

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**JOSEPH KUBENDE WA
WEKHOMBA**

SUNRISE 19 MAR 1981 - SUNSET 23 MAR 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 01, 2023

NAMAWANGA VILLAGE, BAHAI, KIMILILI

PROGRAM

COME JOIN US FOR CELEBRATION

THURS 7.00-8.00AM	PRAYERS AT KU MORGUE BEFORE DEPARTURE & VIEWING OF THE BODY
8.30AM- 4.00PM	BODY LEAVES FROM KU MORGUE TO MISIKHU MISSION
5.00PM- ONWARDS	REQUIEM MASS AT MISIKHU PARISH & NIGHT VIGIL AT HOME
FRIDAY	FAMILY PRAYERS AT KUBENDES HOME (BAHAI)
SATURDAY: 7:00AM- 12 NOON:	BURIAL PROCEEDINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VIEWING OF THE BODY, SPEECHES AND TRIBUTES• REPRESENTATIVE FROM BASOMBI CLAN• REPRESENTATIVE FROM BAKOBELO CLAN• FRIENDS OF JOSEPH (DRAMA, SCHOOL, CHILDHOOD)• NEIGHBOR• FUNERAL COMMITTEE (NAIROBI/BAHAI)• ADMINISTRATION.• FAMILY – (INLAWS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, COUSINS, WIFE & CHILDREN) EULOGY- IRENE KABWAIZA
12NOON - 2PM	HOLY MASS & CHOIR
2.30PM	PROCESSION TO THE BURIAL SITE AND ENTERTAINMENT

LIFE AND FAMILY

Joseph Kubende Wekhomba was born on 19th March 1981 at Misikhu Mission Hospital in Bungoma County. He was the 7th born child to the Late Charles Wekhomba Kubende – Omusombi and the Late Madam Priscah Nekesah – Omukobelo. Son-in law to Joel Mutai and Madam Rosemary Mutai of Kericho County, beloved husband to Mercy Mutai and a responsible Father to Henry Shawn Kubende, and Shyne Charles Wekhomba. Brother to Martine, Tom, Anne, Consolata, Makhapila, Nangila, Rossa, Daudi, Alex, Joanne, Philip, and the late Andrew, Melan and Benjamin.

CIRCUMCISION

Joseph Kubende was circumcised in 1994 (Omusawa namba 4)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Joseph was a Catholic who was baptized as an infant in 1981, received his first Holy Communion, and later confirmed by the late Bishop Longinous Atundo in 1990. He was a registered member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Misikhu Catholic Mission/Parish.

EDUCATION

Joseph started his early education at Namawanga DEB Primary School where he sat for his KCPE. He joined Bungoma High School for his secondary education and later moved to St Paul's Lugari Boys where he sat for his KCSE. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics) degree from the University of Nairobi. Until his demise, he was pursuing a Law degree at the University of Nairobi.



CAREER

Joseph Kubende has been a decorated artist and mastered public speaking, content creation, acting, author and writing plays which as a result earned him a role of adjudicating drama. Until his death, he has been a senior member of the drama fraternity in Kenya. Joseph has written a book “In Search of Gold” which depicts the real story about his life. His prowess in public speaking endeared him to many people. Due to his oratory skills, Joseph was a master of the game when it comes to pulling grounds and crowds during campaigns. He supported many politicians and especially from western region to ascend to power.

He started his career as a high school English literature teacher and later moved to Civil service. He worked for Bungoma County Government under governor Wycliffe Wangamati, and later moved to the Ministry of Devolution under CS Eugene Wamalwa.

DEATH

Until his untimely death, Joseph Kubende wa Wekhomba led a normal, healthy and optimistic life. He died from an internal blood clot and multiple injuries as per the post-mortem results conducted on his body on 24th March 2023.





Wife

"I had the opportunity and rare privilege of being the wife and partner of the wonderful, loving, kind and God-fearing man. Life could not have been better than that because I was living every woman's dreams. We had our problems like every family but making up and resolving our issues was magical.

