

*Fare thee well*

**108**  
years

*Celebrating*

*a life well lived*



## *Appreciation*

We the family of MZEE KIPSEREM Arap MARABA appreciate all of you who came to console and burry our beloved Dad. Thanks for those who prayed for us and gave moral and financial support and all who helped us go through this trying moments. While we cannot mention each of you, kindly accept this message as an expression gratitude.

May the good Lord bless each one of you abundantly and may his presence continually be with you all the days of your lives.

*2 Timothy 4:6-8*

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*



**Mzee Kibii Kipserem Arap  
Maraba Petero**

SUNRISE 1916 ~ SUNSET AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Burial On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

# Burial Programme

OF THE LATE MZEE KIBII KIPSEREM Arap MARABA PTERO

FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME

9.00am:

EVENT

Arrival of visitors

- ◊ Burial service begins led by the clergy
- ◊ Song
- ◊ Prayer
- ◊ Procession to service site

9.30am:

Congregational song

- ◊ Word of prayer
- ◊ Liturgy
- ◊ Word of welcome by one family member

10.30am:

**Speeches:**

- ◊ Family
- ◊ Neighbours
- ◊ Friends
- ◊ Relatives
- ◊ Administration
- ◊ Political Leaders
- ◊ Eulogy/ Family Tributes
- ◊ Vote of thanks

2.00pm:

Priest

- ◊ Acknowledgment of clergy
- ◊ Scriptures reading
- ◊ Sermon
- ◊ Offertory hymn
- ◊ Prayer for the family
- ◊ Procession to the grave site

3.00- 3.30pm: The benediction

*Guests leave at their own pleasure*



# Tributes Continu.....

**Tribute From Grandchildren & Great-grand Children**

As your grandchildren and great-grand children we were deeply hurt and saddened by learning of your demise our loving grandfather. You left us with lots of sorrows and gap that nobody will ever fill under the sun. We shall forever remember you with your love and kindness. You welcomed us home always and treated us all equally with lots of love. Additionally, you provided pieces of advice and counseling to us when we needed it the most. Your memories shall forever be in our hearts.

*May your soul rest in eternal peace.*



**YETINDENNYU,INDOIWA.**

[1] Yetindennyu, indoiwa, Eng  
oreng'ung kotugul.  
Ak ribot eng' chamyeng'ung, Amu  
kibendoti twai.

Ndoiwa, ndoiwa Ndoiwa,  
Jesu simobet Ndoiwa betusiek  
tugul.  
Si asubun kotugul.

[2] Mwechinin sobondonyu, Ye kabwa  
nyaliwogikMa 'ywe-i ye kimi  
'twai;  
Inye kamang'unenya.

Ndoiwa, ndoiwa Ndoiwa,  
Jesu simobet Ndoiwa betusiek  
tugul.  
Si asubun kotugul.

[3] Ndo'ywa kot koit betut, Ne  
ka'gesgei usiset, Ak ibukwa  
beekab kong; Eng' olin bo  
Kipsengwet.

Ndoiwa, ndoiwa Ndoiwa,  
Jesu simobet Ndoiwa betusiek  
tugul.  
Si asubun kotugul.

**CHAKUTUMAINI SINA**

[1] Cha kutumaini sina,  
Ila damu yake Bwana,  
Sina wema wa kutosha,  
Dhambi zangu kuziosha.

[chorus]  
Kwake Yesu nasimama  
(Haleluya)  
Ndiye mwamba ni salama

(Haleluya)  
Ndiye mwamba ni salama.

[2]  
Njia yangu iwe ndefu,  
Yeye hunipa wokovu  
Mawimbi yakinipiga,  
Nguvu zake ndiye nanga

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

[4]  
Nikiitwa hukumuni,  
Rohoni nina amani,  
Nikivikwa taji yake,  
Sina hofu mbele zake.

**USINIPITE MWOKOZI (Pass Me Not)**

Usinipite Mwokozi,  
Unisikie;  
Unapozuru wengine,  
Usinipite.

Yesu, Yesu, unisikie,  
Unapozuru wengine,  
Usinipite.

Kiti chako cha rehema,  
Nakitazama;  
Magoti napiga pale,

Nisamehewe.

Yesu, Yesu, unisikie,  
Unapozuru wengine,  
Usinipite.

Sina ya kutegemea,  
Ila wewe tu;  
Uso wako uwe kwangu,  
Nakuabudu.

Yesu, Yesu, unisikie,  
Unapozuru wengine,

Usinipite.

U Mfariji peke yako,  
Sina mbinguni;  
Wala duniani pote,  
Bwana mwininge.

Yesu, Yesu, unisikie,  
Unapozuru wengine,  
Usinipite.

# *Eulogy Continu.....*

## **CHRISTIANITY**

Mzee was an Anglican and was baptized on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1966 at the Eldoret CPK by DW Kail, he was confirmed on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1981 by Bishop Kamau Mbiu of the Nakuru diocese. He became an ardent ACK member participating in various church activities. Mzee participated in establishment of Ziwa and Moiben parishes and several churches in Eldoret Diocese. He was a member of Kenya Anglican men Association (KAMA). Mzee was a close friend to the late Bishop Muge, Bishop Kewasis and Bishop Kogo. Mzee sat in synod meeting representing the large Moiben Ziwa Parish. He was mentor and counselor to many Anglican members within the Parish and Diocese at large.

## **HEALTH**

Mzee enjoyed good health throughout his life until 2022 when he developed mild age-related health issues. The health challenges were sorted out by simple medication. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 he complained of ill health and on 21<sup>st</sup> he got checked and treated at Afyazone dispensary for malaria and pneumonia.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 he was unwell again and got treated at Moi's Bridge Health Center and discharged. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> evening he developed breathing challenges and was rushed to Eldoret Hospital where he was admitted and diagnosed with acute malaria. The treatment began immediately but unfortunately, he succumbed on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to multiple organ failure.

