

CATHERINE KIZA KASAVULI OGW



THE GIRL FROM ZULULU

22ND FEBRUARY 1962 – 29TH DECEMBER 2022

FUNERAL PROGRAMME

- NAIROBI

Church service at The Friends International Centre -Ngong Road,
Thursday, 12th January 2023, 10:00 am

- Processional song - Chakutumaini sina-Snr. Pst Walter & Rev. Khaemba
- Opening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Simon Khaemba
- Congregational hymns - It is well with my soul
Kutakuwa Mwanga
- Special presentation/choir
- Bible Readings

Corinthians 5:1-10 by Rachel Nekesa John 14:1-6 by Peter Kasavuli

- Hymn: Sitaona giza Yesu ajapo
- History/ Eulogy
- Sermon: Senior Pst Walter Bulimu
- Prayer for the Bereaved by Pst Fanuel Demesi
- Offertory: Pst. Alfayo Keya
- Tributes

Neighbor
Friend
Colleagues in profession
Employer
Family
Church
National leaders

- Special song/ Hymn: Abide with me
- Announcements
- Vote of thanks
- Closing Prayer
- Recessional song -
Chakutumaini sina



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- Nyang'ori

Ratiba Ya Matukio Na Ibada Ya Mazishi Ya Marehemu Catherine Kiza Kasavuli,
Jumamosi 14 Januari 2023

8.00 Mwili kutoka Nairobi (Lee Funeral)

9.00 Mwili kufikishwa nyumbani

9.00 – 11.00 Viewing of The Body

11.00 Kufunguliwa kwa mkutano na monthly meeting Presiding Clerk(P/C)

Nyimbo:

- Tsinyimbu za Nyasaye (Ttn)
 - I. Ttn 133
 - II. Ttn 138
- Injili
 - III. Injili 189
- Injili songs from groups & churches
- Maombi ya nyimbo

Unenaji

- Mzee wa ukoo (Samuel Miheso)
- Babu na nyanya
- Baba na mama
- Wajomba/Shangazi
- Vivyewe (Vasanji)
- Shemeji/Binamu
- Ndugu na dada
- Wake wenza
- Wajukuu
- Watoto wake
- Muuguzi
- Jirani

Nairobi Friends Yearly Meeting

Government/Officials

Preacher History

Prayer to the bereaved Faraja

Church Village Meeting(V/M),

Monthly Meeting(M/M),

Quarterly Meeting (Q/M) Vote of Thanks



THE GIRL FROM ZULULU

On 22nd February 1962, Ezekiel Kasavuli Agingu and Rachel Inyangara Kasavuli, welcomed their fourth born child – a daughter - whom they named, Catherine. Together with her eldest sibling and only brother the late George Kasavuli, her sisters Loyce Wishamina, Pastor Abigael Shikanga and Elizabeth Kasavuli-Davies, Catherine would grow up in the Nairobi West area for most of her young life.

Described by her friends and those close to her as a bright, expressive, and eloquent young girl, with an enthusiastic sense of humor, Catherine briefly attended Langata Road Primary School, before settling at Nairobi South Primary School between 1969 and 1975 for the rest of her primary education. She excelled academically and in athletics especially, the 100 Meters sprint. Catherine attended Ngara Girls High School in Nairobi for her secondary education between 1976 and 1979.

Catherine enjoyed swimming and loved sewing (To the extent that while still growing up, she even sewed her own polka-dot swimming costume). Her parents who were both career civil servants and devout Christians, ensured that Catherine had a strong spiritual formation. From an early age she was an active member of the Cadets for Christ youth program at Good News Church, Nairobi West, where she also did her Bible Catechism laying a solid foundation for her journey of faith.

CAREER

It is from her love for reading Scripture, that Catherine would get the opportunity that would change her life, right after completing high school.

One Sunday afternoon during their family Bible reading fellowship, a relative who worked at the then Voice of Kenya (VoK) was visiting. He was so impressed by Catherine's eloquence, confidence, and intonation, as she read from the Scriptures, that he quickly arranged for her to do a voice test at VoK. She passed the test and the rest as they say, is history.

