



To my love, Major Kibati

I first met you, Major Kibati when you came to our home with your friends to look for me. At first, I ignored you. You met my dad who told you that you could continue visiting as long as you would meet his expectation. The rest is history as they say.

Major Kibati, you were so protective of your family and everyone around you. You loved our kids so much and I shall continue emulating you and I shall not let you down through God's grace and guidance. May God grant me wisdom.

You told me that the world was mine to explore and I did not need to consult you. You gave me the freedom to do whatever I wanted as long as it met the minimum expectations. We were great friends and I thank God for you. You used to call me "Inyaa kovuvuu, ula wi ndalani yakwa nuu?". Then I could answer, "Ula Uingi nuu, ateolinye"? I shall miss these moments dearly.

You gave us all the love and care we wanted. You would always pay holidays for us even when you were unavailable. You sacrificed and spoiled us so much and we were always and shall forever be grateful. You always wanted the very best of me and our family.

You were very selfless such that if you were here today, and asked who should suffer this world wide beast Covid -19, you would say of course, "It's me!"

We shall always cherish every moment we were with you because you were our father.

Sleep well.

Fare Thee Well

Major, Daudi Kibati Kimuyu (Rtd)
Captain, Kenya Airways



1958 - 2020



Guiding principle; when we build, let us think that we are building forever. Let it be such works as our descendants will thank us for. And let us think, as we lay stone upon stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be sacred because our hands have touched them. *John Ruskin*

Songs

CHAKUTUMAINI SINA

1. Chakutumaini 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*

2. Njia yangu iwe ndefu
Yeye hunipa wokovu
Mawimbi yakinipiga
Nguvu zake ndiyo nanga

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

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

YILA SOO WA NGAI WIVUVWA

Yila soo wa Ngai wivivwa na ivinda ya thela
Twoona kwakya kwai muthenya wukite
Alaovosye makyumbana munganisyo wa kikw'u
Yesu esia asu nivo ngethwa nyie

Soo wavuvwa tukawiwa
Yesu ooka tukithauwa
Kuya iulu tukyumbanw'a
Twina Yesu nakwa nivo ngethwa nyie

Ala akw'u me anyuve makasyukw'a kioko kyu
Naa twi vaa na thayu tukialyulwa mii
Tukukwatwa vamwe namo, tukithauwa ni Yesu
Onthe makitalwa nivo ngethwa nyie

Twithing'iisye kuthukuma wia wa Mwiai Yesu
Tukyonany'a wendo wake na manee
Na twamina wia witu na mathayu kuku nthi
Tukutuvw'a iulu, nivo ngethwa nyie

Twii wiani wake Yesu , ni utanu munene,
Kutavany'a ndeto syake,nuseo
Na muminukilyo wa nthi tukaenda ituni
Vala ve Mwiai tukathume.

TWAVIKA KWA MUSUMBI

Twavika kwa Musumbi tukaina
na alaika Tukaina,tukaina
twavika musyi kwake tukamutaia we,
tukaina na muyo.

*Twavika mbee wa Yesu
Tukaina na alaika,tuimukatha
Musumbi,Aleluya,Aleluya
Taungamite,Mbee wake*

Tweew'a soo ukivuvwa
Tukamwona musumbi tukaina
Tukaina woo witu ukathela
Tuimukatha we weka
tukaina na muyo

We Yesu ndongoeasya wambita
Nuke kwaku Tukaina, tukaina
Unengae vinya waku niendanasye
Naku kyalo kyonthe kithela.

Family Poem

Where do we begin dad
Your attributes are beyond what our words can express
You remind us of Moses in the bible
 who God called the most humble man who ever lived
Your humility, many can attest to
You remind us of the teachings of Jesus when He said love your neighbors;
Only, you went beyond being just a loving neighbor
You became everything for anyone and everyone who needed you
When we needed advise, you were the wise counselor
When we needed understanding, you became the friend;
 down to the level of each and every person
When we needed a provider, you went far and beyond;
 never withholding what's within your means
When we were in conflict, you became the mediator and not even once, judging
A loving dad, compassionate friend, husband, son, brother, and granddad!
Whom do we turn to?

And now that it's time to say goodbye, sorrow grips us
Your warmth, smile, voice, laughter; how can we go on dad
Yet we know that it is for love that you chose the lonely way out;
 though in hope of seeing us again
But this be sure; that forever your legacy will live on
The lives you touched, far and beyond your bloodline;
To where your arms could reach, you embraced many
And now, many hearts ache with sadness! Many eyes fill with tears
Who do we turn to?

We turn to the One who first loved us
Our hope and faith remain steadfast looking on to Him, the author of our lives!
We remain in the blessed of hope of waking up in Christ and seeing you again
As we soldier on to meet Him too someday, He is our faith and Trust
In His arm you are now safe and secure; rest assured that He is watching over us

It is till we met again Daddy. We loved you but He loved you most!

