

Celebrating a life well lived



KINUTHIA
NDEKEI

1998 – 2026

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PROGRAMME

Order of Service

DATE

**Wednesday,
30 September
2026**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Charles Gachara

TRANSPORT MANAGER

Ian Njau

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The Procession

- 7:00 am ○ Assembly at Lower Kabete
- 7:30 am ○ Departure from Lower Kabete
- 8:15 am ○ Arrival at Montezuma
- 9:00 am ○ Viewing of the body
- 10:00 am ○ Departure from Montezuma
- 10:45 am ○ Arrival at home
- 11:00 am ○ Burial ceremony

Burial Ceremony

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| 01 | Opening Prayer | 07 | Second Hymn |
| 02 | Welcome of Guests
By a Family Member | 08 | Speeches and
Presentations |
| 03 | Praise and Worship | 09 | Third Hymn |
| 04 | Eulogy | 10 | Sermon |
| 05 | First Hymn | 11 | Fourth Hymn |
| 06 | Tributes | 12 | Family Prayer |
| <hr/> | | 13 | Offering |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dad</i>• <i>Mum</i>• <i>Girlfriend</i>• <i>Paternal aunties/uncles</i>• <i>Maternal aunties/uncles</i>• <i>Grandma</i>• <i>Cousins</i>• <i>Appollos' family</i>• <i>Nieces and Nephews</i>• <i>Friends</i>• <i>College mates</i> | | 14 | Graveside Service |
| <hr/> | | 15 | Praise Team |
| | | 16 | Laying of Wreaths |
| | | 17 | Vote of Thanks |
| | | 18 | Refreshments |
| | | 19 | Guests May Leave at
Their Own Pleasure |

EULOGY

The Life of Kinuthia

JOHN KINUTHIA NDEKEI
29.01.1998 — 05.09.2026

EARLY LIFE

John Kinuthia Ndekei was born on January 29, 1998, in Parklands, Nairobi, bringing immense joy to his devoted parents, Peter Ndekei Kinuthia and Njeri Ndiho Ndekei. Raised in Lower Kabete, Kinuthia grew up as a vibrant and inquisitive child whose early years were shaped by a strong Christian foundation, built on love, faith, and family values.



EDUCATION

Kinuthia attended Consolata School in Westlands, Nairobi from baby class in 2001 to 2011 where he sat for his KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) and initial secondary school (Form 1 and 2) before transitioning to Likii Hill School in Nanyuki, Laikipia where he sat for his KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) in 2015.



During his time in school, Kinuthia stood out as a dynamic and multi-talented student who truly shone in sports, earning well-deserved medals in swimming, football, and athletics. Kinuthia's natural abilities and early independence were clear to all—highlighted by the astounding feat of learning to drive at the tender age of 13.



CAREER & WORK LIFE

Shortly after completing high school, Kinuthia enrolled at the Institute of Software Technologies in Nairobi for the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) certificate. During this period, he took on a keen interest in frequently visiting his Uncle in one of the media houses. In 2016, he enrolled at KCA University (Ruaraka Campus) to pursue a Diploma in Investment and Financial Analysis, later earning his certified Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor accreditation from YMCA in Nairobi in 2018.



Driven by a passion for technology, he undertook foundational and advanced web development training in Nairobi in 2020. In December 2021, Kinuthia relocated to the United States to advance his education, successfully graduating from Sumner College in 2025 and passing his board exams. Deeply committed to lifelong learning, he was eagerly preparing to continue his academic journey prior to his untimely demise.



FAMILY LIFE

Kinuthia was deeply cherished by his beloved parents, remaining a loving, obedient and hardworking son. Confident and articulate, he always expressed his thoughts with clarity and possessed a remarkable sense of discernment. A person of diverse interests, Kinuthia genuinely enjoyed music and reading books. He was the anchor of many treasured family memories, holding an irreplaceable place in the hearts of his mum and dad. His relationship with them was defined by deep respect, open laughter and an unconditional love that distance across continents could never diminish.