Catherine Kasavuli became one of the youngest presenters on the Voice of Kenya English Service presenting the youthful Beat Time show from 4:00 pm for 18 – 30-year-olds, with music from America and the UK. She was later moved to the Late Date, where her sultry voice punctuated R&B and Soul music between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm. She would also host current affairs shows such as one on traditional medicine with Dr. Mugo, laying the ground for her successful television and radio documentary voice-over career in the 1990s.

While working at VOK, she attended the then prestigious Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC) between 1980 and 1984. She also successfully completed a diploma program in French from the Alliance Française in Nairobi. Catherine would in 1987, become one of the multi-lingual announcers for the Fourth All Africa Games in Nairobi.

In 1990, she was recruited by the Kenya Television Network (KTN) the first privately-owned TV station in Kenya becoming part of an elite group of broadcasters, that included Joseph Warungu, Raphael Tuju, Njoroge Mwaura and Isaiah Kabera all of whom became household names.

In a male-dominated industry, Catherine held her own and excelled alongside her contemporaries such as Christine Nguku, Jennifer Okung'u and Kathleen Openda, setting the standard and opening the door for dozens of women in media including Zain Verjee whom she mentored. Catherine was also instrumental in mentoring other household names such as Jeff Koinange and Michael Oyier, who both passed through her hands at KTN.

After 17 years at KTN, Catherine joined Royal Media Services in 2007, assuming the dual roles of Group Corporate Affairs Manager and Senior News Anchor, which she performed with distinction, before leaving to set up the Kasavuli Media Group (KMG) in 2015. Through KMG she trained dozens of upcoming and practicing news anchors who had the

privilege of learning from her decades-old experience and expertise.

A WONDERFUL SOUL

Catherine Kasavuli's name is synonymous with broadcast television in Kenya. She was that friend, that aunty, that mum who for over three decades was in your living room every evening of almost every week delivering the major happenings of the day with her familiar and friendly smile. It is no surprise therefore, that she was awarded the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) medal by President Mwai Kibaki in 2008 in recognition of her outstanding service.

THE COMEBACK QUEEN

Kenyans and indeed the media, were not ready to let Catherine go and so in 2021, she was recalled to KBC where she had begun her career over 40 years earlier, to relaunch the station's news offering, as the main anchor for the prime-time Legends Edition news and current affairs show.

She found this befitting for a station that had given her the opportunity to launch her career, but more so, she saw it as an opportunity to reconnect with audiences even as she mentored the next generation of media practitioners.

THE DOTING MOTHER

On Tuesday August 4th, 1981, at around 3pm, Martin Agingu Kasavuli came into Catherine's world. Born at Pumwani hospital. Catherine named him Martin after it came to her in a dream.

Nicknamed Tati a Luhya remix on daddy. Tati stuck for years.

Martin just like the entire Nation of Kenya, was captivated by his mother's outstanding professional talent quite early in life. He used to respond and talk to his Catherine whenever he heard her voice on radio and TV. Humorously questioning why, she was not responding

Catherine made sure that her busy schedule never left Martin neglected and applied the wise teaching that it takes a village to raise a child. Martin was well looked after by his cousins and aunts depending on her work and study engagements.

A single mother Catherine often took Martin to work, where he was looked after by his many aunts and uncles at VoK/KBC almost ruining a couple of Bulletins by trying to talk to his mum during live studio recording.

Education for Martin was key to Catherine, proudly educating him impressively up to Keele University in the UK.

She embraced single motherhood as an opportunity to lead Martin into becoming an independent gentleman and ensured that he lacked nothing. Indeed, Catherine and Martin's Mother and Son bond was built on a love ever so amazing.

FIGHTER TO THE END

While enjoying her return to work at KBC Catherine fell ill and she was admitted to the Kenyatta National Hospital for what was later diagnosed as cancer. Catherine fought a good fight and kept her faith but sadly passed away on the morning of Thursday 29th December 2022 while receiving treatment at the age of 60 years.



