***Birth & Early Childhood***

John Mbogo Mburu was born on 24th February 1968 at Nyahururu District Hospital

He is the last born of eight children of the late Samuel Mburu Ngirau and the late Mary Kagure Mburu. John was brother to Elizabeth Mburu, Peter Kariithi, Zachariah Kaboro, Joseph Ngirau and his late sisters Flora Wanjiku, Alice Njoki Githinji and Hellen Mumbi Wanyoike

***Education***

John started his primary school education at Gichungo Primary School and later moved to Naivasha Boarding Primary school where he sat for his CPE exam in 1981.

He joined Magomano Secondary School and sat for his KCE in 1985. He later joined Karuri High School and sat for his A level exams in 1987. John then joined the Pre-University Training Programme at the National Youth Service in 1988.

He was later admitted to Egerton University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, Sociology and Geography, from where he graduated with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) in 1992.

***Career***

John started off as a sales representative for Chihi Holdings in 1992. He then got an opportunity at Jaribu Credit Traders Limited as a manager at their Nakuru Branch. In 2004, he took up a managerial position at Mbote Stores & Kareme Service Station in Juja.

In 2006, he was recruited by the Ministry of Lands & Physical planning as a Lands Adjudication Officer, a position he held at the lands office in Wundanyi Sub-county until the time of his death.

John was blessed to have wonderful and supportive colleagues, who have continued to walk the journey with his family, even after his demise. A special thank you to his colleagues for the support granted to John’s family and a prayer of blessing upon each and every one of them.

***Marriage and Family***

John met the love of his life, Purity Kibanya in 1996. They developed a friendship that later led to a marriage which began in the year 2000.

They are blessed with two children, Marion & Eric.

***His Christian Faith***

John was brought up in Christian teachings by his parents and maintained the same throughout his life.

He was baptized on 26th March 1968 at the Thompson Falls Catholic Mission.

When at home, he worshipped at St. Dominic, Mwiki Parish and also attended Catholic mass at Wundanyi Parish when at work.

***His Character***

John was an advocate of peace and love and other strong family values, especially unity

He will be remembered as one who was always available when needed, an accommodating and kind hearted man.

It is interesting how a man of few words, touched the lives of so many so deeply.

***His last Moments***

John had been experiencing challenges with his respiratory functions and as such was being managed by medication from time to time. This never interfered with his daily activities

However, on 12th April, he was taken ill and admitted at St. Joseph’s Shelter of Hope (Voi).

He was treated and discharged later that evening. On Wednesday morning, 14th April, he was rushed back to St. Joseph’s after developing breathing complications. He was put on oxygen to assist his laboured breathing. Unfortunately, his condition worsened and he passed on that afternoon.

***Tributes;***

***Purity Kibanya; Tribute to my loving husband***

Family is not always about the blood that connects us, it’s about the people who welcome us into their lives, accept us and love us for who we are. That is exactly what you did my love. I came into your life and you accepted me, made me your own. You meant so much to all of us, a loving dad to our children.

A golden heart stopped beating, putting hard working hands to rest. I promise you I will do everything to see your wishes of our children educated become a reality. We are not here to mourn, rather we are here to celebrate a life well lived. Our children’s role model, you were more than a partner, you were my best friend and companion.

Until we meet again, rest in eternal peace. You might not be here in flesh but in spirit you will always have a place in my heart. You were loved and you will be missed.

***Eric & Marion; Tribute to our beloved dad***

You once told us that everything has an expiry date. The thing about our time here on earth is, we never know how long it lasts or when it comes to an end. In this world, we are nothing more than travellers all headed for the same destination but different purposes. We never know if our purpose is fulfilled until we see that final light.

Dad you were a bright star that shone over our lives, so unique you were that you still shine over our lives even in death. Rest in peace, Rest in power, Rest easy dad knowing that you fulfilled your purpose. Until we see each other again, SIMBA tutaonana baadaye.

***Elizabeth W. Mburu; Tribute to our youngest brother and lastborn child***

You were that good son and brother everyone likes to have. Kind hearted, obedient, loving and brilliant. One of the brightest students I have ever taught.

John you were a gem that my mom and dad treasured. You were our family’s peace ambassador.

Though quiet, you were the life of the party especially when we were all gathered

at the fireplace

Mostly so during Christmas season when all of us were back at our family home

Throughout life, you were resilient, a quality you must have developed from your NYS days.

As the eldest child, I watched you as we lost our 3 sisters, mom and dad but you would always assure us that life was still beautiful.

***Fare thee well Mbogo!***