**Verse 4**

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy  
victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

**Verse 5**

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the  
skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



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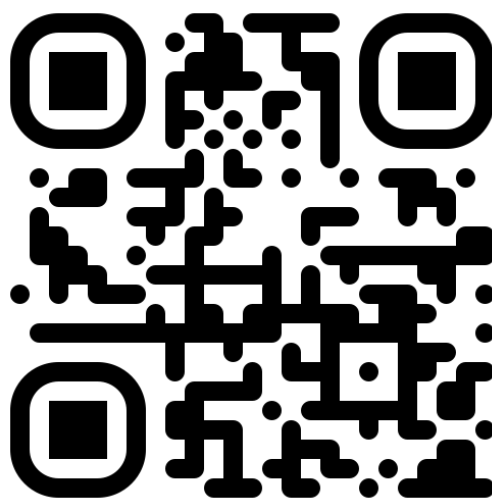
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