HYMNS

Hymn no. 1: 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.**

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let
this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate;
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't, 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 shall resound and the Lord shall
descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul.

Hymn no. 2: KUTAKUWA MWANGA

Kutakuwa mwanga nyumbani mwa Bwana, nifikapo
mwisho wa mwendo; Nitapata raha mkononi mwa
Bwana, nifikapo mwisho wa mwendo.

**Safari ikomapo siku ya mwisho, Nitakaribishwa na
pendo; Kwa kuwa Mwokozi anangingoja, Nifikapo
mwisho wa mwendo.**

Sitazikumbuka taabu za njia, nifikapo mwisho wa
mwendo; Sitawakumbuka walionipinga, nifikapo
mwisho wa mwendo.

Nimwone rafiki aliye Mwokozi, nifikapo mwisho wa
mwendo; Hiyo natamani katika mbinguni, nifikapo
mwisho wa mwendo.

Hymn no. 3: SITAONA GIZA YESU AJAPO

Sitaona giza Yesu ajapo Sitaona giza Yesu ajapo
Sitaona giza Yesu ajapo Kunyakua watu wake

**Kunyakua watu wake
Kunyakua watu wake Sitaona giza Yesu ajapo
Kunyakua watu wake**

Sitafadhaika Yesu ajapo Sitafadhaika Yesu ajapo
Sitafadhaika Yesu ajapo Kunyakua watu wake

Sitalia tena Yesu ajapo Sitalia tena Yesu ajapo Sitalia
tena Yesu ajapo Kunyakua watu wake

Nitamkaribisha Yesu ajapo Nitamkaribisha Yesu
ajapo Nitamkaribisha Yesu ajapo Kunyakua watu
wake

Hymn no. 4: NYASAYE ALAKULINDA

Utahenda mwoyo mu kivi, Nyasaye alakulinda!
Wivise mu buyanzi bwibwe, Nyasaye alakulinda.

**Nyee, a la ku linda, ku kiheri kye inzira; Alakulinda
hosi, Nyasaye alakulinda.**

Hagati muyinzi midinyu, nyasaye alakulinda; Lwa
ubuhimwa by ve himbi, Nyasaye alakulinda.

Mu ubudaka a la ku ha, Nyasaye ala ku linda; U mu
suuvire u liguta, Nyasaye alakulinda

Lwa u vereranga wengine, Nyasaye a la ku linda;
Ala ku leteera mirembe, Nyasaye ala ku linda

HYMNS

Hymn no. 5: O MWIGULU

Ni shivala khuvirha, bulavu, Ni kholonda injira inungi, Khu la lola Nyasaye ha wene, A lombanga tsinyumba tsindahi.

O mwigulu, O mwigulu, khu la menya mushivala shilahi, O mwigulu, O mwigulu, khu la menya mushivala shilahi.

Vakristayo kuyaniza khustia, Ha khu limba tsnyimbu tsinyishi, Shi khunyala khnyola lukhudzo, khu la hongang madiku gosidza.

Dada werhuu veye mwigulu, khwenya khusantsalikha bulahi U khu khonye khu nyole buyanzi, Nobulahi bunyishi ligali.

Mu shivala shilahi ha zana, Khu la lola mumoni mwa Yesu, Nokhwidzominya Dada Nyasae, Khmurhumishira nobuyanzi

Hymn no. 6: 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 sawa sawa na wewe, Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe, Heri nikute mashaka sawa sawa na wewe,

Niongoze safarini, mbele unichukue, Mlangoni mwa mbinguni niingie na wewe Pamoja na wewe, pamoja na wewe Mlangoni mwa mbinguni niingie na wewe

Hymn no. 7: CHAKUTUMAINI SINA

Cha kutumaini sina, Ila damu yake Bwana Sina wema wa kutosha, dhambi yangu kuziosha