As a family we thank God for the years we spent together with him and for the love he showed us all.  
Fare the well Papa.

# *Tributes*

## **Tribute From Son**

Mzee taught me to be honest, humble, firm and to be strong in the face of adversity. He insisted on me being forthright and communicating clearly. Even though Mzee is gone, I know that his affection for my family will continue to live on in our hearts forever. Rest in peace Dad.

## **Tribute From Daughters**

You were an extraordinary soul who illuminated our world with love and laughter. In the innocence of childhood, you allowed us to express ourselves, fostering an environment where creativity thrived. This is the reason why you allowed education despite the many challenges that existed. These cherished memories have become a testament to your exceptional parenting. Our Father didn't tell us how to live; he lived, and let us watch him do it. Dad, wherever you are, you are gone, but you will never be forgotten. Our dad was our best friend and our greatest role model. Kokichamin baba, rute ne tala, agoi tun ketuiye eng karonet agenge ye kawechgei Kiptaiyat Jeiso. Amen.

## **Tribute From Sons-In-law**

It was so shocking to receive the news of your death. Your exemplary life of honesty and integrity impacted positively in our life. You gave us a sense of direction. You received us as one of your sons, treated us with so much love and care we will not forget your Godly counsel. We love you and wish you remain with us but God loves you more.

*Rest on till the resurrection day.*

## **Tribute From Daughters-In-laws**

Dear Father-in-Law,  
You are incredibly missed—not just by your son or your grandchildren, but by us, your daughters-in-law. We wish you knew how much we appreciated and loved you. You don't know how much you meant to us as your daughters-in-law you were like a second father to us. Grief is unbelievably tough, but we have your presence and memories in our hearts. We will wipe away our tears for some time.

*Fare thee well.*

# *Eulogy*

## **OF THE LATE MZEE KIBII KIPSEREM Arap MARABA PTERO**

### **EARLY LIFE**

The late Mzee Kipserem Arap Maraba was born in 1916 at Koibabei, Kesogon in Aldai, Nandi County to the late Maraba Arap Chemng'eno and the late Tabaraiwo Bot Kibii Chebo Kapbusok. Mzee Kipserem was the first born among four siblings namely the late Kirorei Arap Maina, Senge Paulina Chemunai Bot Chesulut and Senge Rael Chebo Tundo Bot Ptuwei.

### **RITE OF PASSAGE**

In 1941 Mzee Kipserem underwent circumcision at Kabisaga, Kabiyet-Mosop. He was chonginot nebo chumo bororietab Kamelilo.

### **MARRIAGE LIFE**

Mzee Kipserem Arap Maraba was married to the late Emily Chelagat Chebo Kapchekulei in 1954.

### **Children**

Mzee Kipserem Arap Maraba and the late Emily Chelagat Chebo Kapchekulei were blessed with nine children namely Lenah Chepkoech Lang'at (Retired School Principal), Sarah Cherop Ruto (Retired Secondary Teacher), Mary Cheptepkeny (Retired Agricultural officer), The late Elkana Kiptoo, Esther Chebet Serem (Director Gender Uasin Gishu County), The late Joseph Kipkemboi Serem, Josphine Chepleting Onchari (Nurse-Narok County), Abraham Kipkemei Serem (CECM-Uasin Gishu County) and the late Teresa Chepchirchir (Teacher).

### **In-Laws**

Mzee Kipserem Arap Maraba was a son-in-law to the late Kimulwet Kapchekulei. He was brother-in-law to Elphas Kogo and the late Jacob Arusei. Father-in-law to Harry Langat, The late Daniel Ruto, David Muigei, Stephen Onchari and Idaline Chebet Serem.

### **Grandchildren**

He was blessed with twenty eight grandchildren namely Hosea Kiprotich Chumba (OT-MTRH), Tobias Kiprono Kemboi (Teacher), Brian Cheruiyot Lang'at (CECM-Kericho County), Tony Kipkorir Kemboi (Captain KDF), Robert Kipkemei Ruto (Dentist-Nakuru PGH), Abigael Cherop (AUS), Joan Chemutai (AUS), Kenneth Kipchumba Ruto (AUS), Faith Cheptoo (AUS), Edna chemeli (Kaptendon), Philemon Kipchumba Kigen, Mercy Chebichi (Rescue Centre), Cynthia Chebitok, Titus Kiprono (KDF), Abigael Chepkosgei, Alfred Cheruiyot (MD CARLTON Group Int.), Paul Kipchirchir (JKIA), Sharon Cherotich (AUS), Edwin Kiprop (AUS), Enock Kipkoech (AUS), Elvis Machuki, David Onchari, Tracy Chemurgor, Jude Tirop Kemboi, Samantha Cheruto and Jeremy Kibiwot, Richie Kimutai and Mark Kiplagat. He had 26 great grandchildren.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Mzee was employed as a police reservist by the British and posted to Nyeri, Elburgon and Londiani between 1952 and 1957. He moved to Tarime, Tanganyika now Tanzania for a short stint between 1958 to 1959. He attempted the position of sub chief for Nduri sub-location in 1960. He worked for Fredrick Jackson-Chemang'ure between 1960 to 1966, He then moved to Eldoret and resided at Edward Limo's farm before buying land in Sisal farm in 1968 and settled in Ndabarnach in 1969.

He was employed thereafter by Helen-Chepsese Chebomeja of El hare farm between 1970 and 1975 before the farm was transferred to government where he continued working for the farm and finally retired in 1982. He was also a farmer and actively participated in various community activities.

# Treasured Memories

