



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF

MWAI KIBAKI

1931 - 2022



“There is no
greatness where
there is no simplicity,
goodness and truth.”
- Leo Tolstoy

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many [a]mansions; if it were not so, [b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

JOHN 14:1-4



H.E Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H
Third President of the Republic of Kenya



STATE FUNERAL

STATE CEREMONY: LYING IN STATE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS 25/04/2022 - 27/04/2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
07.05 Hrs	Solemn State Procession departs from the Funeral Home to Parliament
07.30Hrs	Troop-In-Line at Parliament Buildings
07.45 Hrs	Reception of the State Funeral Procession at Parliament Buildings
08.00 Hrs	The Casket is mounted on the Catafalque at the Speakers Walk, National Assembly, Parliament.
10:00 Hrs	Arrival of His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H President and Commander-In-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, accompanied by Her Excellency Margaret Kenyatta, EGH The National Anthem E.A.C Anthem
	Musical Honours & Tribute The Choir Sings
	The Committal Service Led by His Imminence John Cardinal Njue Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Nairobi
	His Excellency the President accompanied by the First Lady lead the nation in paying tribute and last respect to the nation's third president.
	One Minute of National Silence
11:30 Hrs	Presidential Retreat The National Anthem
Noon	Paying of last Respects



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THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF KENYA
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NYAYO NATIONAL STADIUM

FRIDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 Hrs	Members of the Public to be seated at the venue
	Musical Honours & Tribute
09:00 Hrs	The Solemn Procession departs from State House for Nyayo National Stadium
10:10 Hrs	Arrival of Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Principal Secretaries, Judges, Members of the National Assembly, Senators, County Governors, The Cabinet, Judges of the Supreme Court, Heads of Arms of Government and His Excellency the Deputy President.
10:20 Hrs	Arrival of Visiting Heads of States and Governments
10:30 Hrs	Arrival of His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H., President and Commander-In-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, accompanied by the First Lady Her Excellency Margaret Kenyatta, E.G.H., The National Anthem The E.A.C Anthem
10:45 Hrs	The State Reception of President Mwai Kibaki's Funeral Procession >> Guard of Honour (Troops-In-Line) >> Procession to the Altar >> Head of State, CDF, VCDF and Svc Comds witness the mounting of the Casket on the Catafalque >> Paying of Last Respects by Visiting Heads of State
11:00 Hrs	The State Funeral Service Requiem Mass in Celebration of the Life of President Mwai Kibaki celebrated by His Grace Arch. Bishop Philip Anyolo assisted by His Grace Arch. Bishop Martin Kivuva. <i>[See Separate Detailed Programme on the Order of Service]</i>
01:00 Hrs	TRIBUTES
14:00 Hrs	Retreat of the Cortege of the late President Mwai Kibaki The National Anthem
14:10 Hrs	His Excellency the President leaves the Nyayo National Stadium followed by other Visiting Heads of States and Governments.
ENDS	

OTHAYA, NYERI

30TH APRIL 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
07:00 - 10:00 Hrs	State Funeral Procession departs for Othaya, Nyeri through Thika-Expressway
	The Cortege lies in repose
10:00 - 13:00 Hrs	The Funeral Mass Order of Mass >> Beginning of Mass and Blessing of the Body >> Entry Procession >> Bible Procession >> First Reading >> Responsorial Psalms >> Second Reading >> The Gospel >> The Homily >> The Holy Communion >> Thanksgiving >> Post Communion Prayer >> Final Commendation >> Prayer for the Family >> Final Blessings >> Eulogy >> Tributes >> Exit Procession
15:00 - 16:00 Hrs	The Interment Ceremony: Final Rites at the Graveside The State Funeral Procession Military Honours: 19 Gun Salute The Committal Prayer Interment Musical Tribute Floral Tributes The President's Othaya Home



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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 wilt 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!

2 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.

3 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 ten thousand beside!



President Mwai Kibaki kneels down to pray
during the Christmas mass at the Holy Ghost
Catholic Cathedral, Mombasa.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

It is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul!

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4 For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His Son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died, to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior
lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He
lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But sweeter still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He
lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He
lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He
reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He
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Mwai Kibaki with
Nobel laureate, Arch
Bishop Desmond Tutu.



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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.
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Praising my Savior all the day long.

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

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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!
2 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.
3 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 thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

3 All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

4 All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

5 All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

YOU RAISE ME UP

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart
burdened be

Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.
You raise me up, so I can stand on
mountains

You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be
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President Mwai Kibaki meets the visiting US Televangelist Bishop T.D. Jakes who paid him a courtesy call at State House Nairobi.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my
righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest
frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely
face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, His covenant, His
blood,
Support me in the whelming
flood;
When all around my soul gives
way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When He shall come with
trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the
throne.



President Mwai Kibaki is received by Raphael Ndingi Mwana a Nzeki, the Archbishop emeritus of Nairobi, during the canonical installation at Holy Family Minor Basilica, Nairobi.



BWANA MUNGU NASHANGAA KABISA

Bwana Mungu nashangaa kabisa,
Nikifikiri jinsi ulivyo,
Nyota, ngurumo, vitu vyote pia,
Viumbavyo kwa uwezo wako.
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu,
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu.
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu.
Nikitembea pote duniani,
Ndege huimba nawasikia,
Milima hupendeza macho sana,
Upepo nao nafurahia.
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu,
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu.
Nikikumbuka vile wewe Mungu,
Ulivyompeleka mwanao,
Afe azichukue dhambi zetu,
Kuyatambua ni vigumu mno.

Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu,
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu.
Yesu Mwokozi atakaporudi,
Kunichukua kwenda mbinguni,
Nitaimba sifa zako milele,
Wote wajue jinsi ulivyo.
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu,
Roho yangu na ikuimbie,
Jinsi wewe ulivyo mkuu.



Mwai Kibaki with evangelical leaders

CHAKUTUMAINI SINA

Cha kutumaini 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.

Njia yangu iwe ndefu,
Yeye hunipa wokovu,
Mawimbi yakinipiga,
Nguvu ndizo nanga.

Kwake Yesu nasimama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama.

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

Kwake Yesu nasimama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama.

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

Kwake Yesu nasimama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama,
Ndiye mwamba ni salama.



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THE MAN

MWAI KIBAKI DEFINING THE MAN

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That Mwai Kibaki was a humble man who loved simplicity is well known. That he was a good and great man is an acknowledged fact. That he cherished truth and fairness is not in doubt. Mwai Kibaki recognized that serving others is life's greatest joy and its ultimate reward. To millions of Kenyans, he was the brightest of a thousand points of light. In him, Kenyans found a reason to hope, the courage to dream, and a man to emulate.

Mwai Kibaki's life story is intertwined with our nation's history. But besides being a story of a Commander-in-Chief of great accomplishments, it is the story of a deeply devoted family man, a beloved son, a dear husband, a cherished father and a grandfather, a treasured brother,

and a dutiful uncle and relative to many.

Mwai Kibaki taught us that public service is noble and necessary. He showed us that one can serve with passion and utmost integrity. In fidelity to our shared humanity he heeded the call to serve his country and never looked back; earning the profound privilege to serve as a teacher, lawmaker, Cabinet Minister, Vice-President, Leader of the Official Opposition, and as President of the Republic of Kenya. He undertook his duties with a distinct sense of civility and dignity and will undoubtedly inspire many in Kenya, East Africa, Africa and beyond for years to come.

For many years, Kibaki has been an avid golfer and Patron of Kenya Golf Union





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Kibaki with his long time friend Munene Kairu and below with John Michuki.



The Minister for Finance and Economic Planning Mr. Kibaki seen receiving a welcome home hug from his wife when he returned to Nairobi from Britain where he and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Njoroge Mungai, successfully negotiated for a 22 million pounds loan.

SUNRISE

Mwai Kibaki was born to Kibaki Githinji and Teresia Wanjiku Githinji on the 15th of November 1931 in Thunguri village, in the present-day Othaya Sub-County in Nyeri County. He was the last-born in a family of six. His siblings are the late Wangui, late Githinji, late Kinyua, Waitherero, late Nderitu and the late Waruguru.

During his childhood, a time when Kibaki and his age-mates routinely engaged in tending goats and calves near home, a peculiar structure erected in the area caught his fancy. He was to learn later that the unusual edifice, constructed by Catholic missionaries, was a sanctuary-cum-school. As fate would have it, young Kibaki ended up being part of the new world that this new phenomenon portended. He attended his preparatory school, dubbed 'Sub A' and 'Sub B' there. At first, his father was a little sceptical about young Kibaki's peculiar venture. However, Kibaki's enthusiasm to become part of a novel adventure was unstoppable. And so his long and illustrious academic enterprise started in earnest.

After successfully completing his foundational schooling, Mwai Kibaki joined Gatuyaini Primary School where he spent two years. Back then there was no telling where this journey would land him. However, being the diligent and bright boy he was, his prospective fortunes were already ascertainable. As it came to pass Mwai Kibaki was destined for greatness.

