

CELEBRATION

— OF THE LIFE OF —



MR. KENNEDY MATHEWS OMANI

Sunrise 9/11/1965 | Sunset 18/02/2020



Funeral Programme of the Late Kennedy Mathews Omani

Led By Church of God (K) Ingotse Mission Emahando Sub-Region Maraba "A" C.O.G

Requiem Mass

9.30 AM

10.30 AM

11.00 AM

12.00 AM

- Thursday 27/02/2020
- People assemble at his home in Emakaka Village
- Depart to the Kakamega County Referral Hospital Mortuary
- Body Departs for Church Service at Maraba "A" Church of God
- Church service led by Maraba "A" C.O.G
- Chairperson of the Service - Rev. Silas Sechere
- Song Leader - Rev. GetryInyende
- Speaker - Rev. Flora Lukhungu
- Procession Leaders
 - Rev. Tom Muchinary
 - Pastor Julius Lijodi
 - Rev. FloraLukhungu
 - Rev. Dinah Chibole
 - Rev. Millicent Oketch

Tributes

1. Father
2. Wife-Patricia Khatenje Omani
3. Children (Brian, Naomi, Frantel and Nelly)
4. Brothers and Sisters
5. Uncles
6. Cousins
7. Friends

Friday 28/02/2020

11.00 AM

- Mourners Assemble at the Home of Ken for Church Service

- Leaders

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| Chairperson | - Pastor WyclifeOkonde |
| Song Leader | - Ms. Joyce Okonde |
| Speaker | - Rev. MeshackMulenyi |

Saturday 29/02/2020

Chairperson

Song Leader

Speaker

Burial Service Leaders

- Rev. KepherNyangala
- Rev. Margaret Ocholi
- Arch. Bishop Rev. Ernest Kitayi
- Rev. KepherNyangala - Rev. Rod gers Chalala
- Rev.SilasShisoka - Rev. TimonaOkwaro
- Rev. Lukas Omumia

Tributes

1. Father -Mr. Samson Mathayo Omani
2. Parents In law
3. Aunties (Ken's Senje/Mama)
4. Patricia's (Senjes/mamas/sisters/uncles/brothers)
5. Uncles (Bunyore)(from Spouse side)
6. Nieces and Nephews (Led by Marvin Kombo)
7. Friends (Ken's)- Vincent Sikoye and Julius Lupamo
8. Cousins (Ken's cousins from Kisa and Bunyore)
9. Neighbours -(Led by Ken Sitima)
10. Patricia's Colleagues and Friends
11. Funeral Committee -Led by Wycliffe Khabuchi
12. Sisters and Brother/Brother and Sister in laws and their friends - Led by Commissioner Winfred Lichuma
13. Sons and daughters Led By Brian Ambuka
14. Widow-Patricia Khatenje Omani
15. Teacher Organizations (KNUT)
16. Administration
17. Church Tribute and Burial ceremony/Procession

EULOGY

Birth and Siblings.

Our dear late brother was born on 9th November 1965 in Pumwani Hospital in Nairobi to Mzee Samson Mathayo Omani and Mama Naomi Andeso Omani. He was the first-born. His siblings are Winnie Osimbo Lichuma, Benson Omani, Judith Omani, Jeridah Omani Ominde, Josephine AlimaOsiemo, FelesiaAnindoMuya and Joseph Ateluomani.

Childhood

Ken grew up in Ziwani Estate Nairobi and later at Emasatsi village in Kisa before the parents migrated and bought land in the current location in Emakaka village Shibeye sub-location, Butso South in Kakamega County in 1966. He grew up as an obedient and outspoken child. Ken would never taken 'Yes' or 'No' for an answer. He always found reason to explore why it was 'yes' and not 'no'. If everyone else said blood was red, Ken would say it was blue, only to stimulate some thoughts and argument. 'Politician', our mother call you.

Church

Ken was baptized in Church of God in Maraba "A" where he kept his membership active until his demise. He wedded his beloved wife in the same church.

Schooling

Ken started his schooling at Ibinzo Primary School and later transferred to Mwikhomo Primary School where he sat his CPE in 1979. He passed and joined Emusire Secondary School in Bunyore where he schooled for one year and demanded to be transferred. He alleged that senior boys had bullied him. The parents obliged and transferred him to Lubinu Boys where he sat his KCSE in 1983. He did not make it to join the University and felt very disappointed. He left home to join his friend Vincent Asikoye in Mombasa where he stayed for a period of one year before returning home. His father taught him how to drive. This became his professional career.

