



Cum Paul Mutiva

May 10, 2020

Obituary for Cum Paul Mutiva

Lovingly referred to as “Kekonyango,” by his father, C. Paul Mutiva will be forever remembered, loved, and missed.

Born in Maseno, Kenya on November 27, 1939, with the African given name Chegome, he passed away suddenly on May 10, 2020, as a long time resident of New Jersey.

A graduate of Berea College, he worked as an accomplished educator for the New York City Board of Education for 32 years. In fact, he won the 1975 New York City Science Teacher of the Year award.

He was also a fervent entrepreneur, owning several businesses over time including a tax service, an insurance agency, a travel agency, a night club, as well as, owning multiple residential and commercial real estate properties.

He was charismatic and a born entertainer. He often hosted boisterous get-togethers in his home where many enjoyed good times, with great food, drinks, and music. He also enjoyed traveling, golfing, tennis, hunting, fishing and playing the guitar.

He was a generous and loving mentor to countless. He embraced and sponsored more than 20 people from Africa to give them the opportunity of getting a better education. He often encouraged others with his personal motto of; “whatever you do, be the best” and “nobody should mess with your good name.”

He was a devoted husband, father, and Guga (grandfather). He had a large immediate and extended family. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, and his children: Charles P. and his wife Karen, Rosemary R. Ocansey and her husband Kofi, Stanely, Sophia Dario and her husband Daniele, Jeffrey and his wife Natasha, Rafikieli “Kiki” Dennehy and her husband Nicholas, and Eric T. He also has a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His surviving siblings are his brother Aggrey Ombeva and his wife Mary; sisters: Jessica Kavetza, Florence Afandi, and sister-in law Enighenja Mkaze.

He now joins the heavenly realm with his late parents: Christopher & Respah, and his other siblings including brothers: Peter Khama, Hynes Agade, Patrick Olindo; and sisters: Ruth Kivali Ambula, Vera Kanaiza, Paulina Kadiga, and Lydia Jendeka.

Arrangements are made through Volk Leber Funeral Home, Teaneck. Given the challenging times we are dealing with, a traditional burial will be held at the family home in Kenya at a later date. We are grateful for donations in his memory, which can be made for this cause Here (https://www.gofundme.com/f/c-paul-mutiva039s-final-trip-home-to-kenya?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 15, 2020 at 04:17 PM

VM

May Gugas soul RIP,greet grandma Ruth kivali Ambula and Dad Elisha munubi Ambula

Vincent Agula munubi - May 16, 2020 at 03:11 AM



Elizabeth the children and I send our condolences to you all. May God rest this great man in everlasting bliss.. My he also give all the strength and courage needed at this trying time and juncture, to the Mutiva family

Anthony Kegode - May 16, 2020 at 08:43 AM

IF

Will miss your smile, laugh and friendship. Rest in peace our longtime friend.

Irving and Pearl Felsenfeld - May 16, 2020 at 09:49 AM

DS

Paul was a lovely person with a loving family. He will be missed.

Deborah Smokler

Deborah Smokler - May 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM

FM

R.I.P our dady..so sad 🥹🥹🥹

foibe mmbaga - May 16, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RO

I remember Paul from the first day he started teaching! He was so bewildered by American students. I remember him saying that when he was in school, students would rise when the teacher entered the room. We told him that he should consider himself lucky if they remained in their seats! He went on to become a much-loved teacher and a good friend to those of us who shared his first-year terrors.

He was so proud of Betty, and of his children....he will be missed.

Ruth Olsen - May 16, 2020 at 10:39 AM



RIP Paul. Condolences and prayers to the family.
Allida Thomas

Allida Thomas - May 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM

GM

Dada mungu awape moyo Wa uvumilivu na mungu amlaze mahali pema peponi

Godwini mtaita - May 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM

KP

Thank you Sophia and Mutiva family for sharing your Mr. Mutiva with me. For allowing me to be there for some of your families precious memories. You dad will truly be missed. Sending love, light and blessings to Mrs. Mutiva and family especially to my dear friend, Sophia. Love you guys!

Keisha-Gaye Peynado - May 16, 2020 at 11:02 AM

DM

Paul was a great friend with a smile that lit up every room he entered. He will be missed, but we have an angel in heaven now. We will always remember you at I.S 52 as a great friend and teacher.

