

# CELEBRATING the *life* of



# Gaudentius Basil Karoki (Gaddie)

# SUNRISE                    SUNSET

## AUG 12, 2000 - JAN 04, 2024

# Programme

**11TH JAN 2024**

7:00am - Departure from Home

7:30am - Arrival at Morgue (Uphome Funeral  
Home)

8:15-8:30am - Viewing of the body

8:30am - Departure from Morgue

9:15am - Arrival at Home

9:15am-9:45am - Breakfast

9:45am-10:30am - Speeches & Photos

Family Rep  
Cousins (2)

Jumuiya Magumu

Jumuiya Utawala

Village Rep

Administration

## **Holy Mass/Funeral Service**

10:45am - Mass Begins

12:45pm - Procession to the gravesite

13:15pm - Laying of wreath

1:30pm - Refreshments/Lunch

Guests can leave at their own pleasure.



# Tributes

It's never easy to say goodbye to someone who has been a part of our lives.

When that person is gone, there's a hole where he or she used to be in your life. That's what many of us are feeling today about our son/brother/cousin/grandson & friend Gaudentius Basil. Some of you knew Gaudentius/Basil Karoki aka "Gaddi" better than others, but you're here because he had an impact on your life, and you want to honor that. And because he did affect you in some way, it's not going to be easy to say goodbye.

At such a difficult time, it's important to remember the good memories we all have of Gaddi. By holding on to those memories, we can focus on the good times we had together, and help each other find comfort at this difficult time.

Most of you recall the bright, optimistic angel-like smile that he always had on & more importantly his infectious laughter. All interactions with Gaddi left a smile on your face because even when in pain, he tried his best to put on a brave and cheerful face; that was his personality. Gaddi was a fighter. He kept pushing, remained positive about life, and always cared for others; his sickness notwithstanding.

Just to give you a better perspective of his optimism and empathy, he always remembered to check on his cousins and even texted them a "happy new year" message for the new year. Whenever inquired on his wellness, he would always say that he is persevering, and hoping to recover well soon.

If we keep these sweet memories in our hearts and minds, we can find comfort, and Gaddi will always be with us. Just by being here, you're showing that Gaddi had an impact on you. It is immensely comforting to us to know that he touched other people's lives in the same way he touched ours. And that's how we'll always remember Gaddie/Basil.



# Eulogy

## BIRTH

Gaddie was born on 12/8/2000 in Nairobi as a healthy bouncing baby boy to Ruth Wairimu Karoki. He was brother to Brendalyn Shyne Wanjiru Karoki.

## ADULTHOOD

Gaddie celebrated his rite of passage to manhood in accordance to the traditional Kikuyu culture on November 12th 2017.

## EDUCATION

He joined school at Cathsam School in Nairobi & later on proceeded to Assumption High School. In 2022, he joined Nairobi Industrial Campus for his tertiary education, pursuing Information and Technology Course.

## CHURCH LIFE

He loved the church, and was a devout member of the Catholic church. He was baptized at the Umoja Catholic Church Nairobi on 3/1/2001 and received his first Holy Communion on 4th February 2009. He was confirmed into the Catholic faith on April 4th 2012.

He attended mass whenever he could, and was a member of St. Michael the Archangel small Christian community at the Holy Family Utawala Catholic Church. He served as an Altar-boy between 2016-2017.

## ILLNESS

In November 2022 Gaddie was diagnosed with synovial Sarcoma and underwent treatment at Kijabe mission hospital, MP Shah hospital & finally at Nairobi West hospital undergoing 3 surgeries and subsequent radiotherapy & chemotherapy treatments. He was discharged from hospital on the 3rd of January 2023.

On the 4th of January 2024, Gaddie rested peacefully in his sleep at the age of 23.

## LESSONS

Gaddie was an Angel to all of us, a beautiful soul, and we reckon, a servant of the church and people, a kind, humble and a very loving friend to all.

We remember him for his love, forgiveness generosity and perseverance in all circumstances.

St Basil.. pray for us

## MAISHA YA GADDIE

Gaddie alizaliwa mini Nairobi mnamo tarehe 12/8/2000, akiwa mtoto mwenye afya wa kupendeza.

Alijiunga na shule ya msingi ya Cathsam iliyo mijini Nairobi na baadaye akajiunga na shule ya upili ya Assumption. Baada ya masomo ya upili, alijiunga na Nairobi Industrial Campus kusomea kozi ya Information and Technology.

