

# Honouring the Life of



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**HON. JAMES LUSWETI MUKWE**

1st January 1961 - 4th December 2020

**MP**  
Kabuchai

# Programme

**THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020**

## **ORDER OF FUNERAL SERVICE: (LANG'ATA FRIENDS CHURCH)**

- 12.00 P.M:           ♦ Arrival at Langata Friends Church
- 12.15 P.M:           ♦ Procession:  
♦ Processional Hymn- Cha Kutumaini Sina (T.K.K. 279)
- 12.30 P.M:           ♦ Opening Prayer: Pastor Harris Alichula  
♦ Congregational Hymn: Injili No. 189 &70
- ♦ Scripture Reading:  
– 1st Reading: Revelation 22:12-14: – Joy Lusweti  
– 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8: - Mike Waliaula
- ♦ **Wreath Laying:**  
Wreath Laying by USFW: Pastor Josephine Adika
- ♦ **Sermon:** Pastor Evans Ambani
- ♦ **Offertory:** Injili No. 56
- Tributes:**           ♦ Family: Jamin Situma  
♦ Church: Nairobi West/Langata M.M  
♦ Administration  
♦ Parliamentary Leadership
- Eulogy:**           ♦ Robert Wamunyinyi
- Prayer for the Bereaved:** Pastor Gerald Busaka
- Vote of Thanks:** ♦ Chairman, Nairobi Family Funeral Committee/  
Parliamentary Adhoc Committee
- ♦ Closing Prayer/Recessional
- ♦ Viewing of the Body as congregants exit the Church.

**Master of Ceremony:**  
Hon. (Dr.) Chris Wamalwa, CBS. MP.



# Programme

## FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020

- 0730Hrs ♦ Arrival at the Lee .  
♦ Prayers and picking up of the cortege
- 0900Hrs ♦ Departure for Bungoma  
1030Hrs ♦ Arrival at Bungoma Airstrip  
♦ Introductory Remarks and Prayers
- 1100Hrs ♦ Depature from the Airstrip  
♦ Procession from the Airstrip to Sanandiki Primary School through Kibabii University, Mayanja and Chwele  
♦ The Body to be received by the family, clan, local area leaders and the Parliamentary Leadership
- 1300Hrs ♦ Arrival at Sanadiki Primary School  
♦ Programme at Sanandiki Primary School  
♦ Opening Prayer  
♦ Hymns: Injili 34, 56, & 189
- Bible Reading
- Speeches:**  
♦ Family  
♦ Friends/ Neighbours/Church  
♦ Parliamentary Service Commission /NG-CDF Kabuchai  
♦ Sermon;
- 1500Hrs ♦ Public Viewing of the Body will run concurrently with speeches
- 1800Hrs ♦ Arrival of the Body at home.

## SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER 2020

- 0730Hrs ♦ Congregation assemblies
- 0735Hrs ♦ Procession from the house  
♦ Hymns: Injili 34, 56, 189  
♦ Opening prayer  
♦ Church Service And Sermon
- Tributes:**  
♦ Family  
♦ Chairman Baechalo  
♦ Chairman Bakiyabi  
♦ Chairman Bakhone  
♦ Family  
♦ Friends  
♦ Family Steering Committee (Nairobi & Chwele)  
♦ Parliamentary Service Commssion  
♦ NG-CDF Kabuchai
- Eulogy:**  
♦ By Hillary Lusweti  
♦ Prayers for the family  
♦ Vote of Thanks: Family Represenative  
♦ Procession and Burial (Family and Parliamentary Leadership)  
♦ Laying of wreaths

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- MCs:** 1. Hon Dr. Chris Wamalwa CBS, MP.  
2. Hon. John Waluke, MP.  
3. Hon. Dan Wanyama, MP.  
4. Kuka Sammy Kisondio-Sulwe FM



*In Loving Memory of the  
Late Hon James Lusweti Mukwe*





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# Eulogy

## Birth

Hon. James Lusweti Mukwe was born on 1st January 1961 to Mzee Timona Mukwe (Omuechalo) and Mama Maritah Nasimiyu (Omukiyabi). He was the 9th child in the family of 10 children.