Those who knew Mwai Kibaki from his childhood days through to his time at Makerere University speak of a man who, right from the start, knew what he wanted to become and the path he wanted to follow to achieve it. Nothing, it would seem, was coincidental or fortuitous about his life. Everything seemed aligned to purposefulness.

Kibaki later joined the Holy Ghost Catholic Missionaries' Karima Mission School, which is today Karima Primary School, for another three years. From there he went to Mathari School (later named Nyeri High School) before joining Mang'u High School.



MWAI KIBAKI'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY



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- **1939** Gatuyaini for two years Sub A and Sub B which was equivalent of Standard one and two or first and second grade.
- **1941** Karima Mission School, close to Othaya town for three more classes of primary School.
- **1944** Mathari School (Now Nyeri High School) where he was for 3 years.
- **-1946**
- **1949** Mang'u High School for O Levels.
- **-1950**
- **1951** Makerere University College in Kampala, Uganda, (now Makerere University) where he studied Economics, History and Political Science where he graduated with a first class honors degree in Economics.
- **1955** After graduation, Kibaki remained in Uganda, working for the Shell Company of East Africa before he then earned a scholarship entitling him to undertake postgraduate studies at any British university. His sterling performance earned him the Shell Prize, the Archer Starrock Prize as well as the Principle Prize for being the best overall student.
- **1956** He chose and enrolled at the London School of Economics, from where he obtained a B.Sc. in Public Finance, with distinction.
- **1958** He went back to Makerere University where he taught as an Assistant Lecturer in the Economics Department until 1961.

HONORARY DEGREES

- **2003** Doctor of Science
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology
- **2004** Doctor of Letters
University of Nairobi
- **2008** Doctor of Science
Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
- **2008** Doctor of Laws
University of Nairobi
- **2010** Doctor of Education
Kenyatta University
- **2012** Doctor of Laws
Kenyatta University
- **2013** Doctor of Humane Letters
Dedan Kimathi University of Technology
- **2016** Doctor of Environmental Studies
Maasai Mara University





DISCOVERING YONDER

It was Mang'u High School that greatly transformed Kibaki's life. Started by Catholic priests, Mang'u High School became the melting pot in which some of the best brains in the country were chaperoned into greatness. The founders of Mang'u High School were keen on establishing an institution firmly anchored in the Catholic faith and fully committed to the pursuit of academic excellence.

After excelling at Mang'u High School, Kibaki joined Makerere University College in Uganda to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, History, and Political Science. He emerged as one of the best students in the Faculty of Arts in 1955, attaining a First Class Honours degree. After graduation, Kibaki was employed at Shell Uganda as an assistant sales manager. He resigned when he secured a scholarship to study for a Bachelor of Science in Public Finance at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). At LSE, Kibaki became the first African to graduate with a First Class

Honours degree.

Mwai Kibaki returned to Makerere as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Economics. The University would years later, in 2012, bestow upon him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree as a testament to his distinguished and outstanding contribution to public service at the national, regional and international levels.

The Tree and its Branches

Just as a farmer plants a small seed which grows to become a large tree with branches that yield a bounty of fruits as well as providing a safe and secure shade, Mwai Kibaki settled back home where he met and wedded Lucy Muthoni in the year 1961. Their union bore them one daughter and three sons - Judy Wanjiku, Jimmy Kibaki, David Kagai, and Anthony Githinji. Today, the home is also filled with seven grandchildren, being: Joy Marie, Ryan Mwai, Kristina Muthoni, Georgio Mwai, Jeremey Mwai, Anna Lisa Muthoni and Liya Rose Muthoni.



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POLITICAL INCLINATION

Makerere was where Mwai Kibaki launched his political career. He was elected chairman of the Kenya Students' Association as well as vice chairman of Makerere Students' Guild during a watershed moment marked by heightened political consciousness right across East Africa. This was a time when the agitation to end colonial domination in Africa was at its peak. Kibaki seized that moment and distinguished himself as a champion of emancipation of the African.

Mwai Kibaki's career as a lecturer lasted between 1958 and 1961 after which he resigned to become the first Executive Officer of the Kenya African National Union (KANU), Kenya's independence party.

Mwai Kibaki put his best foot forward to strengthen KANU for victory in the 1961 elections. KANU garnered 19 out of the 33 elected seats in the House of Representatives.

Mwai Kibaki himself was elected Member of Parliament for Donholm in 1963 and appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the National Treasury. He continued to hold his position as KANU's Executive Officer and gained immense respect across the board much to the chagrin of his adversaries.

Also notable is that Mwai Kibaki was a key architect of the acclaimed "Sessional Paper Number 10 titled African Socialism and its Application to Planning in Kenya." Again, Mwai Kibaki and Tom Mboya in this historic venture together.



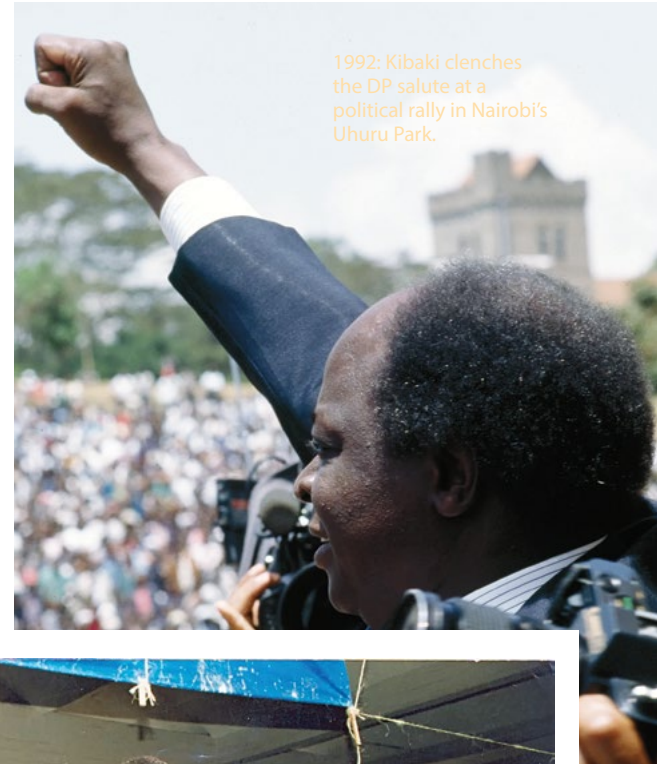
Kibaki immersed himself in the search for a new Constitution by joining other leaders calling for a total overhaul of the Lancaster Constitution. Here he joins opposition leaders Michael Wamalwa Kijana and Martin Shikuku to a rally called by the National Constitution Executive Council, (NCEC). Below, police block Kibaki from attending a pro-change rally.





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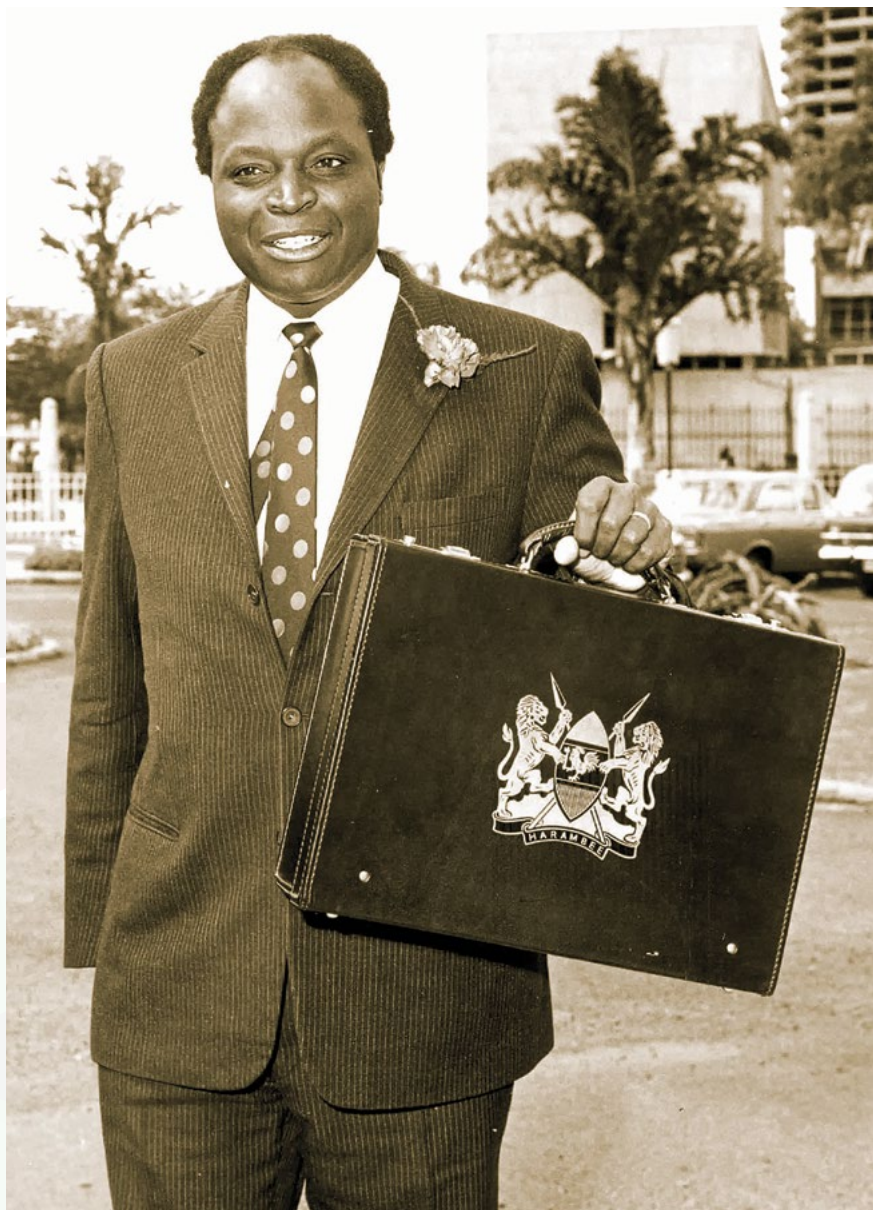