Gaddie alikuwa mkatoliki na alipenda kanisa. Alibatizwa katika Umoja Catholic Church Nairobi mnamo tarehe 3/1/2001.

Gaddie alikuwa mshiriki wa St. Michael the Archangel ambalo ni kusanyo dogo la wakristo wanaoshiriki katika Holy Family Parish huko Utawala. Gaddie alishirika katika misa kila alipoweza. Alitumikia kanisa kama altar-boy kati ya mwaka 2016 na 2017.

Katika mwezi wa November mwaka wa 2022, Gaddie aligundulika kuwa na Synovial Saracoma na akaanza kupokea matibabu katika hospitalit ya Kijabe Mission, kisha Mp Shah Hospital, na baadaye Nairobi West Hospital. Alifanyiwa upasuaji mara tatu, akaanza kupokea matibabu ya radiotherapy na chemotherapy alafu akuruhiwi kutoka hospitalini.

Gaddie alipumzika kwa amani nyumbani mwao mnamo tarehe 4 January 2024.

## HITIMISHO

Gaddie alikuwa malaika kwetu sote kwani alikuwa na roho nzuri.

Tunamkumbuka kama mtumwa wa kanisa na watu, mtu mnyenekevu na rafiki mpendwa wa wote.

Tunamkumbuka kwa ajili ya upendo wake, utayari wake wa kusamehe, ukarimu wake na uvumilivu katika nyakati zote.

Mtakatifu Basil.. Utuombee

1 Wakorintho 15:43

Hupandwa katika aibu; hufufuliwa katika fahari;  
hupandwa katika udhaifu; hufufuliwa katika nguvu



# Hymns

## MUNDUIRIRI

Tiga warì mwena wakwa ùkìndùirìra  
Thù cia ngoro yakwa  
Nìcingìahotire  
Tiga wanjaragìria ukanjìraga atìri  
Mothe mekikaga nìguo nyone wega

Igùru ria maündu mothe wee wì Ngai  
Wikaga mageganìa maihùrite hinya  
Na nikio ngoro yakwa lìyùire gìkeno  
Nìkumenya atì mah wee wì mùndùirìri  
Igùru ria maündu mothe wee wì Ngai  
Wikaga mageganìa maihùrite hinya  
Na nikio ngoro yakwa lìyùire gìkeno  
Nìkumenya atì mah mah  
we wì mùndùirìri

Wahùnirie ngoro yakwa na hùni njega  
Gütìri kindù kiega ingìhoya njage  
Tondù wì müheani wa indo ciøthe njega  
Na nìkio ngoro yakwa lìyùrite hinya

Igùru ria maündu mothe wee wì Ngai  
Wikaga mageganìa maihùrite hinya  
Na nikio ngoro yakwa lìyùire gìkeno  
Nìkumenya atì mah wee wì mùndùirìri  
Igùru ria maündu mothe wee wì Ngai  
Wikaga mageganìa maihùrite hinya  
Na nikio ngoro yakwa lìyùire gìkeno  
Nìkumenya atì mah mah  
we wì mùndùirìri

Rìu ngùthengereire nìgetha ngùmenye  
Nimenyete ùria wikaga arata aku  
ùmahithùragìria hitho makùmenye  
Njiarwa ciao ciøthe nacio nìndathime

Igùru ria maündu mothe wee wì Ngai  
Wikaga mageganìa wìihùrite hinya  
Na nikio ngoro yakwa lìyùire gìkeno  
Nìkumenya atì mah wee wì mùndùirìri  
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we wì mùndùirìri

## BWANA U SEHEMU YANGU

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.**

Mali hapa sikutaka  
Ili niheshimiwe,  
Na yanikute mashaka  
Sawawa na Wewe

Niongoze safarini,  
Mbele Unichukue,  
Mlangoni mwa Mbinguni  
Niingie na Wewe.