## Education

Hon. Mukwe joined Sanandiki Primary School in 1969 and sat his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCE) in 1977 which he did very well. After successful completion, he joined Namwela Secondary School in 1978 and later Busakala Secondary School and Kimukungi Secondary School in 1981 where he sat for his Kenya Certificate of Education. In 2011 he enrolled for a Diploma in Public Administration at Chepkoilel University where he successfully completed and graduated in 2012.

## Religion

Hon. Mukwe was born in the Friends Church (Quarkers) where underwent catechism class one and two and was confirmed a full member of the Friends Church. He will be remembered for his musical talent and training of the church choir in the 80's.

## Circumcision

Under the Bukusu rites of passage, He was circumcised in 1972 being Omuchuma number 1 (age set).

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## Employment

Hon. Mukwe's was first employed in 1987 by the Kenya Posts and Telecommunication Corporation (KP&TC) where he worked as an Accounts Clerk from 1989 to 1991 before he was retrenched.

## Politics

In the early 90s, Hon. Mukwe joined politics as a KANU youth leader in Sirisia Constituency. In 1997, he unsuccessfully vied as a Councillor on KANU ticket. In 2002 he was elected as Councillor Chwele Ward in Bungoma County Council on Ford-K ticket. He served a full term and re-elected in 2008 and served until January 2013. He also held the position of Chairman, Bungoma County Council from 2004 to 2008.

In March 2013, Hon. Mukwe was elected as Member of Parliament, Kabuchai Constituency, a position he has held until his demise. He was a member of the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing and Budget & Appropriations Committee in the 11th Parliament. In the 12th Parliament, he was a member of the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives, Departmental Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund and the Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities. He was an astute politician who will be remembered for his resilience, focus, determination and dedication to the people he served.

Mukwe will be remembered for the many CDF projects he successfully delivered in Kabuchai Constituency during his time and for the proper utilization of public resources to deliver services.



# Eulogy

## **Marriage/Family**

He married his first wife Gladys Mamati Lusweti in 1990 and they were blessed with five children; two sons and three girls. He married the second wife Sylvia Lusweti in 2008 they were blessed with two girls .He married his third wife Christine Namalwa Lusweti 2012 they were blessed with one son. He is survived by twelve children, namely; Hillary Kisiang'ani (Zetech University), Anne Kiluyi Lusweti (TUK), Charity Lusweti (Daystar University), Erick Mukwe Lusweti (RVIST), Joshua Mamati Lusweti (TUK), Gloria Lusweti (Chwele Girls High School), Joy Lusweti (All Saints Cathedral Primary School, Martha Nasimiyu Lusweti(Kings Junior Schools )Phoebe Kiluyi Lusweti, Samuel Wakapisi Lusweti, Morgan Wakapisi Lusweti and Lindah Lusweti.(West Kenya TTI).

Brother to the late Phoebe Kiluyi,late Mary Nekesa, late David Wakapisi, Zipporah Nelima, Ezekiel Kisiang'ani, Hellen Nakhisa, Jamin Situma, Margaret Nasipwondi and Javan Wakoba. Nephew to the late Shadrack Wamunyinyi, late William Tumwa, late Rael Khayaki, late Robai Masibo, Pius Namwenya, Fred Khaemba, Ruth Nabangala and Daniel Namwenya. Cousin to Samuel Wakapisi, Robert Wamunyinyi, Allan Barasa, Dinnah, Loise, Lenah, Esther, Elizabeth, Ayub Wakapisi, Tumwas, Kipeis, Kimawachis among others. Son in-law to the late Charles Mamati and Lenah Nekesa Mamati.

Brother in-law to Jason Mamati, John Mamati, Jafred Mamati, David Mamati (Office of the President), Prof. Edward Mamati (JKUAT), Francis Mamati (Kisii University), Esnas Burudi, Grace Nasiuma, Bertha Lubekho, Sarah and the late Racho. He was an uncle to many.