I was blessed with the best husband and father to all our children.

Your departed is very fresh and painful, you were the love of my life, the one who did everything humanly possible to protect me even in the face of all sorts of misconceptions, you were the one who understood the true meaning of our marriage. You will always be in my heart and the love I have for you will never ever die. The children and I will always remember and pray for you"

FRIENDS

I can't explain how much I'd miss you. You are an inspiration to the whole world. You were full of faith, courage, and strength. We wish you farewell in your journey to eternity. You'd never be forgotten. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Cousins

"Our cousin Joseph passing has gutted us to our very core, a piece of us has left and it feels like our bond is broken. What a life to take! How do we move on without you? Without your laugh? Your calls? Your love? your kamabeka, And without your songs?

Joseph, it is just difficult to accept that you are gone. What happens to the plan of you becoming the Senator of Bungoma? The MP of Kimilili? The light of the youth in Bungoma county and the whole country? How do we proceed without you? You are the magnet that connects us all together. Like a burning candle, you are still here and you will forever be. Fare thee well dear cousin"



Family

"Dear brother, we've been through so much together. We worked and strived to build something meaningful out of our poverty-stricken lives. We thought you would enjoy the rewards with us, but we now understand that there were greater rewards for you up there. We hope you will leave some for us. Farewell, brother Joseph"


NIECE AND NEPHEWS

We know not how to console our grieving hearts at your departure. We understand that mourning isn't the best way to say goodbye but we can't help it. You were a man that got all our hearts... To us you were not only an Uncle but a friend. We were indeed your people as you'd often refer to us as "Watu wangu" Indeed this is the price we have to pay for having such a great Uncle... we got the wonder, the joy, the tender moments and at the end got the tears too 😭.

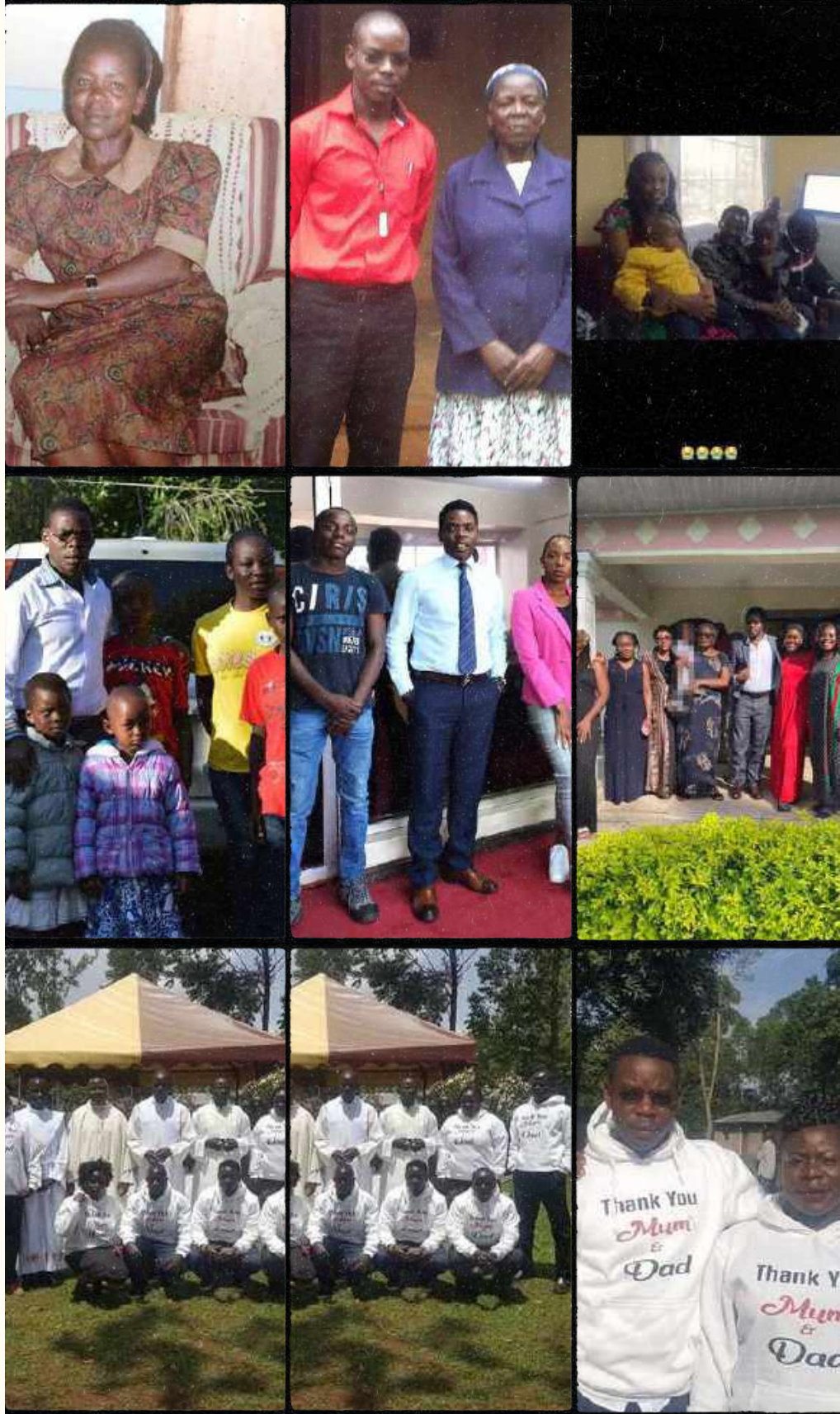
We know for sure that we don't lose the people we love, even to death. We believe that you continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make.