Anchored by steady confidence and a heart full of devotion, Kinuthia brought his girlfriend Mumbi Hinga into the warmth of his family's fold, where she was embraced not just as a friend, but as a cherished daughter.



FINAL JOURNEY

Kinuthia was blessed with vibrant health throughout his life, maintaining a passionate, athletic lifestyle. He found great joy in the outdoors-frequently hiking, swimming, and running. On Saturday, September 5, 2026, Kinuthia peacefully rested in his sleep. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

FAITH, CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

Upon confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, Kinuthia was publicly baptized by immersion on December 3, 2006, at CITAM Parklands (then NPC). He built a strong biblical foundation during his formative years, faithfully attending Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) at CITAM Parklands, Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) at All Saints Cathedral, and the CITAM Form 4 Ex-Candidates Program.

Demonstrating a heart for ministry from a young age, Kinuthia faithfully served with the DVBS program at CITAM Parklands during his teenage years.



“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

JOB 1:21B

Tribute From Dad

PETER NDEKEI KINUTHIA



Writing a tribute for my child is not an easy task. In my mind, Kinuthia will always be the baby I held close to my chest, feeling his little heart beat next to mine. He is the child I watched take his first steps—falling down, yet getting right back up without a tear. The boy who was once terrified of water, grew to embrace swimming with a passion.

Being an only child, it would have been easy for him to be spoilt. Instead, he matured into a remarkably disciplined young man who knew his purpose and pursued his dreams relentlessly.

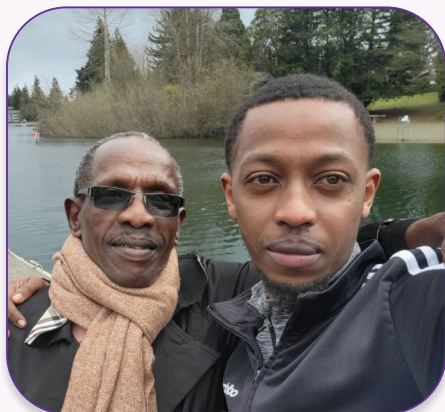
He even surpassed me in his discipline—learning to account for his money down to the last cent, meticulously tracking every expense in a journal. Looking through that journal brought tears to my eyes, revealing just how deeply he cared about building his future.

Kinuthia was a devoted son who always made time to check on his mother and I. Over time, he became a trusted confidant, carrying a wisdom well beyond his years—even helping us find common ground whenever we saw things differently.

Three years ago, Kinuthia introduced me to Mumbi. The love and commitment they shared was everything a parent could ever hope for. I looked forward with great joy to the day they would solemnize their union, but our plans are not always God's plans. Mumbi will forever remain my daughter, and I pray for God's kindness upon her always.

I will forever cherish every single moment God allowed us to share with Kinuthia.

Fare thee well, my son.



Tribute From Mum

NJERI NDIHO NDEKEI



Standing here to give a tribute for Kinuthia is something I never envisioned in my wildest thoughts. Even in my grief, I choose to give thanks to God for the 28 precious years He blessed us with Kinuthia.

From an early age, Kinuthia was remarkably decisive. He always knew what he wanted, stayed focused, and held strong to his convictions despite his lively, high-energy nature. Speaking of that energy, I can't help but think back to baby class, when he ended up with a scar near the side of his eye—the exact mark that helped me identify him just days ago." He loved God's word, attending Sunday School, DVBS during the August holidays at CITAM (NPC) Parklands, and later holding me accountable to my BSF assignments as he diligently completed his own.

Though the world knew him as KK, Kinu, Ndekei, English Man, or Kinuthia, he was always my "baby boy"—a name he gracefully accepted. More than a son, Kinuthia was my confidant as we shared our thoughts, plans, and challenges without reservation.