1992: Kibaki clenches the DP salute at a political rally in Nairobi's Uhuru Park.





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1967: Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Mwai Kibaki

JOINING CABINET

Mwai Kibaki became a full Cabinet Minister on May 3, 1966 when he was appointed Minister for Commerce and Industry. He would three years later be appointed to serve his nation as the Minister for Finance. During his tenure at the National Treasury, Kenya recorded a 7 per cent economic growth. As Minister of Finance, Mwai Kibaki guided the country through a global economic downturn and managed to steady the fortunes of a relatively young economy to safe shores.

Given Kibaki's notable exploits in the arena of leadership, former World Bank President Robert McNamara described him as one of the "greatest economic brains to have emerged from Africa." Kibaki's former lecturer at Makerere, Professor Kenneth Ingham believed that had Kibaki stayed long enough in academia, he would have ended up as President of the World Bank.





Kibaki's tenure as Minister for Finance was tested during the 1973-74 oil crisis. As the price of fuel rocketed, Kibaki was off to the streets to spur confidence that Kenya's economy would not falter. He would meet industrialists and other stakeholders to help spur economic growth.



JUNE 1966: Mr Kibaki speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Kenya Export Promotion Council at City Hall Nairobi. With him is Mr. Brian H Hobson (left) and Permanent Secretary, Mr Keneth Matiba.



Kibaki with then Vice President, Mr Moi singing Kanu Yajenga nchi after the State luncheon at State House to mark the fourth Madaraka Day. In the picture is Attorney General Charles Njonjo and Cabinet Ministers, Lawrence Sagini and Tom Mboya

A RISING STAR

Upon the demise of the founding father father of the nation, President Jomo Kenyatta's death in 1978, Kibaki became President Daniel arap Moi's Vice President. Kibaki's star was clearly on a climbing trajectory. While at the Ministry of Finance and later as Vice President, Kibaki's adeptness, guided by his economic and fiscal outlook, transformed Kenya's economy. During that period Kenya benefited from a commodities boom propelled by monetary policies that led to consistent economic growth.

Mwai Kibaki represented his people for 50 years, effectively becoming one of the longest-serving MPs in the Commonwealth. That, though, does not mean he did not have antagonists and detractors. His unyielding resolve to succeed and conspicuous political

charm handed him serial victory at the ballot.

In 1988, Mwai Kibaki was moved from the twin docket of Vice President and Minister for Finance to the Ministry of Health. He took this unseemly turn of events in his stride. Neither did he cause a stir nor turn into a rebel. In fact, Kibaki went on to tattoo an indelible mark in the Ministry when he momentarily, waived cost-sharing measures imposed on healthcare service delivery by donors.

The 1980s were uncertain times for politicians. The ruling party, KANU, had tightened its grip on dissenting political voices than ever before. Through this difficult stretch, Kibaki maintained an aura of calmness and decency.





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Leader of Official Opposition in the House

With brilliant debates as the Leader of Official Opposition, Kibaki gave the new office credence and many Kenyans began to understand the crucial role of that office. During the 1997 – 2007 Parliamentary Session, Kibaki served as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and Member of the House Business Committee.

OPPOSITION LEADER

In December 1991 Mwai Kibaki announced his resignation and formed the Democratic Party (DP). He thus started a new political journey.

When Kibaki lost the presidential election in 1992, coming third after the late President Daniel arap Moi and Kenneth Matiba, he found himself in unfamiliar territory - the Opposition. For a man who had been in government all his political life and Vice President for a decade, this presented a new opportunity to serve Kenyans. He even brought fresh wit and humour to the House, and later in his presidency by treating the public to many memorable light moments usually in Swahili.

Kibaki's political triumph finally came in 2002 when the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC) picked him as its preferred presidential candidate. He got more than 65 per cent of the vote. On the 30th of December 2002, Kibaki was sworn in as the Third President of the Republic of Kenya on a wheelchair having survived a near-fatal accident while on the campaign trail hardly a month earlier.

He served as the Head of State and Government until 9th April 2013 when his successor President Uhuru Kenyatta ascended to the Presidency.





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KIBAKI LEADERSHIP IN PICTURES



President Mwai Kibaki receives the former South Africa's President Nelson Mandela who paid him a courtesy call at State House, Nairobi.



Mwai Kibaki During a State visit to the Middle East.





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Presidents Mwai Kibaki, Pierre Nkurunziza (Burundi), Jakaya Kikwete (Tanzania), Yoweri Museveni (Uganda), Paul Kagame (Rwanda) and Amani Abeid Karume (Zanzibar) pose for a group photograph after the 8th Summit of EAC Heads of State at A.I.C.C, Arusha, Tanzania.





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INKING HISTORY... THE INDELIBLE MARK

No doubt a leading figure in Kenya's post-independence history, Mwai Kibaki won countless hearts of Kenyans. He has many admirers right across the globe. Fondly referred to in several quarters as the gentleman of Kenyan politics, Kibaki will be remembered as an insightful and eloquent debater with a unique sense of humour.

After Kenya dumped the single party system in the early 1990s, Kibaki became a leading light in nurturing a political culture of vibrant multi-party democracy. The ruling party was kept on its toes with Kibaki on the wheel as leader of the Official Opposition. His role in shaping multiparty democracy is etched in Kenya's history.

Once Kibaki became President, his government introduced critical reforms in the education sector foremost of which was the globally acclaimed Free Primary Education Programme. His administration also instituted comprehensive infrastructure developments in the transport and energy sectors. Access to better healthcare took a new turn during Kibaki's tenure. Kibaki will be remembered for championing the promotion of policies that promoted economic and social empowerment, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

At the regional level, Kibaki was at the forefront in supporting the objectives of the East African Community Common Market of trade liberalization for the citizens of the partner states of the East African Community. His commitment and conviction in matters of economic empowerment went beyond Kenya.

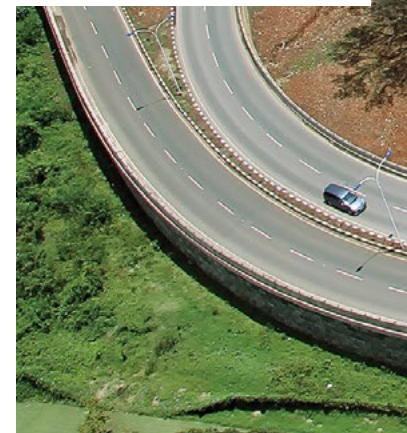
Perhaps one of the most memorable achievements of the Kibaki era is the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution that ushered in a new dispensation whose far-reaching effects have redefined how Kenya is governed today. For two



President Kibaki witnesses the packaging of French Beans for export.

decades, Kenyans had expressed their wish to change the Constitution the country had inherited at the dawn of independence in 1963. It had been an elusive goal; at Kibaki's first attempt, it did not fly. It was on his second attempt, in his second term, that it was finally realised. During its promulgation in August 2010, Kibaki termed the achievement "the boldest step the Kenyan people have taken towards changing their lives". Kenya's 2010 Constitution is definitely a huge part of the Mwai Kibaki legacy.

In retrospect, Mwai Kibaki's servant-leader credentials offer seminal lessons on how best to negotiate a more rewarding future to posterity. Kenya is today more desirable in numerous ways courtesy of the solid foundation built by an exemplary icon who no doubt loved his motherland.