Program

Burial service

Saturday 4th April 2020

Mavindini village; Kitui rural sub-county; Kitui County

Order of service	
Master of ceremony; Pius Kakumu	
Departure from Lee funeral home;	6:00 AM
Stop over;	9:30 AM
Arrival at Mavindini;	11:00 AM
Eulogy;	12.00 Noon
Tributes;	
Family (Wife, sons, daughters & brothers);	12.30 PM
Employer (Kenya airways);	1:00 PM
Friends (Mukatai);	1:15 PM
Local administration;	1:30 PM
Neighbor;	1:45 PM
Laying wreath;	2:00 PM
Service/ Mass;	2:30 PM
Vote of thanks;	3:30 PM
Procession to the grave yard	3:45 PM



EULOGY

Tributes

Early Life

The late Major Captain Daudi Kimuyu Kibati was born in 1958 in Mombasa. He was the first born child of the Late Private James Kibati Kimuyu and the late Damaris Nzangi Kibati. He was a step son to Juliana Kailu Kibati

He was a brother to Mary Kibati (deceased), Felistus Kibati (deceased), Geoffrey Mumo, Lawrence Nyamu, Felix Mwikya (deceased), Fred Mbua and Arnold Mwangangi.

He was a step brother to Joseph, Nduku, Janet and Mutua. The late Captain was Uncle to Austin Kibati, Sharon Nzangi, Kiema, Mwinza, Kioko, Amara, Nephew to Kasua, Mbambo, Kailu , Wanzia, Mutave (Late), Nzula (Late) and Kusua (Late). The late Major was cousin to Musembi (Late), Peter, Kathini, Tom and William.

He was neat, a strict disciplinarian and never fell out of good character.

Education

He attended Nduu- Ndune Primary School and sat for his CPE in 1972. He then proceeded to Kitui High School for his O- levels until 1976. His outstanding academic prowess propelled him into his career a year later. Major (Rtd) Daudi Kibati later graduated with a degree in Law from the University of London on 5th March 2019.



Brothers;

Our hearts ache with sadness and fears abound. What it means to lose you our dear brother, Daudi, no one will ever know. You never said “I am leaving or goodbye”, you were gone before we knew it. You were remarkable in so many ways and touched many lives through your generosity. You denied yourself a lot to educate all of us. Talk to us throughout our lives till we meet again. Rest in eternal peace.



Scholastica Mwangangi

Ba... since I came into this family in 2008, you have been my source of hope and happiness. Your love and guidance made you an angel to me & my family. May our good Lord rest your soul in eternal peace. Till we meet again.

Getrude

Kibati my guardian, brother and a great friend.....you were a great dad to Gadhi, Pop -C, a loving husband to my sister Jane and a great brother to me. Thank you for always being a great support system and offering guidance to life whenever I needed it. I'm not sure what direction life will take without your advice, the laughter and above all the mentorship. May you watch over us every day of our lives. Komanesa dad, my brother till we meet again.



Austin

Dear big uncle,
You were so far my best uncle I ever had. I will forever remember you and tell little Amara of your great legacy you left behind.
Rest in peace, I will forever love you



Frank

Grandpa you are my hero, you taught me how to play chess and scrabble. You also taught me how to face the challenges of life with courage. I promise you to work hard and be like you. I love you grandpa.
Rest in internal peace



Tributes

Paul Kibati (son)

Humility and respect, important virtues that you instilled in my character that have guided me well so far and virtues that I will carry for the rest of my life. A quiet life you lived, showing kindness and assisting anybody and everyone who requested for you

hand for you knew that you will only walk this path of life only once. You are the greatest Dad, role model and my true north, loved immensely by all and we will dearly miss you. Rest in eternal peace and continue to watch us from the skies as above as you always done.

Love Gandhi



Sebastian Kibati Kimuyu

I have lost my mentor, my role model, my go to person my friend; though words may fail me, still I know the memories of you will keep me going as I wish with all my heart that I can see you one more time. But in all this I celebrate your selflessness, your kindness, your generosity, your love.

From time to time you called us for family meetings and our last born Pope –C has been the convener. You would table an issue and ask us to contribute. You never dictated to us, you respected all irrespective of their age and rank in the family, you were a really tolerant dad .Can't forget how much you trusted me with some family responsibilities a testament of the man you encouraged me to be.

I will carry on with strength knowing that you are in better place. Till we meet again dad.



Angella Mutindi Kimuyu & Beatrice Ndaisi

Dad you meant so much us to, words cannot express the pain of losing you.

We have had to accept God's will because He is the Author and Finisher our Lives.