Kinuthia naturally adopted interests that mirrored his family. Beginning his journey in accounting and going on to become

an avid swimmer—and eventually a fantastic swimming instructor. It always brings a smile to my face remembering how he used to cry or nap by the pool as a toddler! One of my proudest moments as a mother was after his swimming galas, when he would drape his medals over my neck. I wore them with so much pride.

History has a beautiful way of repeating itself. Kinuthia's grandfather grew up in Kabete and married a girl from Thogoto (Mum). Decades later, Kinuthia, having also grown up in Kabete, introduced us to the love of his life—a girl from Thogoto (Mumbi Hinga). In that same quiet way, Kinuthia also passed away peacefully in his sleep, just like his grandfather. Kinuthia truly embodied Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." No matter where life took him, Kinuthia's heart always found his way back to God.

Kinuthia loved generously, embracing people from all walks of life. I always looked forward to our conversations, his giggles, and those sweet chum chums.

Rest in eternal peace, my baby boy. Until we meet again.



Tribute From Girlfriend

MUMBI HINGA



My dear Kk had all the energy in the world and I can't believe he was suddenly taken from us. As devastating as it is, there are so many things that I am extremely grateful for.

The first time I met kinuthia, he was kind and had such a warm smile . I didn't know it then but he would end up changing my life in such a beautiful way. He did more than just be helpful, he showed me a love that I had never seen or experienced before. He

made me feel safe and comforted in my times of sorrow. He made my mom laugh when she felt uneasy. He made a promise to my dad that He would protect us and keep us safe while away. In his eyes I found a home and in his heart I have found so much love.

Life will never be the same, but thanks to Kinuthia, I have the most precious memories. ***I love you KK, always and forever. See you on the other side.***



Tribute

From Paternal Aunts & Uncles

JOYCE KINUTHIA, ON BEHALF OF THE KINUTHIA FAMILY



On behalf of the entire Kinuthia family- my brother Ndekei and his wife Njeri Ndiho, my sister's Nancy Njeri and Elizabeth Wanjiru, my brother Joseph Mwangi, Kinuthia's cousins; Bernice, Vivianne, Brian, Shiku, Maria, Muthoni, Sam, Cindy and Brandon-all who adored Kinuthia and still reeling in disbelief- I want you to know just how deeply moved we are for dedicating your time to be here today to honor our dearest Kinuthia, and for the resounding kind devotion you have shown by consistently being by our dear brother Ndekei's side; giving him your untiring daily presence, generous support and caring shoulders to cry on during this devastating and heartbreaking time.

Kinuthia is our beloved nephew, but beyond that, he was a friend to each and every one of us individually. He had a unique ability to form and nurture loving bonds and rapport with others that traversed any age differences. It is rare to see a 28-year-old young man regularly calling his aunts and family members, just to check how they're doing- but that was Kinuthia. We would talk for hours on various topics, and his bright -happy enthusiasm and genuine- untainted sense of Wonder was a joy to us all. He was loving, wise, sensitive and empathetic to others, way beyond his age. I can safely say that God made Kinuthia Special. During my presence here, I repeatedly learned that I was not alone in my love and admiration of Kinuthia. To a

person, Family members, friends, college peers, workmates and community members of all age groups-old and young alike- have all expressed these same feelings about Kinuthia.

On behalf of our Bernice Kinuthia and Ndiho family, I want to thank you all for the outpouring of tireless love and support you have demonstrated towards our dearest Kinuthia, and our brother, Ndekei. Charles Karira and his entire family have been Kinuthia's defacto second parents and siblings here in the US, and the rock of enduring love and support for my dear brother Ndekei, especially during this heartbreaking time for us all, especially his parents, who adored him. We know your hearts ache with ours. Charles, you took charge when Ndekei was down, rallied the community, and you and Mercy hosted us all without any reservations! God bless you so much our brother!

We're also especially moved by the love for our Kinuthia demonstrated by the outstanding commitment and support received from the family members and friends of Kinuthia's longterm girlfriend Mumbi-including Aunties Njeri Njuguna, Marie, Ruth; as well as close friends-mama Njoroge and Faith Muranga; and, the Kabete plus Seattle community members, who have tirelessly stood by our brother and family.