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Vision 2030 reality

Vision 2030 has been Kenya's economic blueprint for the last 10 years. The objective is to make the country a middle-income nation and this involves building of infrastructure such as the Thika Superhighway, the provision of clean energy and expansion of education institution among others. It also involves harnessing of resources and expanding both the manufacturing and industrial base of the country. The Vision 2030 has seen the revival of collapsed industries such as the Kenya Meat Commission. As the last 10 years have shown, Vision 2030 is no longer a pipe-dream but a reality.



2006: President Mwai Kibaki presents the Mace, an instrument of authority to the Chairman of the Methodist University Council, Bishop Rev. Dr. Stephen Kanyaru during the Award of Charter.



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President Kibaki flags of the construction of a Project as part of Vision 2030.



Mwai Kibaki visits maternity ward at Kenyatta National Hospital.



President Kibaki opens a road project.





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Cabinet Minister Raphael Tuju (left) explains a point to President Kibaki.



During his first term, President Kibaki joins agricultural officials, Minister Kipruto Kirwa (right) in a GMO laboratory.



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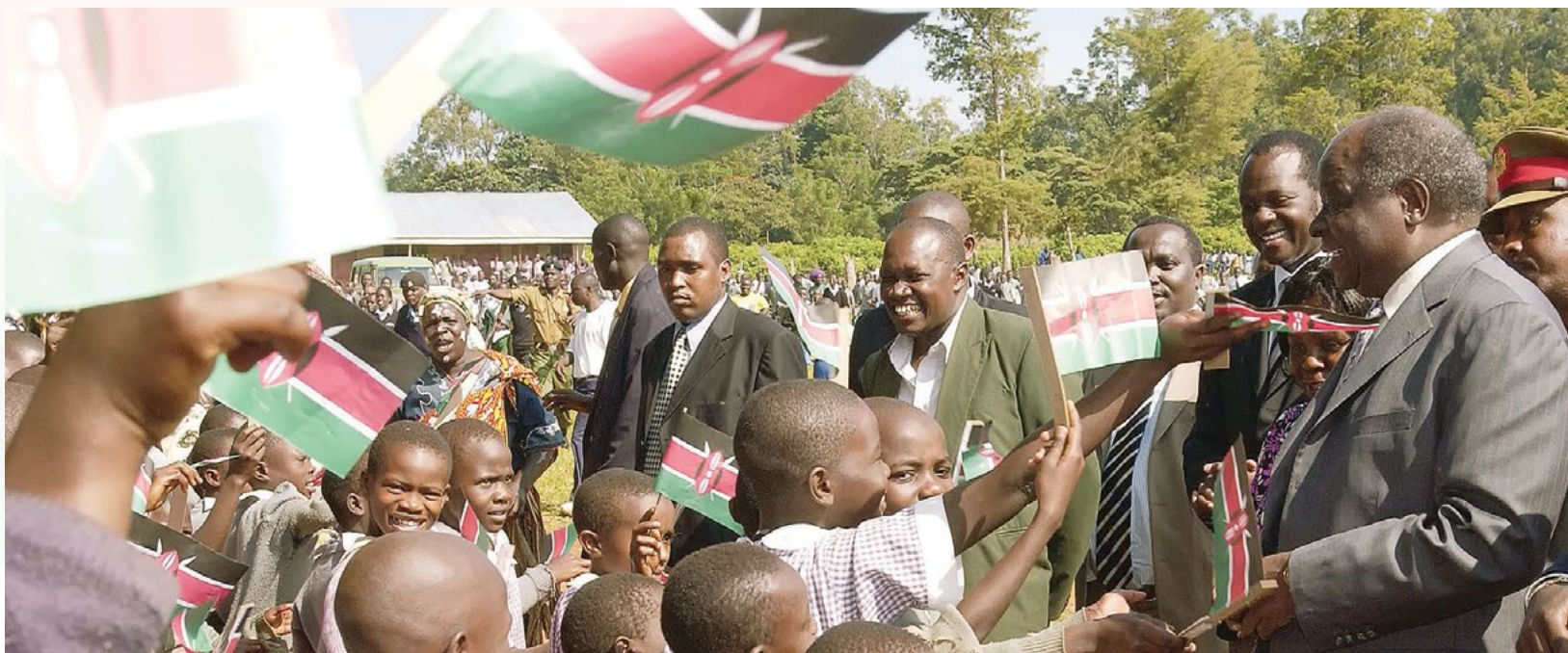


On the left, he gives a polio vaccine to a child . Above, he meets with Ministry of Health workers and below with industrialist, Mr Manu Chandaria and his wife.



President Mwai Kibaki is received by Raphael Ndingi Mwanja Nzeki, the Archbishop emeritus of Nairobi, during the canonical installation at Holy Family Minor Basilica, Nairobi.

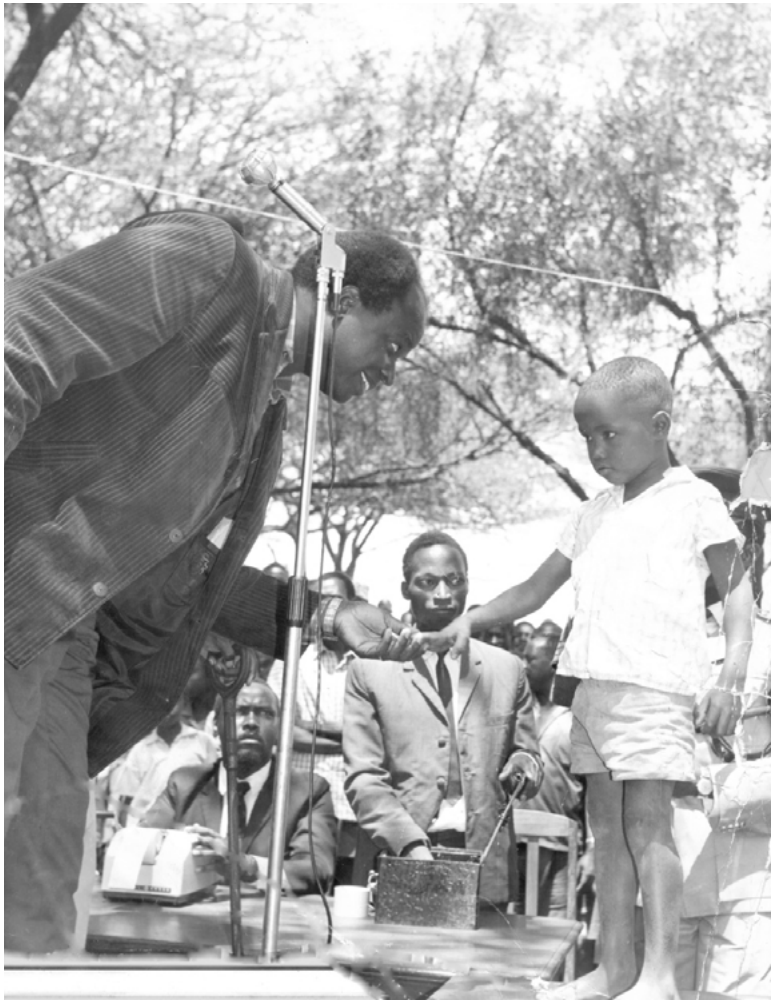
A hearty welcome during a State visit to Burundi.





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HARAMBEE MAN: Kibaki is seen here receiving a Ksh1 donation from a boy named Hirsi as he conducted a funds drive in aid of Merti Primary School in Isiolo in August 1972.

Mwai Kibaki meets Mr Kimani Maruge, the world's oldest pupil who had returned to school as a beneficiary of Free Primary Education and other students.

Kibaki meets students at a girls's school.



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The Government of Kenya and the family of the late Third President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Mwai Kibaki, CGH has received condolence messages from Presidents, Heads of State and Government, Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Heads of International Organizations, amongst other world leaders.

The messages are available online for viewing at: mwaikibaki.go.ke

“ Growing up under your care and guidance was like living under a giant umbrella.

