

*Celebrating Life*



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**BETH WANGUI GICHINGA**  
**1932 - 2025**

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# Funeral SERVICE

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at 10:00am

## Service Programme

- Opening Hymn
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Words of Resurrection
- Welcome
- Introduction
- Eulogy
- Tributes
- Bible Lessons
- Hymn
- Sermon
- Prayer for The Family
- Vote of Thanks
- Intimations

## Burial Site

- Burial Rites
- Laying of Wreaths
- Hymn
- Benediction

(483 New / 372 Old)

### Unjarahure Mwathani, Unjarahure

- 1.) Ūnjarahũre Mwathani, ūnjarahũre,  
Njetereire Jesũ kũigua mũgambo waku;  
Ūnjarahũre Mwathani, Ūnjarahũre,  
Njetereire Jesũ kũigua mũgambo waku.

*Thayũ ngoro-inĩ thayũ*

*Nĩguo ndahoya ngoro-inĩ*

*Na ūriũkio waku.*

- 2.) Ūnjiguĩre tha Mwathani, ūnjiguĩre tha,  
Ūgĩcerera arĩa angĩ ndũkahĩtũke;  
Ūnjiguĩre tha Mwathani, Ūnjiguĩre tha,  
Ūgĩcerera arĩa angĩ ndũkahĩtũke.

- 3.) Mwarĩ wa lthe witũ, ūgũkiaga atĩa?  
Tondũ Jesũ aroiga nĩoĩ ciĩko ciaku;  
Akoiga ndũrĩ mũhiũ na ndũrĩ mũhoro,  
Nĩ kaba ūhiũhe kana ūhore.

- 4.) Nawe mũrũ wa lthe witũ, Jesũ arakwĩra,  
"Nĩnjũĩ wĩ igweta atĩ ūrĩ muoyo  
Na nĩ gũkua ūkuĩte. Arahũka!  
Ūrũmie maũndũ marĩa marena gũkua.

- 5.) Waigua mũgambo wa Jesũ ndũkomie ngoro,  
Ngwatanĩro yaku na Ngai ĩcoko;  
Ūkenagĩre ūhonokio waku ta mbere,  
Waigua mũgambo wa Jesũ ndũkomie ngoro.

(42 New / 34 Old)

### Mwathani We Uhonokanagia

- 1.) Mwathani we ūhonokanagia, Mwaki wakũ tũrehere  
Tũikũrũkĩrie kĩheo gĩaku, Mwaki waku tũrehere  
Tũhote kuona kũu igũrũ, Tũikũrũkĩrie Roho Mũtheru  
Twĩkĩre hinya ngoro-inĩ ciitũ, Mwaki waku tũrehere
- 2.) Ta ūrĩa Elijah wamũcokoerie, Mwaki waku tũrehere  
Tũthikĩrĩrie Mwathani wa tha, Mwaki waku tũrehere  
Mehia macinwo ngoro-inĩ, ciitũ Ūtũtherere na riri wa  
waku  
Nĩtũkwenda wambĩrĩrie na ithuĩ, Mwaki waku  
tũrehere

- 3.) Tũkwenda mwaki rĩu twagũthaita, Mwaki waku  
tũrehere  
Tũtigane na mĩtugo mĩũru, Mwaki waku tũrehere  
Twĩke maũndũ o ma ūthingu, Tũtigane na njĩra cia  
nduma  
Mĩthĩire iitũ ĩkũgoocithagie, Mwaki waku tũrehere

- 4.) Tũgũtungate twĩna ūcamba, Mwaki waku tũrehere;  
Ehia metĩkĩre ūmahonokie, Mwaki waku tũrehere:  
Wĩtĩkĩre tũtuĩke igongona, Twenyihia magũrũ-inĩ  
maku;  
Mwathani, twakũhoya ūtũigie, Mwaki waku  
tũrehere.