Youthful Age

Ken was very active in school. He was a great footballer and played for his school teams up to National Levels. After his school days, he played for several clubs including MOTCOM.

Ken was a great music teacher and loved singing. He successfully led Emakaka Catholic Church Choir in the early 1990s to music competitions and they received many trophies and awards.

Marriage

Ken courted Patricia Khatenje Khumwa from 1985-1989 and married her in December 1989. The first meeting was in Patricia's home where Ken had visited his school mate who was Patricia's brother. It was love at first sight. They later solemnized their marriage in church on 19th November 2016. They were blessed with three children namely Brian Ambuka, Jean Naomi Omani and Frantel Makanga Omani. He later adopted and took care of his younger brother's daughter Nelly Andeso Omani.

Employment

As a professional driver, Ken worked for various individuals and organizations. He worked for Nation Media Group, Securicor Ltd and Standard Group where he took early retire to undertake his business venture at home. Ken operated a posho mill, had a furniture workshop, and engaged in transport services among others.

Health and Demise

Ken was a very healthy person and had never been admitted in hospital for treatment before April 2019. He took medication whenever he felt unwell and recovered. In November 2018, Ken complained of painful teeth that could not allow him to chew. As it progressed, his saliva became bitter to swallow and he started spitting. In January 2019, he could not feed and thus lacked energy to move. He went to Central Nursing home-Kakamega and was diagnosed with Malaria and Typhoid. He took the medication but did not get well.

The family took him to Kakamega Referral Hospital where more tests were done. The doctors indicated that his prostate was enlarged. Dr. Biko put him on medication but there was no response as well. In February 2019, Ken travelled to Nairobi for further check up. Dr. Alube diagnosed him with Kidney failure and he was admitted at Avenue Hospital Parklands under Professor Were as a renal specialist in April 2019 and later in June 2019 where he managed him in ICU.

Ken was started on dialysis since he had a chronic kidney disease. Further investigations revealed Ken had cancer of the bone marrow (Multiple Myeloma). Dr. Odhiambo administered Chemotherapy and a repeat test after 24 sessions indicated that the cancer cells were in recess.(Not visible).

Ken came back home towards end of October 2019 and continued with dialysis at Mbale Referral Hospital since Kakamega was full and declined to admit him. In January 2020, Ken suffered a pathological fracture occasioned by the cancer. He was admitted at Avenue Hospital Kisumu and later transferred to Nightingale hospital Kisumu where surgery was done. He was discharged to recuperate at home. However his condition got worse by the day. He was unable to feed and complained of pain all over his body. He had to be transfused severally thereafter.

The writing was on the wall that Ken was critically and terminally ill. He went to be with the Lord on 18th February 2020 while undergoing dialysis in Mbale Referral Hospital-Vihiga County.

Our appreciation goes to the following medial staff that treated Ken (Dr. Alube, Dr. Biko, Prof Were, Dr. Munene, Dr. Twahir, Dr. Odhaimbo, medical attendants at Nairobi Radiotherapy and cancer Centre, Dr. Okel, Dr. Khasakhala, Dr. Owiti and staff of Avenue Hospital Nairobi and Kisumu and the staff of the renal Unit at Mbale Referral hospital). We thank all family members, relatives, neighbours and friends for standing with the family and giving Ken a befitting sent off.

PICTORIAL





TRIBUTE

I first met Ken in my home in the pretense that he was visiting my brother who was his schoolmate in Lubinu Boys in 1985. I loved him on first sight and we courted for 5 years 1985-1989. I got married to him in Dec 1989 and in the same year we were blessed with our first-born child, Brian Ambuka. Later we solemnize our marriage on 19-11-2016 at Emaraba 'A' Church of God. Ken the agony is great, yet I will stand it. Had I not loved you so much, I would not hurt a lot. God knows I would not diminish that precious love by one fraction. I will hurt, and I am grateful for that hurt for it bears witness to the depth of our true love. For that I will eternally be grateful. I loved you first, loved you most, still love you, always have and always will. I will forever celebrate your life and shall remember the beautiful memories and moments we had together for 30 years. Till we meet again, my love. **Patricia Khatenje Omani (Wife)**

The true measure of a man is how much love he gives, how selflessly he shares whatever he can to help others, how consistently he lifts up those around him with a kind word, a funny joke, a compliment, a humble ear and an endless loving heart. This is the kind of a man who raised me and by this measure, my Dad was immeasurable. I remain grateful and comforted knowing how much my beloved dad positively affected me personally and the lives of others.