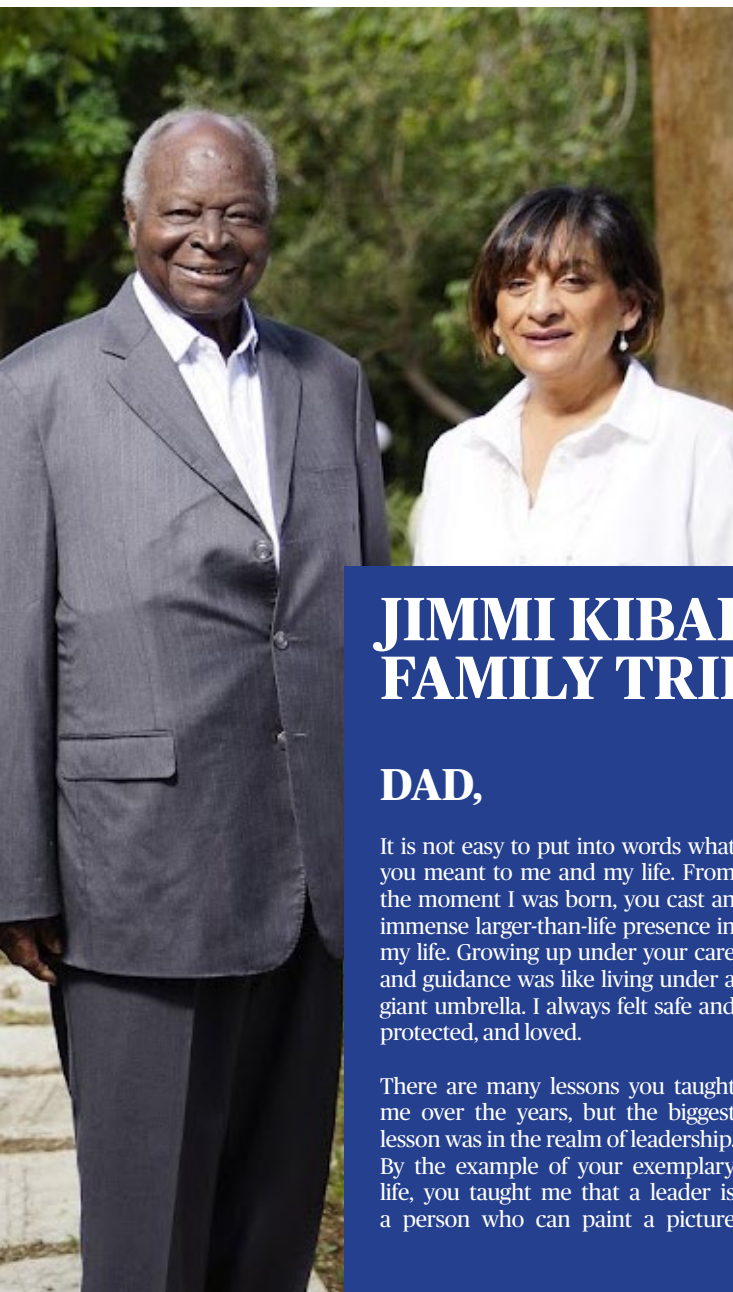
— Jimmi Kibaki





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JIMMI KIBAKI FAMILY TRIBUTE

DAD,

It is not easy to put into words what you meant to me and my life. From the moment I was born, you cast an immense larger-than-life presence in my life. Growing up under your care and guidance was like living under a giant umbrella. I always felt safe and protected, and loved.

There are many lessons you taught me over the years, but the biggest lesson was in the realm of leadership. By the example of your exemplary life, you taught me that a leader is a person who can paint a picture

that will cause people to leave their present to pursue their future. You taught me that true leaders do not rule by force or intimidation, but by inspiration. Your life in itself is an inspiration to millions and millions of Kenyans - men, women, children - who looked up to you for guidance, wisdom, and leadership. We always felt safe knowing that you were there.

Rest in peace my beloved father. On behalf of a grateful nation, I say "Thank you, Sir."

—Jimmy Kibaki

Dear Guka,

I really miss you already, and the hugs and smiles we used to share. Although I know you have left us, I am happy because I know you are in heaven with Cucu and Jesus.
I love you Guka.

Love,

—Liya Rose

Dear Mzee,

I will forever cherish the way you graciously and wholeheartedly welcomed me into your family. As we got to know one another, we developed a special bond and I came to appreciate you as a father and mentor.

Mzee, you were a very close friend of my dear departed father. As I was growing up, my father often spoke glowingly about your extraordinary leadership skills, vision, and wisdom. As I got to know you in person, I came to appreciate what many other Kenyans saw in you.

Rest in perfect peace Mzee. Your work is done. Say hello to Dad and Mama Lucy when you see them.

Love,

—Caroline.

Dear Guka,

You were an extremely gifted and visionary leader. I will always remember your advice to me to work hard in school and to plan my life early and well.

I have received so many calls from my friends and colleagues since you passed away. They all say how they admired your presidency and the great things you achieved for Kenya.

Guka, you were a true Kenyan patriot. Rest in peace knowing that all Kenyans are very proud of you.

Love,

—Ronan.



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A tribute to a very special man my father

Mr. Mwai Kibaki was known by many names. His Othaya Constituents called him “Mweshimiwa.”

For the first thirty years he was in Government, he was also called “Waziri.”

At some point during that period, he was also called “Vice President Mwai Kibaki.” Then in 1993, the media started referring to him as “Opposition Leader Mwai Kibaki.” This title lasted for 10 years.

Then he was sworn in as President in December 2002, and everybody started referring to him as “Your Excellency The President Of The Republic Of Kenya.”

Through his journeys of transformation from “Mweshimiwa” to “His Excellency The President”, Mwai Kibaki remained just Dad to me and my three brothers.

He did everything a dad is supposed to do. He drove me school when he did not have important early morning appointments. He attended the Parents Teachers meetings when they were convened and listened keenly to what the teachers had to say about my progress, or lack of it. Much to his consternation, he seemed to be more appraised about my diligence in making numerous friends, but not in scoring A's! He took all this in his stride, just as he did so many other things in his Life.

Many people have referred to my Dad as their “Mentor”. Mwai Kibaki was my mentor too. He mentored me on so many aspects of Life. Patience was one value I learnt from him. He taught me that nothing good comes instantly. You must work hard at it. “Stay focused” he often said. Sure enough, those who chose to listen to his wise counsel, me included, managed to navigate the challenges that life presents.

We “shared” Dad not just with his constituents, but with the rest of Kenya and in fact the whole world. People often wondered how such a high-ranking leader could have time for his family. Dad had plenty of time for me and my siblings. He blocked off his diary when we were on school vacations and took time to be with us. When our birthdays rolled around, he hosted our friends in the garden of his home for our birthday parties. Ever the jovial personality that he was, he would invite my friends’ parents to stay on and be part of the celebration. They all knew Dad and his kind hospitality.

By being present on our Special Days, and as much as possible when time allowed, he remained part and parcel of my life. He found time to fly to the United States to attend my University graduation which was on a Sunday, flew out of the US the same night, was back in Nairobi on Monday night, and was able to participate in his then Political Party’s Election on Wednesday morning! It was a balancing act all his Life, and he managed it well. You gave me sufficient time Dad.

Dad gave me time, so I also dedicated a lot of time to him too. Just as he supported me through my formative years, once I was through



with education, I spent a considerable amount of time supporting him in the development of his assets, something which I enjoy doing even today. This has been a lesson on “give and take.” One of those “investments” was his political career. I can honestly say that Dad’s Political Victories were hard won battles. I was in the thick of his 4 Presidential Campaigns. They were not easy, but my siblings and I came to know many people and we made many friends. These were true lessons on Resilience.

Dad’s Public Life was his. He did not drag me



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into his public rallies and harambees. It was voluntary. Dad was a Democrat even in his own home! He knew I had other interests I wished to pursue, and he encouraged me to do so. He did not want to make me into a replica of himself. No. Dad wanted me to grow into a well-educated focused individual, with a strong character and a unique defined personality. This is what he dreamt and hoped for every Kenyan. So, he worked at it all his Life, because he sincerely believed that a nation of “well developed” individuals, would surely prosper to great heights. This was Dad’s Vision.

My Father was a great man, yes. He also had fine human qualities. He was kind and very generous. He dedicated his Life to the service of Kenya. He served Kenyans with humbleness and humility. He participated in 10 General Elections over a span of 50 years, each time going back to request his constituents to re-elect him as Member of Parliament, to enable him to continue serving them. Each time they did re-elect Dad, because they believed him, and he lived up to his promises. I can say there are many lessons that can be learnt from my Dad’s Life. One of the more important ones, is that victory can be gained Peacefully. Dad was peaceful at home and in his work.



Your Work Has been diligently done Dad.
You carried yourself with so much dignity.
I am at Peace. Rest In Peace Dad. I will
always Love you.

— Judy Wanjiku

Mwai Kibaki

Where does one start when talking about the man Mwai Kibaki. He was a Statesman who pushed the envelope beyond belief. He was a man who featured in the moulding of our Kenyan Nation from it’s very beginning. He and his dear friend, Tom Mboya wrote the country’s Economic blueprint for the next generation. Mwai Kibaki served in all the most significant posts a person can hold in our beautiful Kenya.

But for me, he was my humble, loving and caring father. He was a pillar we looked up to. Always fair and moderate. He insisted on the best education, but also insisted on the best family life. What a life we had...what a man. He and my mom Lucy, what a pair, one the disciplinarian one the philosopher...you know which..

Mwai Kibaki was a man of integrity, wit, humility and wisdom. it is not easy growing up in the house of a giant who grew bigger and bigger as we went along. But that same gentle giant always took your hand and said, “ come let us move to the next stage

as you also guide me “ A patriot who wanted the best for his Kenyan people and his family. I already feel the hole in my heart.