## **Health**

Hon. Mukwe was born in good health and was a very active and energetic man until 2015 when he started showing signs of arthritis. He sought for treatment which continued until 2018 when the symptoms of arthritis and gout became worse and could be clearly seen on his legs and hands. This year, the symptoms became worse when a wound on his toe became infected causing the legs to swell. The infection persisted and spread to both legs and hands causing him to be admitted in Bungoma West Hospital. He was later airlifted from Bungoma to Karen Hospital where he received treatment for almost a Month. He was later discharged and went back to Bungoma. He was well on and off during which he also received treatment at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret. Later on, he was admitted in Nairobi Hospital where he stayed for

sometime before he was discharged. He was showing signs of improvement until 3rd of December when his health deteriorated and he was rushed back to Nairobi Hospital where he passed on 4th December while receiving treatment. He has died at the age of 59. He has fought a good fight and has finished the race. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



# Tributes

## **GLADYS MAMATI LUSWETI (WIFE): In loving Memory of My Dear Husband**

It is hard to believe you are no longer here. Words cannot describe how this makes me feel. You passed on to the other side, though I wish you could still be here with me. You were a remarkable man. Dependable, loving and caring. You were the centre of my world. You were one in a million to me. You made me smile, you made me laugh. You were my companion and dear friend. You were a wonderful husband from the beginning to the end. Forever you will live on, in my heart and my mind. Forever you will live in my thought and never die. With love always, I will remember you. With fond memories I will think of you. I am grateful for the life we had together. I will cherish the memories of you forever.

## **SYLVIA LUSWETI (WIFE)**

In loving Memory of My Dear Husband  
"You were my rock, my everything. When I was worried you assured me that everything will be okay, you figured things out for me. You were a completely dedicated father to our two children.

## **CHRISTINE NAMALWA LUSWETI (WIFE)**

In loving Memory of My Dear Husband  
My husband was a wonderful man and father, a best friend, colleague and so much more. James's ability to make everyone feel comfortable, secure and loved were his greatest strengths. It has been nearly 8 years since we were first married and I look back over those years with so much happiness.

## **ANNE KILUYI LUSWETI (DAUGHTER)**

My Dad  
He never looked for praises  
He was never one to boast.  
He just went on quietly working for the ones he loved most

His dreams were seldom spoken  
His wants were very few  
And most of the times, his worries went unspoken to  
He was there.....a firm foundation.  
Through all our storms of life.

A sturdy hand to hold on to.

In times of stress and strife, a true friend we could turn to  
When times were good or bad

One of our greatest blessing  
The man that we called Dad.

## **HILLARY LUSWETI (SON)**

When the mirror is broken you no longer see the image. Since 4th Dec 2020 when you departed this world to join the saints, it will never be the same. Dad you were the mirror upon which I looked at my life and now that you are gone my life is empty. Dad when I close my eyes the image of you is all I see. You've left a legacy in education, constituency development and an you are an icon to the society . Rest in the Lord Best Friend PAPA.

## **CHARITY LUSWETI (DAUGHTER)**

Life is going to be different without you dad. We never knew you would leave us suddenly. We are grateful for the advice and care you gave us. You tried your best in helping people. I am saddened that death took you away but I know you are no longer in pain and will watch over us. In all things, we give thanks as the bible says. Dad you have left a void that no one will fill but your legacy will live on. Now hence forth I will be living a life of us two.

# Tributes

## **ERICK LUSWETI (SON)**

Those special memories will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while; then we could sit and talk like we used to do. You meant so much to me and will always do. The fact that you are no longer here will always cause me pain but you are forever in my heart until we meet again. I only wish there was visiting hours in heaven. Rest well Papa.

## **JOSHUA MAMATI LUSWETI (SON)**

It is hard to believe that you are no longer here with us Dad. I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have is your memories. Your memory is a keepsake from which I will never part. They say there is a reason; they say time will heal but neither time or reason will heal or change the way I feel. Gone are the days we used to share but in my heart you will always be there. The gates of memory will never close. Shine on your way dad, till we meet again on the beautiful shores. I could write a million words but will never feel the peace I felt when you were here; because the gap you have left can never be filled. I love you Dad.

## **GLORIA LUSWETI (DAUGHTER)**

To me, Dad's finest quality was his patience; an inherent ability to listen; To absorb and to offer a point of view based on quiet, measured wisdom.