Uncle Joseph, your love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared your love....

Fare thee well a Mentor, Fare thee well a friend, Fare thee well Uncle General



GALLERY



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BIBLE VERSES

JOHN 14:1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance

HYMNS

KAAMANI (ABIDE WITH ME) SWAHILI LYRICS

KAAMANI, NI USIKU TENA;
USINIACHE GIZANI BWANA;
MSAADA WAKO HAUKOMI;
NILIPEKE YANGU KAAMANI.

SIKU ZETU HAZIKAWI KWISHA;
SINA MWINGINE WA KUNIFAA;
MIMI NITAONGOZWA NA NANI;
ILA WEWE BWANA, KAAMANI.

SICHI NENO UWAPO KARIBU;
NIPATALO LOTE SI TAABU;
KIFO NA KABURI HAVIUMI;
NITASHINDA KWAKO, KAAMANI.

NILALAPO NIKUONE WEWE;
HATA GIZANI NIMULIKIWE;
NURU ZA MBINGUNI HAZIKOMI;
SIKU ZANGU ZOTE, KAAMANI.

SALAMA MOYONI (IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL) SWAHILI LYRICS

NIONAPO AMANI KAMA SHWARI,
AMA NIONAPO SHIDA;
KWA MAMBO YOTE UMEJILISHA,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

SALAMA, SALAMA,
ROHONI, ROHONI,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

INGAWA SHETANI ATANITESA,
NITAJIPA MOYO KWANI;
KRISTO AMEONA UNYONGE WANGU,
AMEKUFA KWA ROHO YANGU.

SALAMA, SALAMA,
ROHONI, ROHONI,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

DHAMBI ZANGU ZOTE, WALA SI NUSU,
ZIMEWEKWA MSALABANI;
WALA SICHUKUI LAANA YAKE,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

SALAMA, SALAMA,
ROHONI, ROHONI,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

EE BWANA HIMIZA SIKU YA KUJA,
PANDA ITAKAPOLIA;
UTAKAPOSHTUKA SITAOGOPA,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.

SALAMA, SALAMA,
ROHONI, ROHONI,
NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU.