

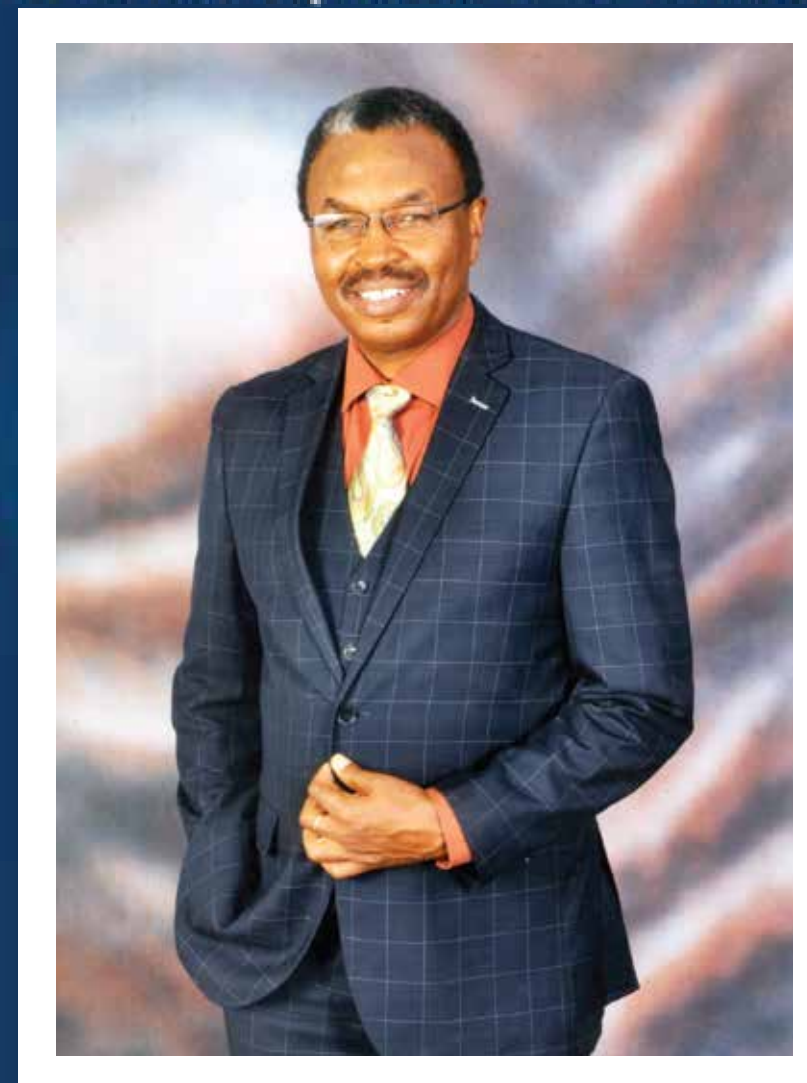


Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD
surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Psalms 125:1



Celebration Of Life



FRANCIS GITAU MUNGAI

March 1957 – June 2024

Friday August 23rd 2024

All Saint's Cathedral Church Nairobi



John 11: 25-26

**I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,
even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die.**

23RD AUG 2024

Order Of Service

1. Service leader Rev Ignitius Malimo
2. Processional sentence
3. Opening prayers.
4. Hymn
5. Psalms 91 Mr. Dick Gichohi
6. Eulogy Mr. Jonas Kamau Munga
Waithira King'atua
7. Family Tributes
 - (a) Wife Nancy Gitau
 - (b) Daughter Wambui Gitau
 - (c) Son Kariuki Gitau
 - (d) Brothers Mr Andrew Ng'ang'a Mungai
 - (e) Nancy's Siblings Susan Maira
 - (f) Nephews and Nieces (Mungai)
Mrs Josephine Kihui
 - (g) Nephews and Nieces (Gichohi)
Ms Diana Gichohi
 - (h) Family song (Nitaingia lango lake na sifa moyoni)
8. Friends
 - (a) Mr. Julius Mugo
 - (b) QS Mwai Mathenge (BORAQS)
9. Colleagues
 - (a) Aaki Consultants Architect Kariuki Muraya
 - (b) Architectural Society of Kenya Arch Florence Nyole
 - (c) Presbyterian University of East Africa (PUEA) Rep
 - (d) Family bank Dr. T.K Muya
10. Readings
 - 1st Readings (Rev. 21:1-8) Dr. Serah Gathu
 - 2nd Reading (John 11:25-26) Mr Stephen Mungai
11. Hymn
12. Sermon Rev Ignitius Malimo
13. Prayer for the family
14. Vote of thanks & Benediction Mr. Charles Nguri Mungai

Songs/Nyimbo

In the cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream—
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

**In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

Blessed assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Great is Thy faithfulness,

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside



At work function



EULOGY

EARLY LIFE

The late Francis Gitau Mungai was born on March 10th 1957 in Gikuni Village, Kirangari Sub location within Kiambu County. He was the eighth born child of the late Mr. Stephen Mungai Kinyanya and Josephine Wambui Mungai. His siblings were the late David Njoroge Mungai, the late Mrs. Mary Wanjiku Munga, the late Joseph King'atua Mungai, the late James Mbugua Mungai, and the late Grace Njeri Haiyae. He is survived by Peter Kuria Mungai (USA), Charles Nguri Mungai, and Andrew Ng'ang'a Mungai. He grew up as a normal child in a loving prayerful home and engaged himself in normal activities appertaining to the children of his age at the time.

EDUCATION

The late Francis Gitau Mungai joined Kirangari Primary school in the year 1964 and sat for his Certificate of Primary Education Examination (CPE) in the year 1971. He passed well and proceeded to Ruiru High school where he sat the East African Certificate of Education Examination in the year 1975 which he passed with flying colors. He there after proceeded to Nyeri High School where he sat for A-Levels and sat for the East African Certificate of Advanced Education (EAAC) in the year 1978. He again passed with flying colors and was admitted to the University of Nairobi in 1979 where he pursued his Bachelor's in Architecture. He graduated with first class honors in Architecture from the University of Nairobi in 1984.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

He started his career in architecture immediately after his graduation in 1984 with Triad Architects as an Assistant Architect for 2 years up to 1986 after which he joined University of Nairobi as an assistant lecturer. He thereafter proceeded to the University of California Los Angeles where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Urban Design from the University of California Los Angeles in 1988. During his Masters programme at University of California Los Angeles, he also worked as an assistant architect at UIG Los Angeles Urban Innovations Group (a Charles Moore associated firm).

Thereafter, upon return to Kenya after his Post graduate studies he briefly worked as a Senior Architect with Triad Architects between 1988 and 1989. He thereafter moved to Mehrnaz Ehsani Consulting Architects as a Senior Architect between 1989 and 1991. In 1992 he started Aaki Consultants as a founding partner where he practiced until his demise. His immense contribution to the built environment is profoundly evidenced in Kenya, the Eastern Africa region and abroad.

TEACHING PROFESSION

Arch. Francis started his teaching career immediately after his graduation in 1984 when he became a tutorial fellow, at University of Nairobi in the Department of Architecture. After completing his masters, he became a senior lecturer at the same university where he taught until 2016 when he resigned. He taught Urban Design, Architectural Design and Professional Practice and Management. As a senior lecturer he was appointed as an examiner in various roles such as an external examiner for Architecture Department at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) between 2009 to 2014; as an oral examiner appointed by the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors between 2000 and 2005 and as a professional examiner for Architects and Quantity Surveyors for Architectural Association of Kenya between 1990 and 1991.

LEADERSHIP ROLE IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)

Arch. Francis became a council member in AAK between 1990 and 1992; and thereafter between 2000-2002, he became Treasurer of Architects Chapter of AAK, he also became Chairman of the Architects' Chapter of AAK between 2001 and 2005. Between 2003 and 2007 he became the Chairman of the Organization. He also served as the Chairman of Board of Trustees in the organization between 2012 and 2016.

Commonwealth Association of Architects

Arch. Francis was appointed as the Vice President (Alternate) of Commonwealth Association of Architects, East African Region between 2003 and 2007, thereafter he served as the Chairman, Commonwealth Association of Architects, Vice President in the whole of Africa between 2007 and 2010.

Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS)

Arch. Francis, was appointed as a member of Education Board of BORAQS between 2000 and 2006.

Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)

Arch. Francis, was also appointed as the Chairman of Physical Infrastructure Board of KEPSA between 2006 and 2011.

Mt. Kenya South Diocese

Arch. Francis, was appointed as the Chairman, Faculty Advisory Committee of Board of Finance of the Diocese between 2005 and later as a member of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese between 2010 and 2018.

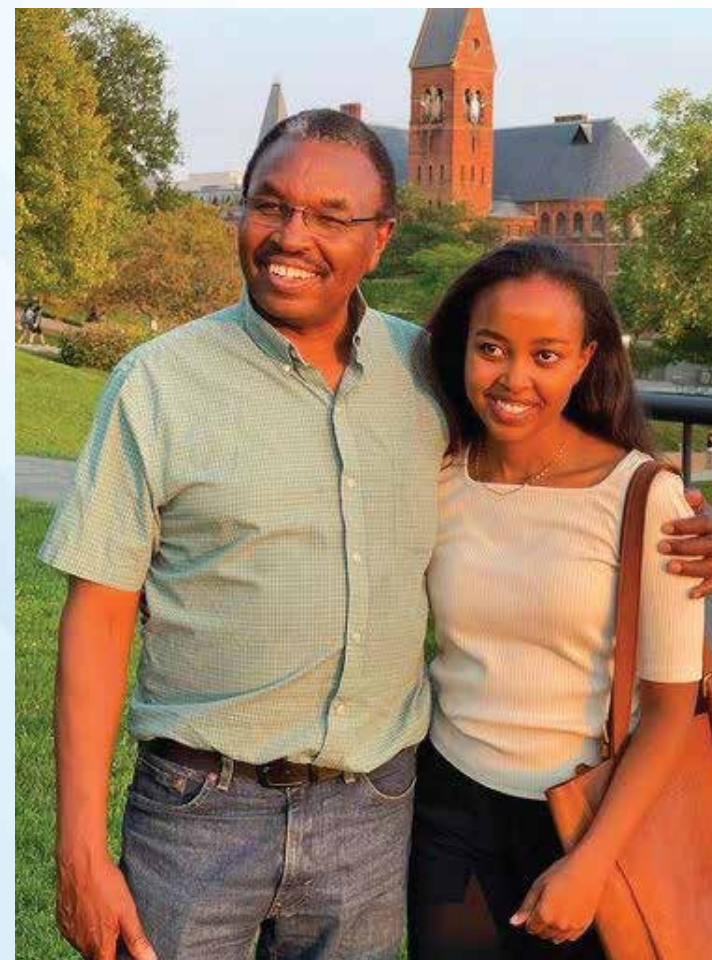
Runda Association

Between 2012 and 2016, Arch. Gitau served as the Chair, Environmental Committee of the Association.

Family Bank

He was appointed in the Board of Family Bank Limited in 2016 and chaired the Board Credit Committee and Board Human Resource Committee. He was also a member of the Nominations and Governance Committee and Director of Pesa Pap Digital, a subsidiary of the bank.

From 2022, he served as Vice-Chair of the Board and thereafter appointed as Chairman in May 2024.



In USA



With his elder sister



In Eldoret



In Joburg



In Nyeri at a family function

National Housing Corporation

Arch. Francis was appointed as the Chairman of the institution where he served for a term of 3 years between 2015 and 2018.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Arch. Francis, was given various specific assignments by various institutions at different times as stipulated below

- 2009 Member of the Kenyan Delegation on tour of Global Metropolitan practices in Transport and Urban Governance, assigned task of studying selected cities in North and South America
- 2005 Appointed by the Minister of Roads & Public Works as a member of the committee investigating the collapse of the Ronald Ngala Building in Nairobi
- 2003 Appointed by Ministry of Roads and Public Works and Housing as a member of the Committee for Housing Development Programme.
- 2003 Appointed Independent Observer representing Commonwealth Association of Architects; In accreditation of University of Pretoria by South Africa Institute of Architects.
- 1998 Appointed representative to Common Wealth Association of Architects for Accreditation of Jomo Kenyatta University.

He was a member of the Governing Council of the Presbyterian University of East Africa (PUEA) until his demise.

FAMILY LIFE

The late Arch. Francis Gitau Mungai met the love of his life Nancy Ruguru On Easter 1981 while in university and later married her on Easter of 1989. They were blessed with four children, Dereshe Mungai Gitau, the late Muregi Gitau, Wambui Nasha Gitau and Kariuki Irungu Gitau. Together they worked as a team providing a solid foundation that strengthened the family. He played an active Role in raising his children. He took them to school everyday, taking them to church every week-end, laid the foundation for their careers by exposing them to the world early on. He celebrated their milestones and worked to keep the family together.

FINAL DAYS

After a long bout of illness, bravely borne, Francis Gitau Mungai, was called back home to glory on June 15th 2024. He completed his God given mission on earth and returned to be with his Father. He passed on peacefully surrounded by his wife and children.

It is God who gives and He has taken, may his name be glorified.

Rev 14:13

Blessed are those who die in the lord from now on. Yes, says the spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.



At a Wedding



At Ngong during Christmas



At Upperhill with the children



With his father & mother during his graduation



With mum & brother



Family Re-union



At home with family and friends



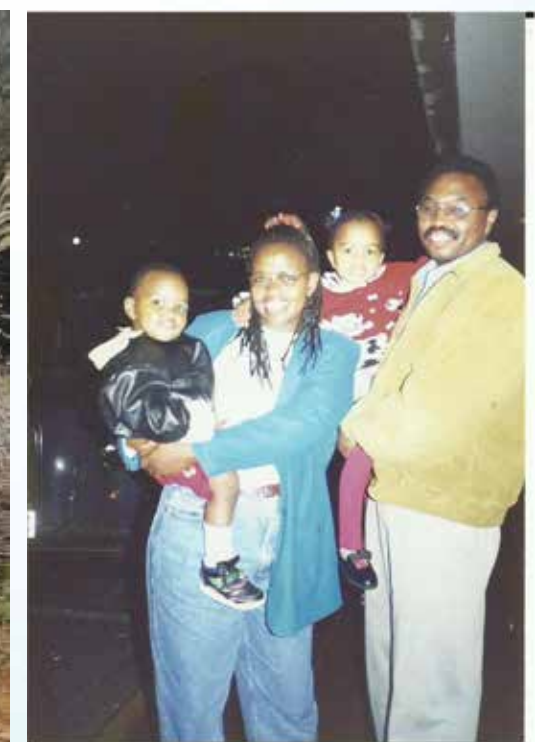
With friends



In Nyeri at a family function



With the family at his farm



At JKIA



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