Kwake Yesu nasimama Ndiye mwamba ni salama Ndiye mwamba ni salama

Njia yangu iwe ndefu, yeye hunipa wokovu Mawimbi yakinipiga, nguvu zake ndiyo nanga

Damu yake na sadaka, nategemea daima Yote chini yakiisha, mwokozi atanitoshia

Nikiitwa hukumuni, rohoni nina amani Nikivikwa haki yake, sina hofu mbele zake





MOTHER & CHILD: MARTIN & CATHERINE



L-R CATHERINE K, FRIEND, LIZ K, LOIS K



CATHERINE K GOING TO WORK



MARTIN, DIANA, CATHERINE & DERRICK



CATHERINE INTRODUCED TO H.E MOI



AT LIZ'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, MILIMANI HOTEL



MARTIN CARVING TURKEY WITH AUNT LIZ

TRIBUTES FAMILY

“My Angel, My precious jewel, perfect gift sent from heaven and now taken back to heaven. I LOVE you, I TREASURE you, I MISSyou. God gave me the best child, the most beautiful girl in the whole world, the most obedient, most loving, kind, caring TINA I will forever cherish our moments together! -

Mum

We lived well with my sister. Catherine was my small sister whom I cared for deeply from the very start. She was very obedient and respectful. I remember fondly taking care of her and my other siblings as well as taking the blame for whenever they were on the wrong. She was there for me when I got each of my children, was very helpful and guaranteed I had a shoulder to stand on whenever I was down. She was very prayerful to the point that she'd end up praying for me when initially it was me going to pray for her. I cannot get enough words to describe how great, loving and caring my baby sister was. I just know that the Lord has her in a better place. Amen.

Lois Anyoso Kasavuli

You were a role model, first amongst entire family, carrying yourself with humility and modesty to me, it exuded class, propelling our very own careers. It is very difficult to speak of my dear auntie in past tense, but that is the harsh reality of life.

Allan Kasavuli

To you she was Catherine Kasavuli. To me she was my mother, best friend and God blessed me to be her son. She blessed with a rich life and always kept me close to God. Even when I was far away from her or about to get some mischief, some divine text message would suddenly appear on my phone and I would have to rethink. Call it mothers intuition, I call it the strong bond we shared.

Our journey together was a colorful one filled with highs and lows but you never bowed and we soldiered on.

Mother you were loving and filled my life with laughter. We talk endlessly to late in the night. In my childhood we spent countless nights doing our favorite things, late night movies, talking about our future and baking. You always strived to fill my life with warmth. To an extent to you spoilt me not materially but with self-sacrifice. You were modern and conservative, ensuring was respectful, kind and generous to everyone.

As a toddler you always asked the nanny if I spoke to you on the radio and if I got upset if you didn't respond- it really tickled you that I would perk up and be attentive when I heard you on air.

Then I got older and started and got to understand mommy was Catherine Kasavuli but you never acted like behaved as one above others. You made me and my friends so happy as you would interact with the neighborhood children in ways others wouldn't, playing shake and just talking to us. Many of my friends remind me to this day of how cool and awesome you were to them. I had the

cool mum!

You were many things to many people but I know I knew you best despite what others said as you did know me.

You strived to give me the best education in life and school. We were always a team and raised me to take up responsibilities and be accountable to you, myself and above all let me know I will be accountable to God.

Whenever I took a job in another country you first worried about me and then got proud in your accomplishments in raising me to be daring and then inevitably the infamous question-“where is my ticket to visit you and have you married? Who are you dating”. I would always respond I am too busy with work.

I loved making you proud of me but got shy and embarrassed when you would share it with the world. You wanted so much more for me and I know your greatest dream was for me to end up on air but we compromised never pushing but encouraging.

This last chapter of our journey was filled with hope and plans for the future as I got back from west Africa and we started off well. But unfortunately, things were to be different. As you started ailing and when finally, things got so bad I assumed the role of the parent. Hiding from you to what extent how bad things were. Taking up my life-long role as your trusted bodyguard. You made me strong but I was not ready. I was not ready to have so much hope for our future yet so much fear of the reality. Making hard decisions on your medical health. But you always smiled and on days I worked late and couldn't make it even for one day you would first light up when you saw me and in classic Catherine tease me I have abandoned you. It was hard but you fought and braved so much pain for so long but like you always told me you are a tough cookie and boy did you prove it.