Dad, we shall miss your counsel and guidance.

## **JOY LUSWETI (DAUGHTER)**

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands rested  
God broke our hearts, to prove to us, He only takes the best.  
We shall miss you Dad.

## **JAMIN SITUMA (BROTHER)**

My brother was an energetic, self-driven and determined man. He believed in himself and was not one to cower amidst challenges. He displayed leadership qualities right from a young age. He would stand out amongst us because of his charisma and great sense of humour. One would have mistaken him to be an older brother when he was just our second last brother. He was dependable and many are times he took over responsibilities and ensured all went well within the family. We shall miss him in our family functions, we shall miss him, we shall miss his charisma. Go well my brother, see you in eternity.

## **ZIPPORAH NELIMA MWEMBE (SISTER)**

Son of my mother, you have fallen. We are heartbroken. We have been hard hit. You held us together, provided for us and took care of us. You made us proud with your achievements and we felt so proud that one of our own was a leader. You made us the envy of many. You have left us in pain, we mourn you with heavy hearts. We shall surely miss you Mwana wa Mayi. Rest well.

## **ROBERT WAMUNYINYI (COUSIN)**

It is unbelievable that life has abruptly come to a halt. Never was there any sign of departure. Last time you told me to scout for a joint to touch base. We ate, drunk and had lots of fun and laughter: We rekindled our memories on life during our youth; tilling, khuminya and football incidents that were among interesting stories. It is unimaginable that we shall not sit again in a joint to touch base. Life can be unfair. Your relentless efforts to FORGE UNITY will remain our work in progress. You worked for all with fairness. Now the challenge lies squarely on our heads. I WILL DEARLY MISS YOU BROTHER. May your SOUL REST in eternal PEACE; Amen,



# Tributes

## **RUTH KILUYI WAKAPISI (NIECE)**

Our hero, our pride, our disciplinarian, our arbitrator, our comforter, our buffer, our speed dial, our panic button, our uni-fier; oh, how we took it for granted that he will always be there for us and with us! He spoilt us silly- both the young and the old. He was generous to a fault and his presence took away worry and solved problems. He was a great man with great humility. Death has dealt us a big blow. His shoes are too big for anyone to fit. We shall miss his warmth, his great sense humour, his laughter...oh we shall miss you Papa James, Papa "Kusungu", Mhesh. Go well Papa.

## **BENJAMIN KISIANG'ANI (NEPHEW)**

'Nakikai Omuchebasa' as I fondly called you; you were all we had; all we were proud of. The mere mention of your name took me places and opened many doors. I stare at the shoes you bought for me but when I remember that you are no more, I am left speechless. Who will fill this void 'Nakikai'? If you knew you would leave us this early, you shouldn't have introduced me to these fine things of life. Rest in Peace.

## **COLLINS SITUMA (NEPHEW)**

The King, my hero, man of the people Moreno my dearest friend since childhood; Papa I am yet to believe that death has taken you from us. How loving and caring you were Papa. You were such a great and powerful man to the family at large. We will miss your presence and will live remember your generosity. Go well Papa, may your soul rest in peace.

## **MIKE WALIAULA (GRANDSON)**

The sudden death of my dear granny James has brought me to the understanding of what Paul says in Philippians 1:21 that "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Kuka, the emptiness you have left in my life is so deep, it will be difficult to fill. You left without saying goodbye for this reason I peer longingly into light and darkness hoping for a last glimpse so that even as you rest in peace, I may also find peace. Even if you are no longer here with me, in my entire life, I promise to keep with me the memories of two of us and how lucky I have been to have such an amazing granny like you. Kuka, the lose cannot be measured now, the void cannot be filled; and though someday the grief may fade your mark will live on still. For even with my heavy heart, I know that I've been blessed, to have been one who's life you touched with warmth so infinite. Grandpa, Rest in perfect peace. We will one day meet you in heaven

## **MERCY SITUMA (GRAND DAUGHTER)**

We had a wonderful grandfather;  
One who never really grew old  
His smile was made of sunshine  
And his heart was solid gold.  
He is irreplaceable.