# MŪTŪRĪRE NA MATUKŪ MA BETH WANGŪI GĪCHINGA

## Gūciarwo

Beth Wangūi Gīchinga aciarirwo mwaka-inĩ wa 1932 arĩ mwana wa irigithathi wa mūtigairĩ Kĩhiũ Wawerũ na mwendwo nĩ irĩ Alice Waigumo (Mūtundu) itũũra-inĩ rĩa Mũthũthi-inĩ, Thĩmũ Sublocation, Gĩkondi Location, Mũkũrwe-inĩ Division, Nyeri County. Maciaranĩrwo na mūtigairĩ Francis Wawerũ, Jane Wachera Kĩmathi na Mary Wagĩkondi Warũirũ. Arĩ mwana wa irigithathi nĩehokagĩrwo mawĩra maingĩ ma mũciĩ marĩa arutaga na ũigĩrĩrĩku mũnene.

## Gĩthomo

Harĩa Beth ahingĩirie mĩaka ya kwambĩrĩrĩa gĩthomo, mũciĩ wao nĩ watubire thutha wa gĩkuũ gĩa ithe wao ũrĩa wamatigire marĩ ciana nini mũno. Nyina, arĩ ta mūtumia wa ndigwa nĩ arĩ na ihinda iritũ rĩa kũmarera. Na nĩ ũndũ ũcio, handũ ha gũthĩ thukuru Beth aikarire mũciĩ nĩ getha mateithanagie na nyina mawĩra matiganĩte. Ona gũtuĩka ndahotire gũthoma ta ciana iria ingĩ, ndakuire ngoro. Nĩ acokire akĩyandĩkithia gũthoma gĩthomo kĩa andũ agima kĩrĩa kĩaahirwo Kaharo Primary School, mũico-inĩ wa mĩaka ya 1970 kũrĩa erutire gũthoma na kwandĩka. Īno yarĩ ngerekano ĩmwe ya kwĩrutanĩria gwake mūtũrĩre-inĩ na mwĩkĩre wake wa maũndũ.

## Kĩhiko na Mũciĩ

Mwaka-inĩ wa 1950, Beth Wangūi nĩ mahikanirie na mwendwa wake, mūtigairĩ Harrison Gīchinga, na magĩcoka makĩerũhia ũhiki wao Kanitha-inĩ wa Kaharo PCEA mwaka-inĩ wa 1973. Nĩmarũmirie kĩhiko kĩa, magĩaka mũciĩ na Ngai akĩmarathima na ciana mũgwanja; na nĩo: Mwangi, Wangarĩ, Kĩhiũ, Maina, Wawerũ, Waigumo, na Thuku.

Beth Wangūi nĩ aratambũrũkĩtie wendo wake na akamũkĩra wega athuri na atumia a ciana ciake. Arĩa mahikĩte kana makahikania mũciĩ wake nĩo: Grace Mwangi, Jinnaro Gĩchimũ, Lucy Kĩhiũ, Alice Maina, Esther Wawerũ, Francis Gĩchũri, na Anne Thuku. Arakoragwo amakuite othe ta ciana ciake.

Mūtũrĩre wake nĩũthĩite na mbere na kũhumbwo riri nĩ tũcũcũ twake: Boniface Kĩbũrĩ,

Irene Wambũi, Beth Wangūi, Harrison Gīchinga, Harun Mũhoru, Richard Gīchinga, Joseph Macharia,

Edward Mwangi, Sharon Wangūi, Dr. Linda Mũkami, Ian Gīchinga, Natasha Elizabeth Wangūi, Brian Gīchinga, Vincent Warũĩ, Stephanie Wangūi, Elizabeth Wangūi, Dennis Mwangi, Edwin Gīchinga, Christine Wanjirũ, Lizbell Wangūi, Maribell Njoki, o hamwe na tũcũkũrũ tũingĩ.



Mũciĩ wake ũrarĩ gĩthima gĩa gĩkeno na kũiganĩra gwake, na kũhĩtũkĩra njiarwa ciake, riri wa mūtũrĩre wake ũrĩa ũkoretwo ũrĩ wa wendo, wĩtĩkĩo na kũmĩrĩria, no ũratherema.

## Wĩra

Thutha wa andũ kũheo wĩyathi na kũgaĩrwo mĩgũnda, Beth Wangūi na mũthuri wake matuĩkire arĩmi anini a gũkũria irio, kahũwa na kũrĩithia mahiũ matiganĩte, na makĩhota kũgacĩrithia mūtũrĩre wao.

Harĩ Beth, ũrĩmi ndũrarĩ o wĩra tu—ũrarĩ mūtũrĩre wake ũrĩa ũramũhotithagia kwĩrũgamia na kũrũgamĩrĩra mũciĩ o hamwe na gũthomithia ciana ciake.

