

*Celebration of Life*



**Lt Col Martin Kamau Mburu 'psc' (K)**

**Sunrise: 8 October 1978**  
**Sunset: 30 December 2025**



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7

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## THE MILITARY EPISCOPATE CHURCH BURIAL PROGRAMME

TIME	EVENT
07:00 HRS	Arrival at Mashujaa Funeral Home
07:15 – 07:30 HRS	Prayers
07:30 – 07:45 HRS	Body Viewing
07:45 – 07:55 HRS	Hymns
08:00 HRS	Departure from Mashujaa Funeral Home
08:45 HRS	30min stop at the junction after Sabasaba town
10:00 HRS	Arrival at Mugumoini Primary School
10:20HRS – 11:30HRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Procession hymn</li><li>• Eulogy</li><li>• Tributes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Intake 32</li><li>- Wife</li><li>- Children</li><li>- Mum</li><li>- Siblings</li><li>- Nephews and Nieces</li></ul></li><li>• Speeches<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In-laws</li><li>- Friends and groups</li><li>- Karuri High School</li></ul></li><li>• Administration</li><li>• Vote of Thanks</li></ul>
11:30HRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Military Tributes</li><li>• Holy Mass</li><li>• Burial Rites</li><li>• Wreath laying ceremony</li></ul>
13:00HRS	Guests leave at their own pleasure

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## **RUGANO RWA LT COL MARTIN KAMAU MBURU '**

### **GUCIARWO**

Mutigairi Lt Col Martin Kamau Mburu aciariwo mweri 08/10/1978 ni aciari ake nio mutigaairi Cyprian Mburu na Eunice Njoki itura ini ria Kahiti ,Githembe sub-location ,Kigumo sub-county guku Muranga County.

Aciaranirwo na Margaret Njambi, late Julius Mwaura, Late John Nyanjui, Mary Wanjiku, Agnes Waithera, Peter Wanyoike and James Gitau

Ni muuru wa ithe na Julius Mwaura, Margaret Wanjiku and the late Partrick Kamande

### **GITHOMO**

Mutigairi Lt Col Martin Mburu niambiriire githomo 1984 thukuru wa nathari na agicoka agithoma Mugumo-ini Primary School kuma mwaka wa 1985 nginya 1992. Arikia niangirire thukuru wa Muthithi Secondary nginya mwaka-ini wa 1996 kuria ekire wega na agitwo University ya Maseno, na akigia na thumbi mwaka- ini wa 2002. Arikia githomo kia university ni aingirire wira wa umbiraru mwakaini wa 2003 eta Cadet cukuru-ini wa mbiraru wa Kenya Military Academy (KMA), Lanet. Ni akomiconirwo ta Second Lieutenant mwaka-ini wa 2004 na agitumwo kambini ya jeshi cia rieraini Moi Air Base. Thutha wa kuhitukira mathomoini maingi ni arahaicite ngathi nyingi ni undu wa kio giake kuria arakinyite gikiro kia Lt Col.

Mutigairi ni arathomete na kio na akagia ndigirii ta;

1. Masters in Diplomacy and Security Studies (Nazarene University)
2. Bachelors of Science - Military Science (Egerton University)
3. Bachelors of Education - Science (Maseno University)
4. Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations (University Of Nairobi)

### **KUHIKANIA**

Mutigairi ni mendanire na mwendwa wake Mary Karimi mwaka-ini wa 2006 na magitanahirwo na ciana na ni cio; Jediel Peter Njagi, Emmanuel Murimi, Mark Mwaura na Tamar Njoki

### **WIRA**

Are kwa biraru niaratungatite hongeni nyingi ta Technical Officer - Moi Air Base, Defence Intelligence Academy-(DIA) eta ta Murutani Munene, Commanding Officer wa ruhonge rwa Technical Intelligence Battalion na kungi kuingi na ata anahuruka arari ruhonge-ini rwa Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI) kuria Defence Headquarters, Nairobi

### **NDWARI**

Mutigairi ni aguthukirwo ni mwiri na akiguthukio thibitariini wa biraru wa Moi Air base Aviation Hospital. Thutha agithamirio thibitari wa Defence Forces Memorial Hospital kuria arahurukire kuri muthenya wa keeri mweri 30/12/2025 ena ukuru wa miaka 47.

Ni Ngai wamuheanire na nowe wamugira. Arohuruka uhoro.  
Nigutuike guo.

# LIFE AND TIMES



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# EULOGY

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### **BIRTH AND EARLY LIFE**

The late Lt Col Martin Kamau Mburu was born on 8th October 1978 in Kahiti Village, Githembe Sub-location, Kigumo Sub-County, Muranga County. Lt. Col Martin Kamau Mburu was the seventh born child to the late Cyprian Mburu and Eunice Njoki. He was a sibling to Margaret Njambi, late Julius Mwaura, Late John Nyanjui, Mary Wanjiku, Agnes Waithera, Peter Wanyoike and James Gitau. He was a step brother to Julius Mwaura, Margaret Wanjiku and the late Partrick Kamande. Raised in a close-knit Christian family amidst eight siblings, Lt Col Martin Mburu displayed early signs of discipline and curiosity, attending to family farm by day while devouring books in the evening, instilling values of hard work and commitment that would shape his journey.