Dania Mallol - May 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM

SA

Paul is an uncle to me. He has been a blessing to many from Vihiga who have sought to visit or seek opportunities in the US. He will be well remembered and respected back here in Kenya.

May his soul rest in peace.

Sande Olocho

Sande - May 16, 2020 at 11:14 AM

AO

My condolences for the family, just take heart God is under control. Maliza we are together.

Anthony Obachi - May 16, 2020 at 11:14 AM

 Ziada Swai-Spinosa

He truly was a fisher of men, and a daily bread. I am one of those fishes, swimming in the ocean of endless possibilities by the grace of God. I am forever grateful of you, your wife and all your beautiful children and grandkids.

My deepest condolences!

Ziada, Doug & Ziada

Ziada Swai-Spinosa - May 16, 2020 at 11:22 AM

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My deepest condolences

Ziada, Doug & Christian

Ziada Swai-Spinosa - May 16, 2020 at 11:23 AM

RJ

God and Paul is smiling upon you all! They have your hearts in their hands and will forever comfort you all! Paul was like another Dad to me and Jermaine as well as a Brother to Our Late Dad Louis Jones and to our Mom Eileen Jones. You are in our Prayers and Thoughts! We will stay in touch and we will be together soon!

Rev. Kasha Jones

Rev. Kasha Jones - May 16, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MA

Am going to miss you Guga, ningekuwa na uwezo ningekurudisha ili tuwe na muda kiasiam going to miss you calling me, sitting on the same table, laughing and enjoying the meal together us family.... Go rest in peace Guga. And have in mind that kimwili atuko pamoja but kiroho we still together... Nakupenda Guga

Melissa Atieno - May 16, 2020 at 11:49 AM



We are very sorry to learn of the passing of Paul. He was an amazing human being, teacher and so much more, He was always caring, compassionate and concerned about everyone and their well-being. In all the years that we taught together at IS 52, Paul's smile and goals to succeed for himself, his family and students was evident. At this time of your loss, we want to express our deepest sympathy to Betty, and the whole Mutiva family, here and in Kenya. Paul will surely be missed. "Remember the 'yamaha!'".

Mark and Sophia Lipson

Mark Lipson - May 16, 2020 at 11:52 AM

SY

Sophia, our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May you all find great strength in the memories he left behind. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.
Sylvester and Sybil

sybil - May 16, 2020 at 12:05 PM

OP

On behalf of my family please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of a great leader aka Paul Mutiva. I will always treasure memories of Paul as kind and benevolent smile.RIP

Ole Pertet - May 16, 2020 at 12:23 PM

OS

*Fai buon viaggio Paul
Felice di averti conosciuto*

Osvalda sacchi - May 16, 2020 at 12:25 PM

EA

Uncle it's so sad that we lost u it's very difficult to come to terms with ur dismissal, dad as a family we will really miss u on behalf of Agades dad rest with the Angels till we meet again. Mum Elizabeth together with my cousins take heart wish u all God's protection.

Evans Tiego Agade - May 16, 2020 at 12:43 PM

SG

*Hi. I'm in Cape Town, South Africa, participating In a Personal Trainer course. I know, I made it to this point of my life's journey, with the help of my Uncle Paul. He took me in, when I first moved to the U. S, to go to school in Dallas, Texas, and acted as my emotional support and familial foundation whilst I was there.
May God rest his soul in peace.
All my love to the family. 🙏*

Sheila (Kegode) Gelas - May 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM

AA

*Hi im Anne Kageha Abwao unfortunately i missed the time. Im in Kenya. Its sad to know my cousin is no more. Il never forget my first time in the USA. Paul invited us with my late Mum Priscila and we had a great time. May I Pray for Comfort and Strength to Elizabeth and the Family.
Paul your no more but in the resurrection morning we shall meet again Gods Peace.*

Anne Kageha Abwao Ambani - May 16, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MK

Paul was the best man at my wedding to his beloved friend Francisco Guiñals. He was a loving and affectionate friend to us both. Although I have not been in touch with Paul for many years, thoughts of him always make me smile.

maxene kupperman-guiñals - May 16, 2020 at 06:20 PM

CM

*My heartfelt Sympathy to the entire family of Uncle Paul . May you Rest In Peace jomba. Lv you.
My love to the family
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Carolyn Muhonja muniale - May 17, 2020 at 02:02 AM

CJ

Deepest Synpathy to Betty, Family and Dear Friends. It is such a Loss to those of us who knew Paul. He always welcomed us to his home and included us, he looked out for us like a Brother. So glad to have shared so many Celebrations with him and his dear Family. I trusted him so many years even after moving out of state, Paul was my Guy to keep my financial affairs in order. He also encouraged me to continue my education as others did as well. He will be missed and never forgotten. RIP Paul. God has a Place reserved for you with Him just as He said.