## Mbaara ya Wĩyathi

Thutha wa kũhika mwaka-inĩ wa 1950, Beth nĩ athire Nairobi kũrĩa mũthuri wake arutaga wĩra wa biacara. Mwaka-inĩ wa 1951 nĩ matanahĩrwo na mwana wao wa mbere na mūtũrĩre ũkĩambĩrĩria kũgacĩra, gũtananiĩrwo Watho wa Wĩhũge wa 1952. Mwaka-inĩ wa 1953 nĩ macinĩrwo nduka yao nĩ Ngaati na mũthuri wake agĩthamĩrio Manyani. Beth Wangūi nĩ

ainũkire mũciĩ hamwe na mwana wao agĩũka gũikara na nyaciarawe.

Akinya gũkũ mũciĩ agĩkora o nakuo ti kwega. Andũ othe nĩmacokanĩĩirio gĩcagi kĩa Mũkũi kũĩĩa mũtũĩĩre waritũhire makĩria. Arĩa marĩ na ciana nini macitigagĩra mocũwe makĩroka wĩra wa kĩahinya ũĩĩa wakoragwo ũĩĩ wa oro mũthenya. Nĩũndũ wa mũhatĩkano na gĩko gĩcagi-inĩ kũu ciana nyingĩ nĩ ciakũire nĩ ũndũ wa mũrimũ.

Mwaka-inĩ wa 1956, mũthuri wake nĩ arekereirio kuma ithamĩrio na agĩcoka mũciĩ. Beth Wangũi nĩraririkanaga mahinda maya kaingĩ, no ona gũtuĩka irema cia mũnyamaro ĩyo itiathirire, ndaraheanaga ng'ano cia hĩndĩ ĩyo arĩ na ruo tondũ aroigaga ona manyamario wĩyathi na ithaka nĩcionekire.

### **Mũtũĩĩre wa Mũciĩ na Itũũra**

Beth Wangũi ararĩ mwendi andũ ũrahunjabia gĩkeno mũciĩ-inĩ gwake ona itũũra-inĩ. Ng'ano ciake ciagũkenia andũ na kũmataara nĩ iratũmaga endeke nĩ andũ aingĩ, na mũciĩ wake nĩarakoragwo ahingũĩĩre andũ othe mũrango.

Ūtugi wake nĩ ũronekanaga hĩndĩ ciothe, na makĩria, rĩĩĩa ciana ciake na tũcũcũ maramũceragĩra. Ararĩ mũrugi njobua wa chapatis ona arĩ mũkũrũ, na rĩĩĩa ciamũritũhĩire kũruga arathondekagĩra andũ mũkorogo (pancakes). Ndaratĩkitie no ũingĩre mũciĩ wake na wage kũgagũrwo. Ūtugi wake, gũkenia andũ na kũmanyita ugeni nĩkũramũtuĩte gĩtugi kĩa mũciĩ ona itũũra.

### **Kanitha**

Beth Wangũi abatithĩirio Kanitha-inĩ wa PCEA Kaharo mwaka-inĩ wa 1967 na agĩcoka akĩĩgĩrĩrwo moko mwaka-inĩ wa 1974. Kuma hĩndĩ ĩyo akoretwo arĩ mũrũmĩrĩri woma wa Kanitha na ona rĩĩĩa agire hinya wa gũthiaga Ihoero-inĩ, 'Home Church' nĩ ĩrarehaga igongona mũciĩ gwake makanyitanĩra na makahoya nake ona akamũkĩra Gĩathĩ. Ona atagũthĩĩ Kanitha nĩaratũmanaga mũhothi na maruta marĩa mangĩ atwarĩrwo Kanitha-inĩ. Ndararekereirie ngwatanĩro yake na andũ ona Ngai ihotomio nĩ kwaga hinya wa mwĩĩrĩ.

### **Kũhurũka Gwake**

Beth Wangũi nĩaraikarĩte mũaka mũingĩ arĩ na ũgima mwega wa mwĩĩrĩ. Ona arĩ mũkũrũ ũguo magego make mothe ararĩ o namo; ndaraĩĩ na thina wa kuona kana kũigua na ndarahotometie kĩirikano kana gĩtaranio gĩake. Kũrĩ mwaka wa 2008, nĩ erirwo ena thĩĩna wa ngoro urĩa aranyuagĩra ndawa o agĩthiaga clinic.