### **EDUCATION**

The late Lt Col Martin Mburu academic path shone brightly from Mugumo-ini Primary School where he excelled in the year 1992. He advanced to Muthithi Secondary School and sat his form four exam in 1996 where he achieved stellar performance. He later joined Maseno University in the year 1998 and graduated in the year 2002. He also graduated with a bachelors degree in Military Science in the year 2015 from Egerton University. Later, he attained a masters degree in Diplomacy and Security Studies from Nazarene University. In the year 2022 he graduated with a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations from the University of Nairobi

### **MILITARY CAREER**

The late Lt. Col. Martin Mburu's 22 years career in the military begun humbly at Kenya Military Academy in 2003 when he was recruited after graduating from Maseno University. He was commissioned to the rank of Second Lieutenant in 2004 upon completion of Cadet training and posted to Moi Air Base where he continued to work diligently. He held various appointments in the Military such as Technical Officer in Moi Air Base, Defence Intelligence Academy (DIA) as a Senior Instructor, Commanding Officer of Technical Intelligence Battalion among many others and finally before his demise he worked at Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)- defence Headquarters.

### **FAMILY LIFE AND DEVOTION**

The late Lt Col Martin Mburu met with the love of his life, Madam Mary Karimi in 2006. Their union was defined by beautiful friendship, respect and sincere love. They shared countless moments of joy, laughter and companionship and were blessed with children namely Jediel Peter Njagi, Emmanuel Murimi, Mark Mwaura and Tamar Njoki-Kamau. As a responsible father, he made time to create quality experiences and memories with his wife and children amidst his busy schedule. He was a husband, brother, son and a friend committed to the wellness of his entire family. Through him, family ties were strengthened and many family members were elicited by his kindness. The Late Lt Col Martin Mburu was an active member of Catholic Church where he made immense contribution till his demise.

### **ILLNESS, DEMISE AND ETERNAL LEGACY**

The Late Lt Col Martin Mburu was taken ill on 29th December 2025 and was rushed to Moi Air Base Aviation hospital to receive treatment. He was later transferred to Defence Forces Memorial Hospital where he succumbed peacefully on 30th December 2025 at 10am aged 47 years. He is survived by his wife Mary Karimi and Children.

*We the family accepts God's will and give thanks for the time we have shared with you.  
You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith.  
In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you remain forever.  
Rest in Eternal Peace Lt Col Martin Mburu*

# TRIBUTES



## 1. TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

My husband, my friend, my partner in life — today I stand with a heart full of love, gratitude, and deep sorrow. I knew you were the one for me more than 20 years ago when came to look for me wearing a cream T-shirt with the bible verse: “I press on toward the goal to win the price for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:14) after we had met at a youth forum.

You were more than a husband to me; you were my safe place, my strength, and my greatest support. You walked beside me with patience, wisdom, and quiet courage. In moments of joy, you celebrated with me. I will miss the nights when you used to play guitar and sing love songs to me. In moments of difficulty, you stood firm and reminded me that we would overcome together. Our home was stronger because of your presence, your unwavering support and your guidance.

As a father, you were very intentional. You taught through actions more than words; encouraging our children to pursue their dream careers and hobbies. You emphasized to our children on the importance of being holistic individuals, in addition to achieving academic excellence. You personally taught them how to play golf, guitar, chess and farming. You supported them to join clubs in school like 4K club, wild life club, coding and swimming.

As a leader, you played a major role in the extended family in ensuring that there was peace and unity.

You were a man of character; hardworking, principled, and generous in many ways. You loved deeply, gave selflessly, and carried responsibility with humility. Though my heart aches at your absence, I am grateful for every moment we shared, every lesson learned, and every memory that will forever live in my heart. You may be gone from my sight, but never from my life. Your legacy lives on in the values you instilled, the lives you touched, and the love you gave so freely. I will endeavor to carry on with the principles and the values you upheld in our home and our extended family.

You are gone from our sight but never from our hearts. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. Rest in peace my love.

## 2. TRIBUTE FROM THE CHILDREN

Daddy,

We will always remember you in different ways for you have shown us love differently. We will remember and miss your loving warm smiles that you showed us every morning when you greeted us; “Morning boys and girl!”

You spent a lot of quality time with us. We will miss the long walks we took with you every morning along the entire perimeter fence during the weekends and school holidays. In the evenings you walked with mum. During the walks, you taught us to always be focused and this was demonstrated by how you asked the distance and average time to get back to the house and discouraged anyone from coming back to the house and this taught us that there is no shortcut in life. You taught us how to ride bicycles, play golf, chess & the guitar, and supported us to learn skating and swimming. We will value the life skill that you taught us on “SWOT” which entailed:

- Acknowledging our Strengths
- Dealing with our Weaknesses
- Working on our Options and Opportunities, and
- Avoiding the Threats

You went ahead to help each on us to identify and safeguard our strengths and apply these in our day to day life. You always insisted that farming should be and is a basic requirement for us, something that we have learned to embrace. We will cherish the family drives to the shamba, planting trees, weeding and most of all the playful part where we used to run down to stream and collect clay to make pots.