How it turned to me taking care of you feeding you and being string I now realize it was you prepared me for all along and I thank you. Through this four-month long journey, we grew even closer than before and we joked and also had our classic moments.

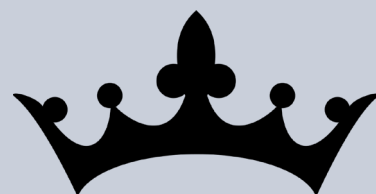
Taking care of you was a privilege and honor be it oiling your hands and legs, holding your hand when you were scared or kissing your forehead and letting you know you were still so beautiful despite what cancer had stolen from you. Seeing in pain broke in so many ways. BI promised you, you would be home by Christmas but alas you spent it in hospital. We had a mazin boxing day and I was so excited you ate all your food for the first time in so many months. I went and bought supplies fed you some medicine told you I loved you little did I know it would be the last time we spoke and best friend would spend the next couple of days semi comatose.

I knew the call was coming and I glad held your hand. I came into this world being held in your arms and you left being held in mine.

I shall surely miss you and I thank God I was your Martin.

There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.

Martin Kasavuli



TRIBUTES MEDIA FRATERNITY

Yolanda Mulwa

Kasav loved to laugh and laugh she did. I was witness to a phone call from her mother about her cat giving birth to many pussy cats and Kasav was in tears just laughing. When she hung up the phone she recalled the story to us and said she'd work on telling her mum to just call them kittens because times had changed.... that was one of many instances when you'd find her cracking jokes and literally in tears from the hearty laughter.

Kathleen Openda

She was a professional to the core, respected her audience and was always prepared. She was also very keen to mentor the next generation of female journalists. She was a good friend, empathetic, and did not let the fact that she spoke to millions of Kenyans get to her head.

Karanja Kimwere

When young Catherine came for the audition, I was a Senior TV producer. She confided in me that she was scared. One of these bosses remarked "Huyu msichana hawezi kusoma news" and walked out. But before he disappeared my technical operator and I told him, "She can. She will." She had great potential. The rest is history now. Catherine wanted to be shown what to do, and when that was done she excelled.

Judy Munyinyi

Catherine possessed the gentlest of spirits and a very sharp wit. She was not just beautiful, she was intelligent, cheeky, very funny and extremely gracious. She was probably the greatest female anchor in Kenya and taught me all I know about being on camera. Her skill didn't make her arrogant; she would even learn from me how to pronounce certain words.

Daudi Kanja

Having been invited as a guest in KBC's Legends Edition! NOTE, our last "rendezvous" must have been over 30 years ago. "Ooooooh! Kanja, it's you!" - she shouted, rushing towards me - "still as handsome as ever!". We exchanged contacts and off we dispatched! BUT, not before I passed through the washroom to confirm Catherine Kasavuli's compliments: "KANJA STILL HANDSOME AS EVER!" That was Catherine Kasavuli's attribute - genteel to the core.

Swaleh Mdoe

Kasav alikuwa mfano wa kuigwa kwenye tasnia ya usomaji habari, sio kwa wake tu bali hata waume. Kwa muda wa zaidi ya miaka 15 nliyofanya naye kazi tokea KTN hadi Citizen TV, Kasav alikuwa mtu aliyependa kazi yake kwa dhati.

Amb. Isaiya Kabira

When I left KTN in 2003, the management asked me who I thought would be the

next Catherine Kasavuli. I remember well telling them that there would be no other Catherine but there will be many who will ride on her shoulders because of the influence she brought to bear.

Julie Gichuru

She was the epitome of professionalism and stood out as an icon for so many of us. And she had a sharp wit and a fondness for a good laugh — wherever she was present you were bound to bear loud bouts of laughter! We will hold on to those moments and memories. She lives on always in our hearts.