Go well my hero, my friend, my loving Dad

—David kagai kibaki

“ A leader is best when
people barely know
he exists. When his work
his work is done, his aim
fulfilled, they shall say:

“We did it ourselves”

- Lao Tzu



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'You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough'- Mae West.

There have been great men who have walked this earth. Men of distinction, men of great wisdom, men who have made discoveries...yet one stands tall in my mind. In my life we called him MK.

He embraced me fully as I joined his family and was truly my father right from the start. I was in awe of what a cool Dad Chiku, Jimi, Tony and my hubby, DK had. From him, we found inspiration; we learned commitment and education to family. He loved Lucia dearly- you saw it just in the way he looked at her and how he was always the first to laugh at her jokes.

In the early days when I joined the family (before his presidency) we would share family-time debating on everything Kenyan and the world at large; be it politics or economics. Woe unto you if your knowledge was wanting, as his beautiful mind had all the statistics and facts at his fingertips. These good times were usually accompanied by MK's favourites: nyama choma and a White Cap.

MK kept us entertained with stories of his early life after independence. I recall one particular story where MK and the late John Keen were given the task to popularise KANU in all corners of Kenya, by the founding father: Jomo Kenyatta. MK told us how at the spring of their early thirties, they succeeded in opening KANU offices all across the country. All while travelling in the popular Volkswagen Beetle!

When the grandkids came along, I remember being so proud of my Muthoni and Mwai who spoke fluent Kikuyu. That pride didn't last long as MK was adamant that (in his words) "the little fellows" needed to learn how to speak Swahili first, as the national language. This displayed his first love for the nation Kenya and what unites us all. In his gentle, persuasive way, he encouraged us to take the children to church and receive their sacraments. As a gentleman who enjoyed his quiet time reading books and publications, MK also insisted on the best education for his grandkids. He shared his wisdom without restraint to those who sought it.

MK has been a figure of steadfastness and stoic endurance. He held limited space for complaints and instead challenged us to share our God-given gifts with our fellow Kenyans. The truth be told, State House took a toll on his life and family but his destined honour to serve our beloved country, Kenya was undeniable; service was his earnest endeavour.

—Grace Kibaki

A Tribute to my Grand Father

To most, my Guka was an economist, deeply dedicated to his service for the country.

And whilst he was, there are sides to him which cannot be portrayed through his service. To me, Guka was a listener, often comfortably sitting silently in our presence and feeling easily content. He felt satisfied observing and immersing himself in the moments we shared but, when prompted, would give the most insightful answers, which would stay with you.

As some of my relatives may mention, I am the token 'baby' of the family, and although I have spent most of my life with Guka at a young age, it doesn't dismiss the immense influence he has had and continues to have on me. Growing up I was undeniably unaware of his prominence in the country. It became very clear from a very young age, of the massive impact he had on everyone around me, from my teachers to the staff members at school, to aunts and uncles approaching me eager to share the love they had for him. His passion extended beyond the family, and for that, I am genuinely grateful. He taught me to go through life being humble and selfless.

From our interactions, one particular gesture echoed the loudest to me; the times he would take my hand in his, and not let go plus the hugs that would last more than most hugs, usually do. I also loved the times when he would diligently show so much interest in the topics debated amongst the cousins. Guka, I hope you can rest in peace knowing that we will do our best to carry your instilled values and ideals. I promise to carry on your legacy of living a life focused on service to others, a life of integrity and one of humility.

Love you always,

—Muthoni Githinji Kibaki

There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind. C.S. Lewis

You ran a good race. I will miss you terribly. You are in my heart.

"We are going with You", was always the cue to begin preparations. We journeyed and you remained strong.

This time you travelled alone but they are waiting for you with open arms. Reunited you will rejoice forever.

You were my Friend, my Mentor, my Father, my Boss.

Rest now, your work is done. I will never let you down.

I salute you.

—Tony



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As I came into the family when I did, Guka Mwai was always very welcoming, firstly he let me call him Guka and just like the other grandchildren, he was eager to know what I was up to as well as what interested me. His advice always came from the heart. This to me was a very humble way of letting me know I was part of the family.

I always admired the gentleness about him, from the way he spoke calmly that simplified complexities to the way he was always brushing something off his knee. We both shared a fondness for a good pair of wingtip brogues and paisley ties.

At times we sat in comfortable silence, Guka was a mystery, I always knew his mind was at great work, but I never knew puzzle he was trying to solve.

At family gatherings, He was keen listener, often sitting and humming an old tune through all the banter that ensued from a gathering of all my cousins, I would occasionally glance at him and catch him chuckling after overhearing something cheeky that one of the Mwais said.

I have fond memories of family holidays as one of the highlights was how the youngest Muthoni (no longer baby Muthoni) would make his eyes twinkle.

Duty, Humility & Hard Work, are some key principles I got from him and try to apply to my own life.

He's left an incredible mark on my life and there's so much I'll miss him for, I'll proudly do my best to ensure his legacy carries on.

I leave you with this quote from his 50+ years of public service;

"Leadership is a privilege to better the lives of others. It is not an opportunity to satisfy personal greed."

Lots of love

—Sean.

Guka's Eulogy

Many of us will have great things to say about Guka as a leader, his dedication to public service and all that he has done for Kenya, for he was an incredible man in a magnitude of ways and touched the lives of so many. I want to draw on a side of him that many had a glimpse of but didn't experience as much as his family. As I reflect on all the time I spent with him in my life, three characteristics stick out to me that I hope to emulate: his calmness, his kindness, and his humility.

My guka was philosophical in his approach to life, he had a great perspective when it came to the little things, and he was always calm and collected. You would think that someone with a job as stressful as his would sometimes display anger or impatience, however, in all the time I spent with him, he never did. His calmness taught me one of the greatest lessons, that you should be mindful of what you let bother you and even more aware of how you handle each situation. This does not mean not speaking up, it means suppressing the need to argue and the need to be right because there is no value in living a life where you are always attempting to prove people wrong.

I think about family values, and how for many powerful people it is not the most important thing to them. My guka's pride and joy was his family. I am the oldest grandchild, therefore, I experienced much of my guka's career. One of my earliest childhood memories was with my grandparents at their house, accompanying them to public events and campaigning. Some of my fondest memories were picking him up from parliament with my cucu in the evenings. I remember being excited when my cucu would tell me that we were going to go pick him up, even though at that age, I wasn't exactly sure what he did. Despite my age and lack of understanding of his job, he was always more than happy to

have me accompany him to public events. He would introduce me to everyone as his granddaughter, make sure I was right at the front with him when he made speeches and when we were walking, he always held my hand to make sure I was beside him. My guka was the kindest and most caring person I have had the pleasure to know. He took care of us in one way or another, showing us love through his genuine interest in our lives and always finding time to spend with us.

It is incredibly rare to find someone powerful who is also humble. The strength in my guka's character showed in the way he treated and spoke to everyone around him. It does not matter if you were an employee at his house or a government minister, he spoke to everyone in the same respectful manner. He did not care about material possessions such as having the latest car or a new watch and I never heard him discuss or have opinions on these things. It was always us, his family, that would make sure he was rewarded for his hard work by buying him nice things because he never spent anything on himself. He was focused on making sure his family were happy, healthy and highly educated, and he would always remind us that everything he did was for us.

With his passing, I enforce my core belief about being grateful for the people closest to you. Anyone who knew, loved and respected my guka should take lessons from the life he lived: learn to be mindful of what you let bother you, not every action needs a reaction. Be kind to everyone no matter who you are. Lastly, appreciate the simple things in life because that is what will make you truly happy.

—Joy Kibaki
(Granddaughter)



Your Excellency, Guka,

Guka is without a doubt the most observant, attentive, and knowledgeable man I have ever met. Compassionate and humble, he represents the man I wish to be. With a contagious smile and an infectious laugh, a true gentleman, role model and leader.

Words do not carry enough weight to describe the man I knew. Brilliant, loving, wise and passionate to name a few. He brought economics to the forefront and inspired a new generation of economists, including myself.

One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world. Guka put more into the world than he took. He was a family man, even with his busy schedule and enormous work load he always made time for his family. As prodigious as he was as the head of this country, he was flawless as the head of our Family. Guka's council



was always brief and to the point, never one to beat around the bush and always keen to focus on solutions rather than procrastinating over the problem.

As President he often made work look effortless, rarely did we see him stressed or even if he was, he did a fantastic job masking it. A natural born leader, who motivated us to achieve success.

Guka taught us, that leadership does not involve domination. That the world is already full of people who have a staunch desire to rule and take charge of other peoples' lives. But this cannot be a trait of a good leader.

A true leader is someone who earns respect and inspires others to follow in his footsteps. He carried a torch of wisdom, enlightening society, leading people to the path of progress and growth. Throughout his life planning was integral to everything. He set benchmarks and allowed people to review and criticise based on results and actions. Guka never let criticism affect him, teaching us that persistence is essentially the measurement of belief in yourself.