Working hard in school is something that you always insisted on. You told us stories of your primary education and we admired how smart and hardworking you were in school. We will cherish how you celebrated our academic success by rewarding us with outings, airtime bundles and putting our photos of our achievements and awards on your ‘WhatsApp Status’. This showed how passionate you were about our success. You advised us on the best careers according to our academic capabilities and talents and in fact you often addressed us by our career professional titles. We will strive to live up to those titles.

You disciplined us with a lot of love. You always gave us a chance when we made mistakes but when we repeated the same mistake, one could not escape a thorough beating. This showed us that you never spared nor spoiled the child as the bible commands. One day we had all left our bicycles carelessly outside, and we had to bring them in at night each one of us escorting their bike and carrying their own cane to reinforce the lesson of the day.

Dad, we will cherish the memories that we shared and endeavor to become the best versions of ourselves and to take care of our mum.

**We will miss you Dad;  
forever in our hearts till we meet again  
Njagi, Murimi, Mwaura and Njoki**

# TRIBUTES

## 3. MUM

As I look back on your life, my heart overflows with pride only a mother can know. As a child, you were obedient and soft-hearted, never seeking conflict and never fighting, always choosing peace and kindness.

I remember how you would complete your chores at home without being asked, showing a hardworking and responsible nature long before you became an adult. You also loved order and keeping your things neat.

You maintained friendships from as far back as nursery school, a testament to your steady and faithful character. Alongside those friends, you shared a deep and loving bond with your siblings, always coming through for them in times of joy and sorrow.

You were passionate about education, and seeing you graduate from university was one of the proudest moments of my life. Watching you become; from finding the job you loved with dedication to meeting and marrying the love of your life, and raising my grandchildren; filled my heart with immeasurable joy and pride. Your steadfast faith and believe in God shaped the man you were.

As your late father and I grew older, you cared for us with unwavering devotion, ensuring we were fully provided for and lacked nothing.

Thank you, my son, for a lifetime of love, service, and beautiful memories. You were a blessing from the very beginning, and your legacy will live in our hearts forever. Please say hello to your father, my beloved husband, and your brothers. May Almighty God grant you everlasting peace. I miss you every day.  
With all my love, Mum

## 4. SIBLINGS

Kamau, we remember you as a neat and smart man, a trait you carried from childhood into adulthood.

Even as a young boy, you liked things to be orderly and well arranged, and you always believed in planning ahead. You lived life with intention; never careless and always thoughtful about the next step.

You were a calm and quiet soul. Even when angered, you never raised your voice. Instead, you chose silence, composure, and wisdom over noise. Your gentleness was your strength, and your calm nature brought peace to those around you.

You had a deep love for education, and in that regard, you were the first in our family to attend university and graduate; a feat we are immensely proud of. From a young age, you understood the importance of friendships and maintained meaningful relationships throughout your life. You loved the church and found peace and guidance through faith in God.

Losing you leaves a void that cannot be filled, and your character, values, and quiet strength will forever live in our hearts. We will always cherish the brother you were to us and the example you set for our family.

May your soul rest in eternal peace, our dear brother.

## 5. NEPHEWS AND NIECES

Dear Uncle,

It is so hard to talk about you now that you are gone. We would need days upon days to speak about a great man and hero like you. We always thought you were immortal, but God has a very funny sense of humour, He plucks the best flowers.

Growing up, we always looked up to you in so many ways. You had a calm and collected aura. Uncle, you would correct us in a very soft and composed tone; you would never shout, yet the message was always deep and objective. Our dear uncle you were meticulously smart, both in dressing and your way of thinking.

Uncle, you valued education so much, and you were the first person in our family to go to university and graduate. This inspired most of us to pursue learning. You showed up for all our graduations and functions without fail. You genuinely showed interest in what was going on in our lives every time you interacted us and always encouraged us to better ourselves in all aspects of life. Uncle, you had everyone's best interests at heart and supported many of us in the best way that you could. We will miss your hearty laughter. Christmas and holidays at Cucus will never be the same again.

Thank you for selflessly sharing yourself with us. Thank you for the huge impact you had on our family. You leave behind a big void, and we pray to God to help and guide us as we try to fill it. Thank you for the beautiful memories and life lessons you created with each one of us, we will carry them with us for the rest of our lives.

Dearest uncle, we loved you in life and we love you in death. As we say goodbye, may the good Lord receive you into the bosom of His loving arms and watch over us until we meet again.  
Rest in perfect peace, Uncle Kamau.

## APPRECIATION

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support you have given us following the passing on of Lt Col Martin Kamau Mburu 'psc' (K). We are touched by your words of comfort and encouragement, the visits, prayers, giving both financially and in kind, attending the prayers daily and joining us for the funeral. Our prayer for you is that the Lord would refresh you as you have refreshed us. (*Prov 11:25*).

Thank you and God bless you