Chiquita V Jones - May 17, 2020 at 08:44 PM

KA

Truly shocking that you would leave so suddenly dear cousin. I remember how you assisted us when mum passed on, how you assisted me when I was a student in Minneapolis. My condolences to the entire family and friends.

Kanaidza Abwao - May 18, 2020 at 12:53 AM

PI

Shine on your way uncle Paul. You were the best . I recall the time you came to console us upon dismissal of my cherished dad Ishmael Asava Anubi . You were man of a kind heart . Rest in peace we will miss you . My condolences to mum and the family and entire village of voyonga

Purity Ishmael - May 20, 2020 at 04:49 AM

PI

Shine on your way uncle we will miss u

Purity Ishmael - May 20, 2020 at 05:16 AM

JG

Shine on your way, you will forever be remembered by Vihiga Friends Church.

John Gogo - May 28, 2020 at 03:18 PM

HK

Shine your way ,you were specific and determined as a member of county assembly I learned alot from you .

Hon evans chunguli kilaha - June 01, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Cum Paul Mutiva*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Cum Paul Mutiva*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Cum Paul Mutiva*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *To Betty Charles Sophie and Kiki,*

Eden and I will miss Paul. I taught with Paul for over 25 years. He was a good friend. Even after we retired we used to get together for dinner.

May you only have good memories.

Eden and James Michaelis

James Michaelis - May 17, 2020 at 04:32 PM

AM

“ On behalf of our father Ambassador Ambeyi Ligabo, we wish to express our condolences and deep sorrow to the family of Cum Paul Mutiva. Mr. Mutiva was a great friend to our father, and as young kids growing up in Jamaica Queens, we used to visit Mutivas home in Teaneck, NJ. Mr. Mutiva and his family would also visit us in our home in Jamaica Queens when our father used to work with the Kenyan Mission to United Nations. Pole sana Mzee Mutiva’s family. May his soul rest in internal peace.
Ambeyi-Ligabo’s Family in USA.

Ambeyi-Sims - May 17, 2020 at 03:33 PM

FT

“ Its unbelievable that you are gone bro... you have always been there for us all. We will dearly miss you.
Sister Florence Tiego

Florence J. Tiego - May 17, 2020 at 05:09 AM

DM

“ Dania Mallol sent a virtual gift in memory of
Cum Paul Mutiva



Dania Mallol - May 16, 2020 at 08:12 PM

RO

“ Fredi Sperring sends her love and sorrow to you all. She does not use the computer, but she will send me something she will write and I will post it for her.

Ruth Olsen - May 16, 2020 at 03:37 PM

AC

“ To the Mutiva family,
I was very saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great friend when we were together at I.S. 52. I will always remember him.
Alice Cohen

Alice Cohen - May 16, 2020 at 03:34 PM



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 16, 2020 at 03:25 PM



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM

RK

May he rest with the angels From Kenya we mourn with the family of mama Florence ie mama mbula

Roselyne Korongo - May 17, 2020 at 04:30 AM



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 16, 2020 at 02:17 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace.*

Cesar Mercier

Cesar Mercier - May 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM

PT

“ *Paul made me what I am today. He organized and inspired me to get to the states for my studies. He was amazingly generous, social, helpful and outgoing. A wonderful man. My condolences to Elizabeth, Charles, Rosemary and all the other family members. May his soul RIP. Pullah.*

Pullah Mitto Tiego - May 16, 2020 at 12:58 PM

CA

My sincere condolences to the family of uncle Cum Paul Mutiva. My family and I will miss you dearly, wat a lovely and jovial person and with a big heart.. Dance with angles uncle,there no much we can do but to let you rest in eternal peace. Amen. Chrispus Anzeze from vihiga-Kenya.