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## **ROSE WAKAPISI (SISTER-INLAW)**

It is with great pain that I write this message about you when you are no more. You are the second person after my late beloved husband who welcomed in Bungoma in 1994. You took care of my only son, the late Alex Kisiang'ani while I went to college. You have always been there for my family in happiness and in sorrow. I didn't know the last time we talked on phone in November was good bye. Very painful good bye. Oh, mulamwa the gap you have left in the family is very wide! Ewe abele enjeko yefwe (you were our pillar)! In all, rest in peace.



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# Hymns

## NAFURAHI MOYONI MWANGU

Nafurahi moyoni mwangu  
Yesu ameniambia,  
“Tulia usiwe na hofu  
Mwendoni mwa Maisha.”

Yesu, Yesu, Yesu  
Ni jina tamu  
Limeridhisha,  
Katika mwendo wangu.

Kwa uovu nilianguka  
Katika Maisha yangu  
Bali Yesu akanivuta  
Yeye Mwokozi wangu

Naishi kwa upendo wake,  
Kweli, amenipumsizisha  
Nikimtazama uso wake  
Atanisalimisha

Nikihangaika njiani  
Yesu ataniongoza;  
Amenitolea ahadi  
Uchungu atapoza

Atarudi kutoka mbingu  
Ili anikaribishe  
Na tutapita kwa mawingu  
Ataniwasilisha

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## MBELE NINAENDELEA (INJILI 56)

Mbele nina endelea,  
Ninazidi kutembea  
Maombi uyasikie, ee  
Bwana unipandishe

Ee bwana uniinue  
Kwa imani nisimame  
Nipande milima yote  
Eeh bwana unipandishe

Sina tamani nikae  
Mahali pa shaka kamwe  
Hapo wengi wanakaa,  
Kuendelea naomba

Nisikae duniani,  
Ni mahali pa shetani  
Natazamia mbinguni,  
Nitafika na imani

Nataka nipandishwe juu,  
Zaidi yale mawingu  
Nitaomba nifikishwe,  
Eeh bwana unipandishe

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## KUTAKUWA MWANGA (INJILI 189)

Kutakuwa mwanga nyumbani mwa  
baba  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo  
Nitapata raha mkononi mwa bwana  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo

Safari ikomapo siku ya mwisho  
Nitakaribishwa na pendo  
Kwa kuwa mwokozi ananingojea  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo

Sitazikumbuka taabu za njia  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo  
Sitawakumbuka walionipinga  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo

Nimwone rafiki aliye mwokozi  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo  
Hiyo natamani katika mbinguni  
Nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo

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## ROCK OF AGES

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy not wounded side which  
flowed, Be of sin the double  
cure,  
Save from wrath and make me  
pure.
2. Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou  
alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.



# Hymns

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

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.

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

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.

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!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.  
But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the 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.

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## BWANA U SEHEMU YANGU (Injili No. 34)

Bwana u sehemu yangu  
Rafiki yangu wewe  
Katika safari yangu  
Tatembea na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Katika safari yangu  
Tatembea na wewe

Mali hapa sikutaka  
Ili niheshimiwe  
Nayanikute mashaka  
Sawasawa na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Heri nikute mashaka  
Sawasawa na wewe

Niongoze safari  
Mbele unichukue  
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni  
Niingie na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Pamoja na wewe  
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni  
Niingie na wewe

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## CHA KUTUMAINI SINA

Cha kutumaini sina,  
Ila damu yake Bwana,  
Sina wema wa kutosha,  
Dhambi zangu kuziosha.

Kwake Yesu nasimama,  
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,  
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,  
Ndiye mwamba ni salama.

Njia yangu iwe ndefu,  
Yeye hunipa wokovu,  
Mawimbi yakinipiga,  
Nguvu ndizo nanga.

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

Nikiitwa hukumuni,  
Rohoni nina amani,  
Nikivikwa haki yake,  
Sina hofu mbele zake.



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YEAR 2019.





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*"I have fought the good fight, I  
have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7



*Fare Thee Well*

**MP**  
Kabuchai

**HON. JAMES LUSWETI MUKWE**

1st January 1961 - 4th December 2020