## 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.

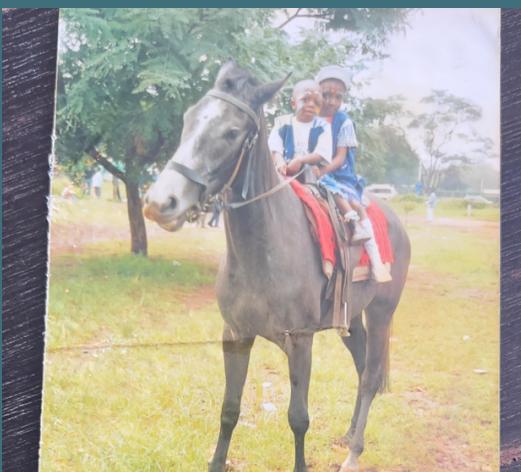
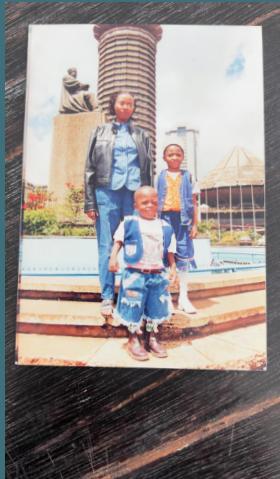
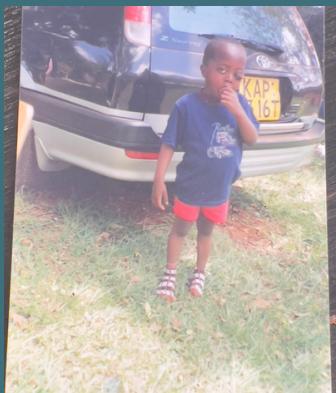
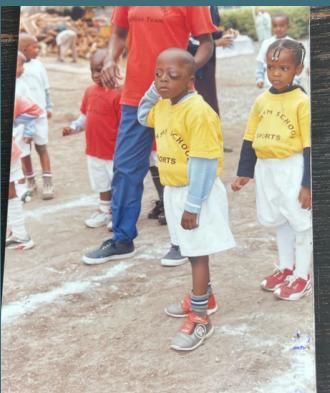
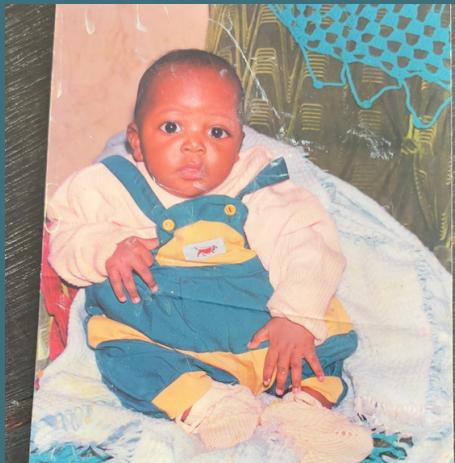
**It is well(It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well; it is well with my soul.**

My sin, oh, the joy of this glorious thought,  
My sin not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall  
be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump hall resound, and the Lord shall  
descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul

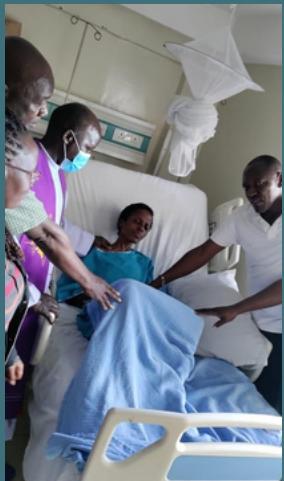


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# *A Celebration of Gaddie's Life*



*St. Gaudentius  
Pray For Us...*



*St. Basil  
Pray For Us...*

## *Vote of Thanks*

The organizing Committee and family thanks you for your generosity and support.

- 1.God for the gift our Angel Gaudentius.
2. The Catholic Church: Holy Family Utawala and St. Michael jumuiya, Assumption of Mary Umoja, and Our lady of Mercy Magumu, and St Martin Jumuiya Magumu for all your love and prayers and support.
- 3.Doctors at AIC Kijabe hospital, Nairobi West hospital, MP Shah Hospital, Pride Center Clinic, and KNH hospitals where Gaddie received his treatment .
- 4.The Schools that molded him.
- 5.Friends and local community for the love and support of our son
6. Caregiver- Elizabeth Wanjiku who devoted all her energy and love for support of Gaddie
6. Family for dedicating and going beyond expectations in their love , prayers and support in to wellbeing of Gaddie.

**1 Corinthians 15:43**

**It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:**