Chrispus Anzeze - May 16, 2020 at 02:18 PM

CA

Rest in eternal peace uncle

Chrispus Anzeze - May 16, 2020 at 02:19 PM

WA

I sincerely sent my heartfelt condolences to the family of Uncle Paul. I owe him for his generous support. He paid fees for my University education. He was my mentor. I aspired to be a teacher like him and for sure i am. Thank you Dad and may you rest in peace. Walter Agama Agade.

Walter Agama Agade - May 27, 2020 at 06:54 AM

FF

“ Florence Afandi Mutiva and Mutunga's family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cum Paul Mutiva.



Florence Afandi Mutiva and Mutunga's family - May 16, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ Thank you Paul for being so good to me. You were always very helpful and kind. My deepest condolences to your family. Rest in peace. Marianne Calhoun-McKeon

Marianne Calhoun McKeon - May 16, 2020 at 12:10 PM

DE

“ Rosemary and the Mutiva family, May God give you continued strength, peace, and love! Mungu Akubariki!

Denise, Zhané, & Earl



Denise - May 16, 2020 at 11:46 AM

AD

“ To Sophia and family, we will always cherish the memory of your father 's welcoming smile. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Davis family.



Al and. Angela Davis - May 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DM

“ Dania Mallol lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva



Dania Mallol - May 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Antonique Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva



Antonique Smith - May 16, 2020 at 11:06 AM



💔💔💔 RIP Paul!!! My love and prayers are with the family! ❤️🙏

Antonique Smith - May 16, 2020 at 11:23 AM

RO

My condolences to Mutiva's family. May his Soul RIP

Rachel Osango - May 16, 2020 at 11:45 AM

VK

“ *Voltaire Kegode lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Voltaire Kegode - May 16, 2020 at 10:55 AM

Julie Mulonga

“ *Julie Mulonga lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Julie Mulonga - May 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM

CN

“ *Cecilia Nuevo lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Cecilia Nuevo - May 16, 2020 at 10:36 AM

CN

“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Betty Mutiva and the Mutiva family on the loss of Mr. Mutiva. I met Mr. Mutiva when I went to work at IS 52. He was friendly and outgoing with me from day one. He always had a kind word or a good piece of advice for everyone. He had an amazing sense of humor! Even when he became an assistant principal, he never changed. He didn't treat people any differently than before. He was also a good listener. He was A LOT of fun at the parties that we attended. He loved telling stories; especially ones about his beloved Kenya. He held you spellbound by his vivid descriptions. The students also loved him because he was fair. I am so sorry that I lost contact with him. He loved to talk about his family. He was so very proud of them. Thank you for being the way you were with me and so many of your colleagues and friends! Rest In Peace Mr. Mutiva!

Cecilia Nuevo - May 16, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MB

“ Marjorie Bryant and Duane Bryant, former teacher and student send our sincere condolences to the entire family. May God continue to bless and give you the strength to endure this experience.



Marjorie Bryant - May 16, 2020 at 10:29 AM

CD

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Kiki and the entire Mutiva family. May happy memories of your dad comfort you during this time. We love you!
~Christine & Mike~

Christine DePoto - May 16, 2020 at 10:17 AM

NQ

“ Cum and I met through a mutual friend when I moved to NJ in 2001 because I desperately needed a tax preparer. After that initial tax preparation experience with him, I never looked back. His daughter Sophia now does my taxes. My conversations with Cum over the years have been lifechanging. He was like a big brother to me, generous with advice and a no-nonsense attitude to savings and investment. He asked me not to forget about Africa, our motherland. After he moved back to Kenya, I realized he really meant to live by example. Because of him, I have also laid the foundation to retire to Ghana eventually. I'm enormously grateful for his advice. I have lost a dear brother and friend. I will miss him greatly. My profound condolences to Sophia and the entire family.
Dr. Nii Quarcoopome, Detroit, MI

Nii O Quarcoopome - May 16, 2020 at 10:16 AM

VG

“ Veronica Gregam sent a virtual gift in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva



Veronica Gregam - May 16, 2020 at 10:16 AM

VG

“ Veronica Gregam lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva



Veronica Gregam - May 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

PE

“ *Petal sent a virtual gift in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Petal - May 16, 2020 at 10:11 AM

EN

“ *Ellen Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*

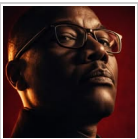


Ellen Nelson - May 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM

IF

“ *We will never forget our trip to Kenya with Cum Paul and Betty. They shared their home and life with us and we will never for that.*

Irving and Pearl Felsenfeld - May 16, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Anthony Kegode lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Anthony Kegode - May 16, 2020 at 08:49 AM

Ken
Ambula

“ Today, we say our Earthly goodbyes to one of the most incredible men I have ever met in my rentire life. I know we are all feeling a little bit sad that we've lost our Guga, our friend, our uncle and our dad. Together we have cried an ocean of tears as we feel so empty and hold many fears.