May God abundantly bless each one of you. Kinuthia witu, Farewell for now... We love you so much and we will meet again in God's time!!

Tribute

From Maternal Aunts & Uncles

ESTHER NDUNGU, ON BEHALF OF THE NDIHO FAMILY



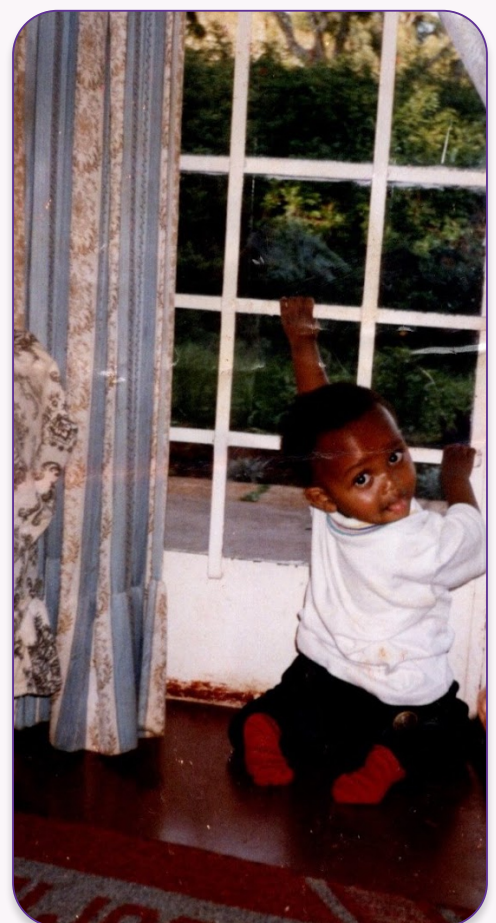
Loved beyond measure by his aunts and uncles, Kinuthia shared a close bond with Aunt Shiru and affectionately nicknamed her “Mamu”. It was a true blessing watching him grow from a chubby, playful boy into such a responsible and remarkable young man.

Kinuthia knew he could always count on us and we knew we could always count on him—especially when extra hands were needed during harvest time.

Kinuthia always prioritized family, frequently stopping by and spending hours catching up with Uncle Robert before heading home.

Kinuthia made us immensely proud by pursuing his passion to become a talented swimming instructor. When he moved to the US, Kinuthia embraced every opportunity with the same unwavering focus and determination that defined his character.

We will miss you dearly, Kinuthia. Until we meet again.



Tribute

From Nieces and Nephews

BERNICE MBUGUA

It is hard to believe that Uncle Kinuthia is no longer with us. He watched us grow from a young age, checked on us, gave us advice, and encouraged us whenever possible to do our best.

Even though he was far away, his phone calls made us feel close. Uncle Kinuthia's kind words, laughter, and guidance will always be remembered fondly.

Uncle Kinuthia will be missed dearly. May he rest peacefully. He will always have a special place in our hearts.



Tribute

From Grandma

EUNICE GAKUHA

I had the privilege of knowing Kinuthia from CITAM Parklands where we met and worshipped together more than 20 years ago. I watched him grow into a humble, respectful, joyful and God-fearing young man.

One of my most treasured memories is our last meeting in Puyallup, Washington, when he visited me. We shared a beautiful time together. That bright smile in this picture is how I will always remember him.

Kinuthia was a good son, full of life and kindness. Thank you to Mama Kinuthia and the Ndekei family for raising such a great son and sharing him with us.

You fought the good fight, you finished the race, you kept the faith - 2 Timothy 4:7

Rest well, our beloved son, till we meet again.

Forever in Our Hearts. May the Lord comfort the entire Ndekei family.