My dad left an impact on every person he met, even strangers (who didn't say strangers very long because he was just so damn friendly) The love he spread on this earth continues to grow and will live on and that is the ultimate measure of any human being. I love you Dad, now and forevermore. **Brian Ambuka (Son)**

A special dad is hard to find, you Dad, I am keeping you in my mind Dad. I wished you could have stayed forever but I will never forget you, oh, not ever. If dreams weren't dreams and dreams come true, I wouldn't be here, I would be with you. Distance is one thing that is going to keep us apart. But Dad, you will always remain in my heart. A special smile, a special face A special someone I can't replace I love you Dad and always will. You filled a space that no one else could fulfill. Till we meet again, Dad, Dance with Angels.

Jean Naomi Omani (Daughter)

Dad, words alone can't tell the pain I am going through for losing you. The fact that I have to deal with accepting the truth is still troubling. But I choose not to grieve today but thank God for the opportunity we shared as father and son. You gave me life and the father figure I needed and for this for am proud to call myself your last-born son. Though we had our bad days, you still cared and loved me. Our memories will forever stick in my mind.

Rest easy father. I love you. **Frantel Makanga**

Dear Dad, Your departure has demoted my spirit leaving it troubled. I have lost a confidant, a friend, and above all a leader in my life. I lack words to describe the pain you have left in me Dad. May the Almighty God keep your soul in eternal peace. I love you Dad and may your cheerful spirit live on. Amen **Nelly Omani (Adopted Daughter)**

Dear Uncle Ken, It's such a shame to lose you at this time uncle but unfortunately, no death is timely. We still wake up every morning hoping it is a dream. It hurts knowing you are gone forever. Like they say, Gods timing is the best but we your family understandably feel it's quite too soon to have lost you uncle. But then such is life and we have to accept that God has decided to bring you home Uncle. Every moment we spend with you will be forever cherished. We accept to let you go Uncle; we sing and dance to the life you have lived. Shine on your way Uncle. **(Nephews & Nieces)**

What I will always remember is how you bravery and cheerfully you were throughout your sickness. Our long drives to and from hospital was made easier by your ever funny stories and our love for Francostokomaba comrade song among many of his songs that would comfort us through the heavy Nairobi's traffic jam and your enduring pain. Not forgetting our must stops every evening for Mutura and roasted maize. I know you always said you would be a pastor once you overcame all this but alas! God has done better and chosen you to be among the angels surrounded by love. We fought with you till the last moment the sun shone on your face uncle. Go well and restin peace. Sleep well my friend till we meet again. **Trevor Samson Omani (Nephew)**

Ken as we fondly referred to you, it is unbelievable that you are no more. You are gone too soon. Where have you gone to my brother? You promised me that you were going to get well and work for the Lord. Specifically you were going to buy a guitar and praise the Lord. Ken! that you are gone for good is painful. My brother you and I had the best from our parents being the first children. I remember our moments of happiness, fighting and disagreement as we grew up. We were to get close again in our old age as I nursed you. You spent the better of 2019 in my house. My family got close to you and my children will miss your jokes and advice. You gave us many stories, many wishes and what you thought about life and the future of our children. You wondered why our children had not got partners while in college and told them they were growing old. Ambuka! You must get married! You would repeatedly say. My brother, it never was to be.

There is no doubt that you were in pain my brother. Osimbo you would call me. I did not sleep today. You always had your chauffer ready Master Trevor Sammy Lichuma who ensured you got to hospital on time and knew how to beat traffic in Nairobi. You had your cateress Tracy Naomi Lichuma who ensured the food had little salt and had no potassium. When you came back to the village another Chauffer and care giver Master Marvin Kombo was on stand by. He withstood the demand of driving at 2.00 am to Kisumu and back. He knew where all facilities to comfort you were available in Kakamega and Kisumu. He was an excellent communicator with the doctors and entire family. My bother we gave you the best. A week ago my friends asked me to release you when they saw I was hurting seeking prayers. I came home and released you. It is well my brother. Ken we shall miss you. We celebrate you and thank God for the life he gave us together. **Winnie Osimbo Lichuma (Sister)**

Omukhwe! I encouraged you and believed you were getting better. You were full of hope but God loved you more than we did.
RIP **Mike Lichuma**