But Guga would want us to know he's in a good place And that he's watching us all with a smile on his face, as we have made him so proud, as proud as can be that he has raised such a beautiful and special family.

And for all of us, be grateful, his life is now complete. To each one of us he has loved and cared. As a family, be thankful for the good times we shared.

Although he has gone, we will always be together, and his spirit will live on in each one of us forever. When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star, as that will be Guga looking down on us from afar.

And now I would like to thank the good Lord above for blessing us with our Guga, with his kindness and love. Dear God, if it is not too much fuss, take extra special care of our Guga, for he is very dear to us.

Guga, if you are listening, say a prayer for us every day. Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way. We know when God called you, you had to go, but we want you to know, Guga, we miss you and love you so. Shine on your way..

Ken Ambula - May 16, 2020 at 06:59 AM

PA

Fare thee well uncle Paul.

Pamela Evereso Ambula - May 16, 2020 at 08:20 AM



*Eni and Family,
We are sorry for the loss of your brother in-law/father figure. We are praying for strength and comfort for you and your family. Our hearts are with you in your time of sorrow. Stay strong for Sister.
Erica & Tony*

Erica Nyamudoka Josey - May 16, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MO

Rest In Peace Brother in law

Mary Ombeva-Mutiva - May 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM

VK

Fare thee well indeed.

Voltaire Mulonga Kegode - May 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM

VK

Uncle Paul, since the demise of my late father Joshua Kegode, has been a source of inspiration, mentorship and moral support; whether knowingly or not!

Voltaire Mulonga Kegode - May 16, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JO

“ Our condolences go out to the entire Mutiva family. I treasure the years I worked for Cum Paul Mutiva as he was a great and true friend, a strong father figure and a teacher. The lessons on life and relationships he taught me have enabled me to weather the various storms in my life. Jairus Maloba Openda



Jairus Maloba Openda - May 16, 2020 at 03:08 AM

HC

My deepest condolences from home Kenya...uncle Paul was so humerous.We always felt him when he was home.Fly with the angels.

Hon.Lucie Mbaja Chogo - May 16, 2020 at 10:01 AM



Jonas
Chen

To Betty and family, you have my heartfelt condolences. Paul was a great man, he was a mentor to me, much of what a man should be, I learned from him. Paul was a great example of brotherhood, Eldership And he put is family about all things. I love you all, it breaks my heart that I can't be with you as I am officating a fuernal at 1PM today. But I want you to know that my spirit, my prayers and my arms are around you. And remember, that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. I will miss you Big Lee, may you RIP. God bless your family. love always. Herni.

Jonas Chen - May 16, 2020 at 11:32 AM

MM

“ *Masoud Charles Mutiva lit a candle in memory of Cum Paul Mutiva*



Masoud Charles Mutiva - May 16, 2020 at 01:14 AM

JF

“ *To Sophia and family,
My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this hour of bereavement. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I would say that I was so delighted in the fact that I met your dad. I came to understand that he was a man of great statue and his memory on this earth will live on thru his family. I am sorry that I never got to Kenya for him to show me his country. But someday I will. My prayer is that the peace of God surrounds your hearts while the memory of your dad flood your hearts. May the love of God continue to keep you all. Love you.*

Jerrilynn Freeman - May 16, 2020 at 12:47 AM

EK

“ To Elizabeth and family please accept our deep condolences.
Eric & Rose.

ERIC & ROSE KHISA - May 15, 2020 at 05:26 PM

VL

“ Victoria L. purchased a sympathy card for the family
of Cum Paul Mutiva.



Victoria L. - May 15, 2020 at 05:21 PM

VL

“ Victoria Lanasa lit a candle in memory of Cum
Paul Mutiva



Victoria Lanasa - May 15, 2020 at 05:14 PM



Great colleague, great mentor, great friend...

Rogelio Herrera - May 16, 2020 at 10:01 AM