Tribute From Cousins

BERNICE, VIVIANNE, BRIAN, SHIKU, MARIA, MUTHONI, SAM,
CINDY & BRANDON



Some people pass through our lives and leave only trace memories behind. Kinuthia, however, left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone who knew him. His cousins remember Kinuthia as happy, outgoing, and absolutely full of life. He possessed a natural ability to bring people together and make ordinary moments unforgettable. From the conversations, the laughter, the family gatherings, and the countless little moments that may once have been taken for granted but that today, are moments treasured as priceless.

Each of his cousins knew Kinuthia in their own unique way and carried a specific piece of his vibrant spirit with them.

"Kinus", as he was called, spent holidays with Mso', Kinuthia and Cindy at Cucu Bernice's, where they would watch movies and Kinus would break down movie plots like a seasoned pro – he ruled the room with a unique confidence.



Kinuthia would pass by Bernice Mbugua's house on Sunday mornings without fail, to make sure she accompanied him and his Mum to church. The reward afterward was always a trip to Sanford for chipo, his favorite. After relocating, Kinuthia held long phone calls with Bernice encouraging her to keep pushing through the nursing program, the very same one he had successfully started and finished. He would call Shiku Mbugua on the other coast in Australia to check in, encourage, and remind her that she was doing okay. Distance was no barrier for his care and thoughtfulness.

Kinuthia and Vivianne Muthoni had long conversations about school and life that she cherishes, especially chats about what to do next after finishing school when he felt

like he was "going at 70 mph to a stop". He'd have a unique way of hooking her in his conversations by starting a word and having you co..concentrating throughout, and it's through these calls, she discovered his surprising pa..passion for working with pedia.. pediatrics. Still, Kinuthia's words always lifted spirits, and his conversations were never without laughter. They never imagined a day would come when they would be wishing for just one more of those phone calls.

Kinuthia as a kid, was always more excited to show Maria Mbugua his storybooks and lullaby cassette tapes more than his toys - he was never really into toys. But he was into medals and trophies, and she'll miss their shared fandom as Arsenal fans.

Kinuthia also had a knack for picking stellar nicknames from the very beginning. Before he could properly pronounce "Brian" as a toddler, he called him "Bhai." It was a fun, affectionate nickname. How beautiful and apt it is that in Sanskrit, Bhai means "Brother", a representation of their relationship before they both even fully understood what the word meant.

Kinuthia's fierce, competitive spirit shone when he learned to swim at a very young age, and from then on, every single swimming session became a competition, one that he was sure at the very least he would beat Brian. It was amazing to watch Kinuthia find his form in the water, grow into a professional swimming coach and lifeguard, and listen to his long-term plans of contributing to the sport. Brian will deeply miss losing those competitions to him.

And what was Kinuthia if not assertive? That man grew to know his worth. He knew what he wanted, the hard work he'd need to put in to get it, and had the social acuity to fit well into different groups while being very upfront about his boundaries so they wouldn't be crossed. His greatest intention was to make his parents proud, and he did exactly that. The last five years gave him a canvas to show everyone what he was truly made of, revealing his vision and drive. He was blazing a beautiful path, and the cousins remain immensely proud of who Kinuthia had become and what he was able to achieve.

There is deep gratitude to God for the gift of having Kinuthia in their lives. He will be deeply missed and forever loved. The family rests in the comfort and conviction that "in the sweet by and by, they shall meet him again on that beautiful shore".

Tribute

From Appollos' Family

JEREMIE MUNA ON BEHALF OF THE APPOLLOS' FAMILY

On behalf of the entire Appollos' family, I pay tribute to our beloved nephew, John Kinuthia Ndekei, with a heart filled with profound sadness and disbelief.

To Ndekei, Njeri and the wider Kinuthia family, I extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences.

Ndekei and Njeri raised a son who brought so much joy and meaning to our family, and I want them to know how much their strength and love have meant to all of us. Please know that you are not alone. The entire Appollos' family stands beside you, surrounds you with love, and will continue to support you through this incredibly difficult journey.