Ken before my eyes you grew weaker every day, doing all we could to save you until God took you away. This was the saddest day of all, I cannot hide my tears. You were a loving brother and faithful friend. I feel lost in many ways. You are not here today but I will never forget you. May you rest in the arms of the angels free from illness and pain. You will forever be in my heart until we meet again.
Jerry ominde (sister)

Your death came as a shock to us and you sit in the arms of the lord. the memories still left behind will be cherished. I watched every gradual process in your illness and I will remember your bravery and your love that caring wise and watchful eye which now peers at us from above. **Judith Amwayi (sister)**

We thank God for the time he gave us to be with you. Your passing on has left us turn our loneliness into divine companionship by reaching out to god our divine comforter that he may comfort us at this trying moment. **Josephine Alima (sister)**

I know that no matter what you will always be with me. When life separates us, I will know that it is only your soul saying good-bye to your body but your spirit lives forever RIP Bro. **Felesia Anindo(sister)**

Easy come and easy go. It's very hard to let you go. Don't think I wont remember because I will never forget every memory shared as you lay peacefully in the arms of the lord in our hearts you remain. **Joseph Atelu (brother)**

HYMNS

CHA KUTUMAINI SINA

1. Cha kutumaini sina, ila damu yake Bwana
Sina wema wa kutosha, dhambi zangu kuziosha

*Kwake Yesunasimama, ndiye Mwambanisalama
Ndiye Mwambanisalama, ndiye Mwamba nisalama*

2. Damu yake na sadaka, nategemea daima
Yote chini yakiisha, Mwokozi atanitosha.

3. Njia yangu iwe ndefu, Yeye hunipa wokovu
Mawimbi yakiniipiga, nguvu zake ndiyonanga.

4. Nikiitwa hukumuni, rohoni nina Amani
Nikivikwa haki yake, sina hofu mbele yake

BWANA U SHEHEMU YANGU INJILI

1. Bwana u shehemu yangu, rafiki yangu wewe
Katika safari yangu, tatembea na wewe

*Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe
Katika safari yangu, tatembea na wewe.*

2. Mali hapasikutaka, iliniheshimiwe,
Na yanikutemashaka, sawasawanawewe

Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe
Herini kutemashaka sawasawa na wewe.

3. Niongoze safarini Mbele unichukue
Mlangoni mwa Mbinguni, niingie na wewe

Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe
Mlangoni mwa Mbinguni, niingiena wewe

KUTAKUWA MWANGA

Kutakuwa mwanga nyumbani mwa Bwana,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo;
Nitapata raha mkononi mwa Bwana,
Nifikapomwishowamwendo.

Safari ikomapo siku ya mwisho,
Nitakaribishwa na pendo;
Kwakuwa Mwokozi anangingoja,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo.

Sitazikumbuka taabu za njia,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo;
Sitawa kumbuka walionipinga,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo.

Nimwone Rafikialiye Mwokozi,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo;
Hiyo natamani katika mbinguni,
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo.

IT IS WELL

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say,

*"It is well, it is well with my soul!"
It is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul!"*

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

3. My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought –
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt Whisper Thy peace to my soul.

LALA ,LALAVYEMA.

1. LALA, rafikilala, mpenzi,
Lazakichwachakokwa Mwokozi;
LalaVyema ,lalausingizi,
Lalalalavyema.

2. Al mpenzi, sisitwakupenda
Si kamaakupendavyo Bwana,
Mapenziyakeyazidisana;
Lala ,lalavyema.

3. Ulivyolalanikamamwana,
Huamkikwataabutena,
Rahandakoutulivusana;
Lala ,lalavyema.

4. Hatavilivyvetuvitoke,
Hatanganughalaniwekwe,
Hatakuhe, tupambaukiwe;
Lala ,lalavyema.

5. Hatajuatukufulitoke,
Hatawafuwemawafufuke,
Wajenajesu ,waume ,wake,
Lala ,lalavyema.

6. Hataukipambwakwamapenzi ,
Uwemfano wake mwokozi
UkavikwetajinaMwenyezi
Lala ,lala vyema.

7. Sikokuagana, si " Kwaheri,"
Pundeatakujaatukiri
Uweumojakwakawaheri;
Lala ,lalavyema.

8. Mpatatwonanembelezake,
Na mavaziawapayo wake,
Hatayasiriyafunuliwe,
Lala ,lalavyema.



*You have fought a good fight, you have finished the race,
and you have kept the faith.
(2nd Timothy 4:9)*