A selfless hero, President Mwai Kibaki devoted himself to the growth and progress of our beloved Kenya. The discipline that he enforced upon himself enabled him to rise against all odds and never bow down to circumstances. For this reason, it is permanently etched in my mind that discipline and sacrifice is the bridge between goals and accomplishments, and that discipline is wisdom and vice versa. He dedicated his entire life to galvanizing, inspiring, and guiding the higher sentiments and ambitions of the people.

A gentle giant, excellence with him was never by accident. It was the result of intention and sincere effort, and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities. As we remember Guka, the best way to show our appreciation of the life he lived is not to state, but to live by these words.

Guka, your love, your voice, your smile is forever imprinted in our minds. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words.

Always loved & forever missed.

—Ryan Mwai Kibaki



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Where do I begin....

It seems like it was just yesterday, when I made your acquaintance at the Club. Our very first meeting, and I must say that I felt right at home. I can only summarize that day, in one word; "never judge a book, by its cover" I had prepared myself for a 'serious and formal' lunch, but what I got was a relaxed lunch that extended all the way, past midnight. It was a day filled with Immense laughter and pure joy!

We talked about anything and everything. I don't think, I have ever had another opportunity to laugh like I did on that day. The banter between you and Mum, was so admirable. You laughed at every one of her comments, and we in turn laughed at your humorous responses, to our conversations. What a day! I remember quietly thanking God, for knowing my heart and bringing me into such a happy and warm, home. No judgements, just come as you are.

I have so many treasured memories, but some of them stick out more than the others. I remember the many end of year dinner parties at Nyali beach, where we would sit and watch you dance under the stars with Mum. Twirling and spinning her around the dance floor, without a care in the world. Wow! What a man, what a gentleman!

As the years went by, you wore a new hat and I made yet another assumption. Once again you surprised me, when you left the biggest event of your presidential career, to come to hospital to meet your new grandson. You handed me a vase, with a small bouquet of flowers and I wondered when you had found the time to buy them, despite your busy schedule. You never ceased to surprise me. You looked so proud

of your grandson, whom you held and stared at so fondly. After a few words of encouragement, you left and once again, I silently thanked god, for blessing me with such a kind hearted Father in law.

Christmas time at Mweiga, was always the best time of the year for all of us. I remember the joy you would have, watching us receive and open our presents, and how you were never one to be left out on the Christmas spirit. Like the rest of us, you would wear your Christmas hat and get right into the festivities. Despite your Doctors warnings, you always sneaked in a bite or should I say, a huge mouth full of some of the rich and fruity Christmas cake, that I dutifully baked, every year.

Conversations on the table, were often mostly between ourselves. You preferred to sit and observe silently, occasionally laughing at our diverse opinions and how each one of us fought to have the last word. I marveled at how, each time we asked for your opinion, it was always so clear that none of us was right or wrong. Your view was that, every opinion counted. I remember once asking you, if you ever had sleepless nights, each time things would get hot and your opponent's came at you, with all manner of accusations and falsehoods and you gave me the most baffled look. I will never forget your response. You simply told me that you slept very, very well. You went on to add that any leader or politician, that ever found themselves lacking sleep, over another person's opinion, was in the wrong field. Another profound thing that you said, was that you learn a lot more by talking less and listening more. That was the last time, I stopped getting emotional about the falsehoods that

people said about you. I am still working on the "listening, more than the talking" part. It takes special skill to master this art, but I will make it my life's mission to do so. (I am sure that your son Tony, will be very happy to read this)

Dad, you were bigger than life, a breath of fresh air, and a shining light to the world, and I am so proud to have had the honor of being a part of your life.

As I sum up, one particular verse comes to mind:

Mathew 16: 26 - 27

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul/ or what will man give in exchange for his soul.

For the son of man is going to come in the glory of his father with his angels and will then repay every man according to his deeds

You fulfilled your life's purpose with grace, dignity and integrity. It's now time for you to reap your rewards. I am sure that there is a special celebration, waiting for you on the other side. What a joy, when one is celebrated, both in heaven and on earth.

I take solace in knowing that you are finally reunited with the love of your life and now have the opportunity to dance amongst the stars, and not under the stars.

I celebrate and salute you. Rest in peace, till we meet again.

Love Forever,

—Eddah

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— Eddah

GRANDCHILDREN TRIBUTES

One of my earlier memories of Guka is from a time we had gone to visit him and Cucu at State House.

Let me set the scene: it was a slow Sunday afternoon, one of those where the usual Nairobi buzz had slowed down to a hum. I was around seven or eight years old, and I had just recovered from one of those small homas that seemed to go around at the start of the school year. Having spent the past couple of days at home, my body was full of those ginger & lemon concoctions. Healthy, yes, but incredibly boring to the seven-year-old Muthoni! Because of that, I remember being pressed to leave the house and head to Guka and Cucu because I knew that meant one thing... treats! In the car ride there, it was as if my mind was in a trance, thinking of all the eclairs I was going to eat as well as all the urgent stories I had to tell Guka. Once at State House, we came to find that he was in a meeting. Being election season, I'm sure it was a pressing one, but I didn't have the patience to wait; all week I'd been counting down the days to this moment! As soon as Cucu heard we had arrived (being Cucu), she quickly decided that Guka's meeting had ended and walked us all into the room. I remember nervously walking in and sitting beside Guka. As if telepathic, he passed on a handful of the eclairs that usually sat

at his desk and began asking me about life, school, and everything in between. I filled him and Cucu in on what would have been the hottest year 3 drama at time, all whilst the important people in the room sat waiting for Guka's attention. I remember him listening, fully engaged, and interested before we eventually moved back into the living room to wait for the meeting to end.

This memory shows me that be it issues as big as state affairs or as small as your granddaughter's stories, Guka handled everything with the same calm, reasoned mind. To him, all matters were equal; he would make you feel heard and listened to. I think that's what I've always admired most about him.

Funny enough, those eclairs seem to feature in almost all my childhood memories of Guka. I blame him for my sweet tooth!

A more recent memory is from the other day when Guka had come to the UK and Joy and I went to visit him in London. I had just joined Uni and was

catching him up on my course and experience so far. He then reminisced on some of his stories from his time in university in London and if I'm not wrong, I believe he was even planning on reconnecting with one of his classmates. We sat talking and laughing for a while and before leaving, in the way that he always would, he held both of our hands and smiled. The whole visit was nothing out of the ordinary, but I remember feeling emotional after seeing him and not really knowing why. I can now only explain that as the spiritual feeling of sharing a piece of his marvel of a mind. Even though we shared him with the rest of the world, in moments like those, he had a way of making himself precious to you. In those moments, he was not the great Statesman that everyone knew him to be- he was just Guka.

Guka, thank you for all the life lessons and stories that you have left us with. It's beyond an honour to call you my Guka. With everything I do, I promise to do it with the same dedication, humility, and honour that you taught me. You will forever hold a sincere place in my heart.

Love,

—Muthoni Kagai Kibaki

TO MY FATHER-IN-LAW by Sheryl Kibaki

I have known H.E. Mwai Kibaki for over 40 years. My father, Alfred Vienna worked for Mr. Kibaki in the Ministry of Finance from 1969 to 1988. He had the greatest respect and admiration for his boss and also considered him a friend. To give you a little perspective, this was a time when Mwai Kibaki was listed as one of the Top 100 people with the potential to leaders, globally in 1974 at the age of 43 years old. I was introduced to the Kibaki family in the mid-80s and got married to Jimi in 1991. Over the years, I got to know Mwai Kibaki, the family man.

From the way his face would light up whenever his daughter walked into the room, to the radiant smile on hearing the pitter patter of his grand children. He

always made time for family, no matter how busy he was. I recall him taking Joy and Mwai as his 'escorts' in the first year of his presidency, much to the chagrin of his security detail. From going to church, to watching traditional dancers and meeting dignitaries. We had to draw the line when Mwai begged to help his Guka inspect the guard of honour!

Guka Mwai, the family man was gentle, kind and warm hearted. He would look you straight in the eyes and ask 'How are you?' and if you gave an answer that he didn't believe, he would say again 'No, no, no, how are you really?' He would always say, no problem is too big or unsurmountable, there is always a solution.

He rarely lost his temper, and when he did it was

for justifiable reasons. Guka Mwai did not tolerate fools or foolish behaviour and he believed that every person had the responsibility to use his/her intellectual faculties to the best of their abilities.

Guka Mwai enjoyed company - and we didn't have to talk just to make conversation; he was happy also to have company in silence - every one doing their own thing but sharing the same space.

When Mwai went off to university, Guka Mwai insisted that I should still visit him from time to time. This was my father-in-law, a multidimensional man with depth, compassion and humility.

Rest in peace Guka!