Kinuthia, your sudden passing left us deeply heartbroken. It was difficult to accept that someone so young, with so much life ahead of him, could be taken from us so unexpectedly. We had hoped to share many more years and precious memories at our family gatherings, which he played a big part in.

While we all struggled to understand why his life had to end so suddenly, at such a young age, we chose to be grateful for the time we were blessed to have with him. We held on to the memories, the conversations, the

laughter and the moments that made Kinuthia special to each and every one of us.

Kinuthia was not simply a nephew to us. He was part of our family, part of our story and part of the bond that connected generations of the Appollos' family together. His presence and laughter brought meaning to our family, and his memory will forever remain a part of who we are.

To the next generation, our nephews and nieces, I want to tell you how comfortable I am to say that the Appollos' family spirit is in safe hands and is in each and every one of you, as you have demonstrated in your support for the Kinuthia family.

At this painful time, we pray that God gives Ndekei, Njeri and the entire Kinuthia family the strength to face each day.

Kinuthia, you left us far too soon. We will miss you, we will remember you, and we will carry your memory in our hearts.

Eternal rest Grant to Kinuthia O Lord, May perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace.



Tribute

From College Mates

EMMY YATOR



Kinuthia, I honestly don't know what to say. It is still hard for me to believe that you are gone. You were not just my classmate—you were my deskmate, my friend, and like a brother to me.

I will always remember you calling me “Mama County” and asking, “Mama County!! Umepika dinner?? Nitafika hapo teketeki!” Those simple phone calls mean so much to me now. I wish I could hear you say that one more time.

I will never forget the day my laptop shut down during an exam. I was so stressed, and I actually cried as usual because I didn't know what I was going to do. You saw me crying, went to the front desk, got another laptop,

and brought it to me so I could finish my exam. I finished the exam and passed. I will always remember how you stepped in to help me when I needed you.

Being deskmates meant I got to share so many little moments with you—studying, laughing, stressing over exams, and just being there together. You made nursing school more fun and manageable.

I wish I could have one more conversation, one more laugh, and one more “Mama County” call.

Rest in peace, my friend, my deskmate, my brother. You will always be remembered and deeply missed.



Moments

A LIFE IN PICTURES

We Will Always Treasure













SONGS OF FAITH & HOPE

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins
and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in
prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what
needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything 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 ev'ry 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.

CHA KUTUMAINI SINA

1 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.

2 Njia yangu iwe ndefu yeye hunipa wokovu;
Mawimbi yakinipiga nguvu zake ndizo
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 zake.

BWANA U SEHEMU YANGU

1 Bwana u sehemu yangu,
Rafiki yangu, wewe,
Katika safari yangu,
Tatembea na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe,
Katika safari yangu, tatembea na wewe.

2 Mali hapa sikutaka,
Ili niheshimiwe,
Na yanikute mashaka,
Sawasawa na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe,
Heri nikute mashaka, sawasawa na wewe.

3 Niongoze safarini,
Mbele unichukue,
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni,
Niingie na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe,
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni, niingie na
wewe.

NI SALAMA ROHONI MWANGU

1 Nionapo amani kama shwari, au nionapo
shida;
Kwa hali zote umenijulisha ni salama rohoni
mwangu.

Salama rohoni, ni salama rohoni mwangu.

2 Ingawa shetani atanitesa, nitajipa moyo
kwani,
Kristo ameona unyonge mwangu; amekufa
kwa roho yangu.

3 Dhambi zangu zote, wala si nusu,
huwekwa msalabani;
Wala sichukui laana yake, ni salama rohoni
mwangu.

4 Ee Bwana himiza siku ya kuja, panda
itakapolia:
Utakaposhuka sitaogopa ni salama rohoni
mwangu.

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SCAN ME!



Acknowledgement

The parents and family sincerely appreciate your prayers, presence, messages of condolence, encouragement, support and every act of kindness. Your love has been a source of great comfort. May God bless you abundantly.

Kinuthia witu, farewell for now... we will meet again in God's time.

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