



Memorial Program, Friday

25th October 2024 | 3:00pm

3:00 – 4:00

Arrival of guests

4:00pm

Opening prayer and welcome

4:05

Worship songs

- Simama simama imara jilinde
- Bwana u sehemu yangu
- What a friend we have in Jesus
- Goodness of God

4:25

First Scripture reading:

- Psalm 116:15
- Psalm 23:1 – 6

4:30

Tributes – Friends

4:50

Hymn-In Christ alone

4:55

Tribute – Family

5:30

Second scripture reading

- 1 Thes 4:13 – 18

5:35

Worship songs

- Ni kuri Bururi mwega muno
- Nearer my God to thee

5:45

Interlude music – slide show

6:00

Requiem Mass – Fr. Johnny CMI

7:30

Announcements



Lucy Wanjiru Gitau





Eulogy of the Late Lucy Wanjiru Gitau (Mama Njoki)

Birth

Lucy Wanjiru Gitau was born in 1945 in Kipkabus Uasin Gishu County. She was the 7th born child to the late Kinyanjui Wanjama and the late Milcah Njambi. She was sister to the late Wanjama Kinyanjui, the late Hannah Njoki Mwangi, the late Njangiru, the late Rachael Wangui Kiuna, the late Hosea Mugo, Brown Kamau and Monica Wakonyo. She was a step-sister to Ruphus, Gichuki, Esther Muthoni Macharia. Julia Njoki, Lydia Wanjiku Kiboro, Wanarua Kinyanjui and Kariuki Kinyanjui (all deceased).



As a child, she grew up Kipkabus Forest Iruri, Uasin Gishu County and later in Lessos. After the death of her father in 1963, she moved from Kapsabet to Kamukunji Eldoret with her mother and her siblings.

Education

Lucy went to school in Lessos, Uasin Gishu County from Standard 1 to 4 where she sat for and excelled in the common entrance exam. She then joined intermediate school at in Mosoriot from Standard 5 to 8. Lucy then joined Rang'ala Girls High School in Siaya County and later transferred to Chepterit Girls High School, Nandi County where she sat for 'O' level exams. She later joined Nursing School at Kenyatta National Hospital from September 1966 to March 1970 to study nursing and mid-wifery and graduated as a Kenya Registered Nurse (KRN).



Working Life

Lucy Wanjiru Gitau started working at the Kenyatta National Hospital in 1970. She was transferred to Gatundu (as the Late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta's nurse) and also worked in Nyeri, Nyahururu District Hospital and Kitale District Hospital where she then retired early in 1989 to join the family businesses in Kitale that is, Wanjoki Agro-Industrial Enterprises and Nyota Dairies Limited. She and her family then moved from Kitale to Syokimau Machakos County in 2009 where they have been living to date.

Family Life

Mama Njoki married the love of her life, Joshua Gitau Gacengeci (Baba Njoki) on 17th November 1973 at the Mother of Apostles Seminary, Eldoret. They were blessed with seven (7) children namely Gertrude Njoki, Catherine Njambi, Dr. Ruth Wangui, Margaret Wairimu, Elizabeth Mukuhi, Chistopher Njoroge and Paul Kinyanjui who she loved dearly. She was also a doting grandmother to Ivy, Renee, Terri, Collin, Pendo, Edward, Angelina, Lwanda, Hekima, Ryan, Manuel, Hera and Malachi.

Christian Life

Lucy was a staunch Catholic faithful and attended church in various parishes including St Austins, St Peters Claver's and Holy Family Basilica in the 1970s, Mary Immaculate, Christ the King - Mitume and St Kizito Matisi in Kitale, and St Joseph's in Mlolongo and St Veronicah in Syokimau.

She attended mass every Sunday without fail and as far as was possible also went for Holy Mass every day. She was a member of the Catholic Women Association (CWA) and loved going for Jumuaia on Sundays where she interacted with other faithful and built lasting relationships with them.



Social Work

Lucy visited the sick, needy and orphaned children and uplifted them both spiritually and materially. She has many friends from all walks of life and made every effort to keep in touch with each one of them. She was very concerned whenever she had not heard from her relatives and friends for a while and would ask after them or personally go and visit them.

Health

Mama Njoki generally enjoyed good health. However, in the month of September 2024 she started feeling unwell after a fall. She was treated and was able to continue with her daily activities although with some discomfort. A few days later at the beginning of October 2024, she became unwell and was admitted at a local hospital for further diagnosis and treatment. She was later discharged to recuperate at home with Doctors' home visits and was under 24-hour nursing care. On 21st October 2024, after her health condition noticeably worsened and she became unresponsive to attempts to resuscitate her at home, she was rushed to a nearby hospital where the examining Doctor declared her dead.

Our family matriarch passed on aged 79 years, and we thank Almighty God for the gift of her life. We pray to Almighty God to give her beautiful soul eternal rest in His heavenly abode.



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

2 Timothy 4:7 ...