Nathans Birundu

Catherine had a flavour for top headline-making stories, particularly on the global scene on KTN Channel 62 having established its ground-breaking pedestal as the local CNN affiliate. That is the legacy we associate Catherine with - acting national yet thinking global. Thus, when global events were unfolding, Catherine Kasavuli was there, leading the way by reading away.

Shisia Wasilwa

Kifo kimetupoka au kutunyang'anya lulu, johari na kito cha thamani. Binafsi nimepoteza mtangazaji aliyekuwa upeo wa unyenyekevu licha ya kuwa jitu kwenye tasnia ya uanahabari. Mola akupe pumziko la amani, pema penye wema



Edyith Luseno

Kasav my friend, my sister, makanaitu. Ku mbole ki Kasav mbole ki! Makanaitu Kasav, what we once enjoyed, we can never lose as it has become part of us. It seems like you only stayed a moment but, oh my God, the imprint your footprints have left will stay in my heart. Gona Gona Gona makanaitu my friend my sister.

Christine Nguku

She treated me with motherly favour when I arrived at KTN, Channel 62 Newsroom as a student intern in the early 1990s. Aside from being professional, Kasav showed genuine care, asking how my studies were going before I graduated to join KTN as a cub-reporter. I remember her funny side - one day she and I, all dusty and hot at the Nairobi Showground, scrambled for Red Devil ice at an overcrowded stall.

Farida Karoney

Kasav, as we all fondly called you, like a candle burning, we saw the flames die down.

The candle was extinguished but the memories will live on. Because of you, many young women dared to dream, many made careers out of journalism because you inspired them to do so. Nothing; not even death can erase your extraordinary contribution to news on live television in Kenya.

Farayaz Qureshi

Possibly the best news anchor that ever graced the Kenyan screens. When I first

set my eyes on Catherine Kasavuli, I found a stunning, beautiful, graceful woman who was so friendly and welcoming. We clicked straight away and became really good friends.

She was a fabulous person. Kind, generous, and best of all, had a great sense of humour. Always had us in splits. She was a great, great mother and loved her son Martin, always speaking of him with extreme pride.

Mariam Omar

As a Queen, yes I repeat, a Queen of Kenya Television, you've left a legacy - as a woman TV personality who has managed to thrive in this industry for so many decades commanding respect from both young and old, VIPs and hustlers, men and women. You inspired many and your name will never fade. It's here to stay the beautiful, eloquent Catherine Kasavuli.

Fred Obachi Machoka

Around 1991, Catherine was one of those people who were poached by KTN. She was the bomb! She was the queen! I remember everybody talking about her! She became the darling of everyone, but she never got carried away because her presentation remained cool and collected, she dressed beautifully, elegantly without being vulgar, and she had a voice and a half! So I want to say that in matters of profession, I think Catherine was the best and a lot of people are going to miss her.

Jimmi Gathu

She was the embodiment of calm. Even in situations that would have driven any human to depression, she had quips that got many rolling with laughter. I struggled a lot with my celebrity status during my formative years in the media, and she, like the amazing mom she was, guided me gently and when absolutely necessary, firmly through it all. From how to handle both negative and tough but constructive criticism, to how to balance my private and public life. Kasav was an all rounded beautiful woman, a beautiful soul, a heart of gold, and the ultimate celebrity.

Pauline Sheghu

You were a mother to me, more than a friend, my confidant, my mentor and my sister. Your advice and encouragement made me who I am today in the media space. Cate, I will truly miss you. I will not forget the prayers we used to make before going to the studio to present the bulletin. Thank You Cate.

Roy Mudibo

Not many people know this, but on several occasions, she would help me select the playlist for the Sundowner TV show, which I produce. On one of the hospital visits, I recall Catherine's mum telling me that she's an avid fan; and she did so in such impeccable English! - why am I NOT surprised? When good people transition, they leave a part of them behind. A good part. In our memories, and more importantly, in our hearts!



THANK YOU
FOR
WATCHING