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PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI



What a great man you must be, to simultaneously father a nation and this family.

What a great man you must be, to remain virtuous when presented with constant opportunity for sin.

What a great man you must be, to come from nothing and dedicate your everything to others.

What a great man, you were Guka.

The way forward now appears dark without you as a guiding light, your calmness and non-judgmental nature gave me comfort with my progression as a person. Your career and attitude influencing me more powerfully than you could ever know. Your smile being what I hope looks down on us now that you are forever re-united with Cucu.

In this moment it is easy to doubt myself in fulfilling the legacy your name leaves behind.

It is in this moment and moments like these, that I will remember your words one afternoon in your garden.

To no surprise I found you reading as you would always did, when the weather allowed you the opportunity to. I had an upcoming event in which I would have to speak publicly and as a proficient public speaker I was just looking for 'any tips' as I put it. You seemed both interested and off put by my question, which conveyed itself in the brilliance of your answer. I may not remember your exact words, but the message was clear. I cannot hope to achieve anything emulating anyone else, I must be myself. It is these words that I have since lived by, it is these words which have eased the weight of your gargantuan name from my back and these words which guide me in continuing your irrefutable legacy.

I now understand that to light this path it must come from within. I will be forever grateful and forever in debt to you, for allowing me the privilege to experience your light.

May you now rest in eternal peace knowing that in all regard, your work in this life is complete.

love,

—Mwai Githinji Kibaki

My Guka, the late president Mwai Kibaki will be remembered as a man of tremendous grit and determination, which he has bestowed on all of us within the family and will continue to live through us for generations to come.

Guka, a solemn gentleman, will be fondly remembered by my cousins and I as someone who was always keen and eager to listen to whatever the topic was, from school stories to my golfing endeavours and current affairs. His dedication to politics throughout most of his illustrious life is what many will remember him for, but I feel Mwai Kibaki the man was just as astonishing.

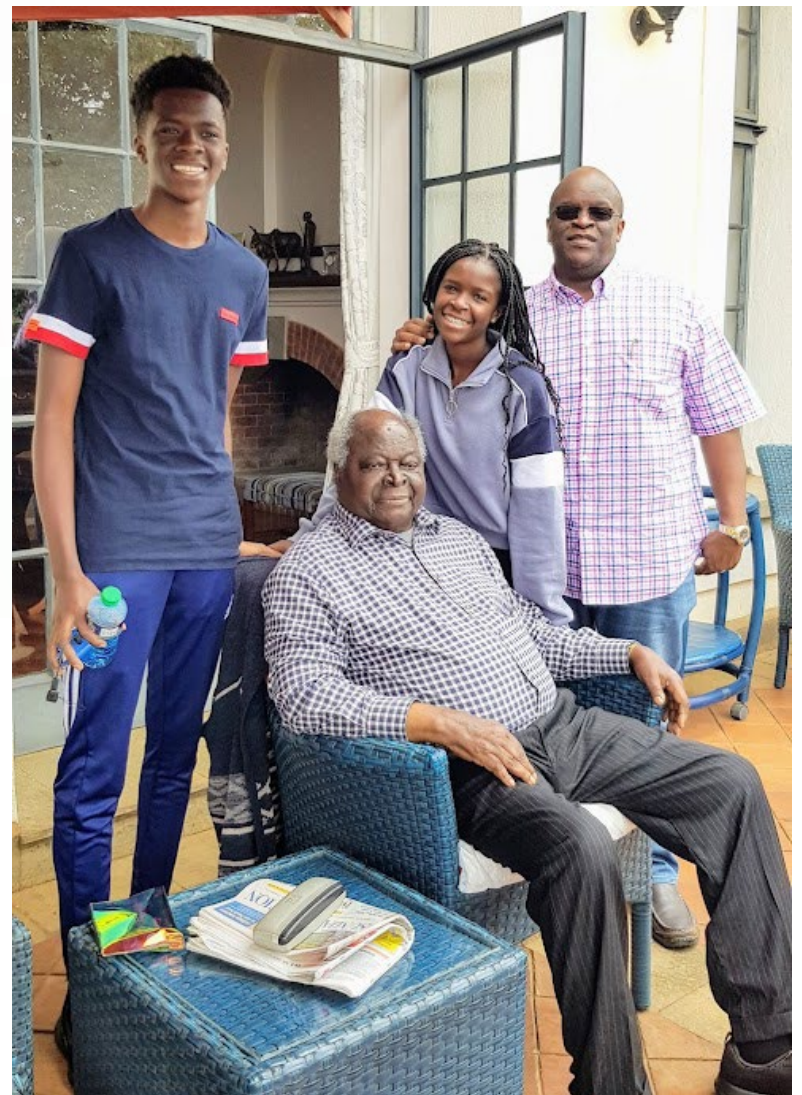
Guka always had a humble wit to him, which would enlighten every room. What will live with me for ages was how he would hum a song whilst listening to a conversation but never recall what he was humming when asked. Our annual Christmas gatherings at Mweiga were always a highlight, it was always evident that Guka much more enjoyed the happy look my cousins and I would have opening our presents much more than when he opened his own. What is highly comforting is that Guka will be reunited with his closest soulmate, my Cucu Lucy whom he enjoyed his loveliest life memories with. The adoration and respect they had for one another was outstanding.

I recall the times we all spent together as a whole family were always enjoyable and memorable, to say the least. Considering Guka was born around seventy-two years before myself, his skilful craft to relate to my childish anecdotes was impressive, always finding interest in the smallest of little stories, such as my junior rugby competition. Although I was always aware of his significance to Kenyan Politics, I will forever view Emilio Mwai Kibaki as my dear grandfather who greatly infused a sense of happiness and strive throughout my life which I shall attempt to imitate his values in the future.

Personally, his most outstanding achievement, although many in public service, will personally be the guidance and inspiration the late president had and will have on our family. He was the pillar of the Kibaki family, acting as a Stapleford and patriarch to our everyday lives. Though Guka's passing away is very sad to our family and fellow Kenyans, Guka will be a long-lasting exemplary example to many in times to come. His service to this great county, always prioritising its citizens' well-being over his own, in my eyes, will never be emulated.

We, as a family, truly love you and appreciate the numerous contributions you have had to us. We will miss you and will continually keep you in our hearts and as a figurehead to emulate. Guka, although not with us today, will leave behind a historic legacy to all, which my family and I will continue to preserve with us.

—Mwai Kagai Kibaki







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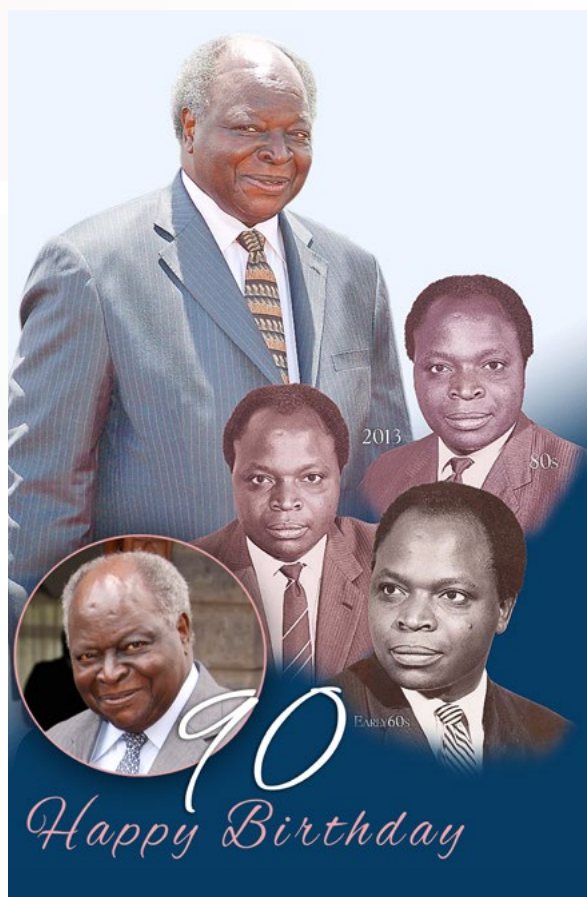
FARE THEE WELL

That Mwai Kibaki is no longer with physically anymore, his spirit, legacy, values and ideals remain great treasures in our hearts.

The Almighty God will certainly be kind to Judy Wanjiku, Jimmy Kibaki, David Kagai and Tony Githinji and their families.

In the outpouring of praise and adoration that followed Kibaki's demise on April 22, 2022, it became clear that Mwai Kibaki had impacted his country and the world at large in a manner that few other leaders have. His ingenuity in matters economic management; his deep love for his country and dedication to its transformation, and his defining character as the gentleman who stood tall in the muck of politics became the common chorus of the millions of people who mourned the outstanding child of Kenyan leader of distinction.

Fare the well His Excellency Honourable Mwai Kibaki and may your soul rest in eternal peace.







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