We have chosen to count on the blessing of having you and appreciate the sacrifice you made to make us turn out to be the women we are today. You did not withhold anything from us to acquire the very best in education, material and moral support in every way.

Your wise counsel will forever remain embedded on our heart and minds.

Till we meet again; na koma na muuo.

Caesar Mutua (son)

Well I'm just being honest that my conscience is not doing bad because you taught me to always minus all the problems I attract and half the time that's what wheels in my mind. And that I should keep on turning until the tires are flat and the fire cracks.

When I was stuck between a rock and a hard place, you walked and dropped a big change in my empty guitar case; that is charity. I move carelessly and that way I am always tripping, I guess like electrolytes, you have always helped me walk the distance albeit inefficiently. Until the day we again. R.I.P.



Military Career

In 1977 the late major (Rtd) Daudi Kibati, joined the Kenya Air force as Flight Officer Cadet. He rose through the ranks as; 1st Lieutenant (1977-1979), Lieutenant (1980 – 1983), captain (1983 – 1990) and finally became Major between 1991-1994. On 18th January 1994 he voluntarily retired to do commercial flying.

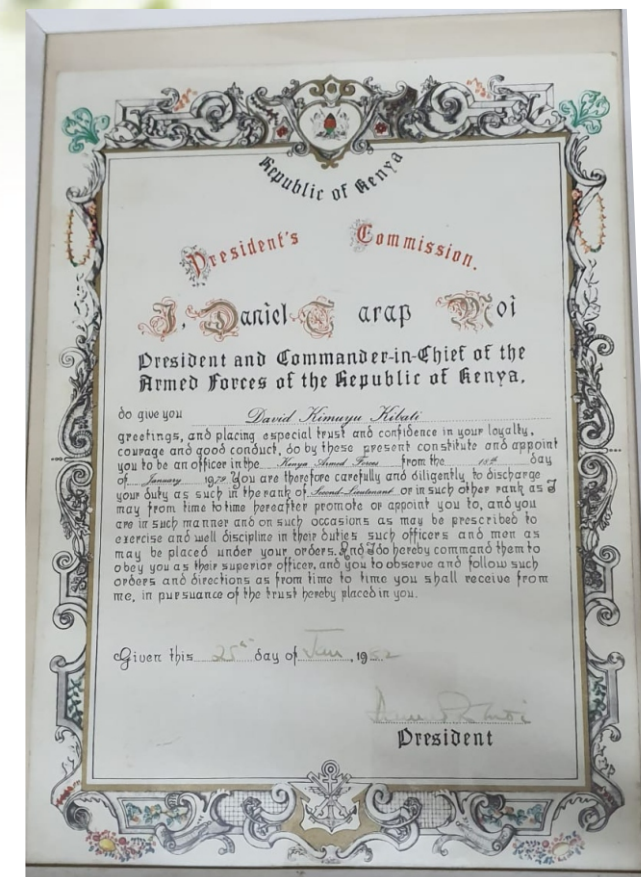


Aviation Career

In 1994, the late Major (Rtd) Daudi Kibati joined the Wilson Airport as a commercial pilot where he worked with; Track Mark Aviation, Queensway Air Services and Transworld Aviation until 2003. Between 2003 & 2020 the late major (Rtd) worked for Kenya Airways. He rose through the ranks from a pilot to captain with B737 and B787 series.



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TITLES AND CORPS

1980 SQN pilot strike LAB FW
1983 SQN pilot HAWK-Laikipia airbase
1988 QF1 strike SQN Laikipia air base
1990 Base OPS OFFR
1991 DC TUCANO SQN, MAB

HONORS AND AWARDS

Kenyatta Comm medal
Presidential instructor medal
20th Anniversary medal
25th Anniversary medal
10th Great Years of Nyayo Era medal

Last Moments

The late Maj (rtd) Captain Daudi Kibati was someone whose patriotism was beyond question from the days in the Kenya Airforce. Therefore when duty called to fly to New York to evacuate citizens of Kenya and other countries arose, he did his duty with diligence as always.

He flew from New York on Monday 13th March 2020 arriving in Nairobi on Tuesday 14th March aboard the Boeing 787 dreamliner. He was in good spirits as usual and following the government directives, he was placed under quarantine at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel together with his colleagues and passengers.

While in quarantine, he began to feel unwell which led him to be transferred to Nairobi Hospital on Sunday 29th April. He remained in the hospital receiving treatment until Wednesday 1st April 2020 when he went to meet his maker.



Marriage and family

He was a loving husband to Jane Mwende Kibati and together were blessed with children. He was a caring Dad of Dr. Paul Kibati, Caesar Mutua, Sebastian Kibati and Angeline Mutindi and a loving grand-father to many. He was Father in love to Beatrice Ndaisi.