Mwaka ũcio ũrathirire, 2024, mweri wa keerĩ nĩakomire thibitarĩ ya Outspan thutha wa kwoneka arĩ na pneumonia. Nĩ acokire agĩkoma rĩngĩ mwaka ũyũ o mweri-inĩ wa keerĩ arĩ na thĩĩna oro ta ũcio. Nĩ arigitirwo na akĩheo rũtha.

Kũrĩ mũthenya wa keerĩ, mweri 11 o ũyũ wa ikũmi nomwe, mathaa ma hwaĩ-inĩ nĩ anyitĩkĩre na ihinya na akĩguthũkio Mũkũrwe-inĩ Subcounty Hospital, kũrĩa atangĩkĩrwo mbere ya gũtũmwo Outspan Hospital. Kũu nĩekĩrĩrwo mũtambo wa rĩera, akĩhorera wega, atarĩ na ruo, na ona irio nĩ ararĩaga o wega.

Kũrĩ mũthenya wa kana, mweri 20 wa ikũmi nomwe, ta thaa ikũmi na ĩmwe cia hwaĩ-inĩ, Beth nĩanyitĩkĩre rĩngĩ na ngoro yake ĩkĩrũgama. Hau nĩho arĩkĩirĩe wĩra wake na rugendo rwake rwa gũkũ thĩ rũgĩkinya mũthia. Arahurũkire na thaayũ arĩ na ũkũrũ wa mũaka 93.

*Nĩ Ngai waheanire Beth Wangũi na nowe wacokera. Rĩtwa rĩake rĩrogocwo. Amen.*



# THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE LATE BETH WANGUI GICHINGA

## Birth

Beth Wangui Gichinga was born in 1932 to the late Kihui Waweru and the late Alice Waigumo (Mutundu) in Muthuthi-ini Village, Thimu Sublocation, Gikondi Location, Mukurwe-ini Division, Nyeri County. She was the firstborn in a family of four children, a role she carried with grace and responsibility. Her siblings are Jane Wachera Kimathi, Mary Wagikondi Waruiru, and the late Francis Waweru.

## Education

At the age when she was meant to begin school, tragedy struck—the death of her father left behind very young children and a widowed mother struggling to raise them alone. In those difficult years, Beth was unable to join her peers in the classroom. Instead, she remained at home, helping her mother with household responsibilities. Though denied the chance of early schooling, Beth's determination never waned. In the late 1970s, she enrolled in adult education classes at Kaharo Primary School, where she gained basic literacy skills. This step reflected her resilience and lifelong commitment to learning, even in the face of hardship.

## Marriage and Family

In 1950, Beth was joined in marriage to the late Harrison Gichinga, a union later solemnized at Kaharo PCEA Church in 1973. Together, they built a life of faith and devotion, blessed by God with seven children: Mwangi, Wangari, Kihui, Maina, Waweru, Waigumo, and Thuku.

Beth's love extended beyond her children to embrace their spouses—Grace Mwangi, Jinnaro Gichimu, Lucy Kihui, Alice Maina, Esther Waweru, Francis Gichuri, and Anne Thuku—whom she welcomed as daughters and sons-in-law.

Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Boniface Kiburi, Irene Wambui, Beth Wangui, Harrison Gichinga, Harun Muhoro, Richard Gichinga, Joseph Macharia, Edward Mwangi, Sharon Wangui, Dr. Linda Mukami, Ian Gichinga, Natasha Elizabeth Wangui, Brian Gichinga,



Vincent Warui, Stephanie Wangui, Elizabeth Wangui, Dennis Mwangi, Edwin Gichinga, Christine Wanjiru, Lizbell Wangui, Maribell Njoki, and many great-grandchildren.

Beth's family was her pride and joy, and through them her spirit lives on—woven into generations who carry forward her love, faith, and resilience.

## Occupation

Following Independence and the land adjudication process, Beth and her late husband settled as small-scale farmers. Together, they cultivated crops and reared dairy cows, goats, sheep, and poultry, building a livelihood rooted in hard work and resilience.

Beth approached farming not merely as an occupation but as a calling—working with dedication and passion to provide for her family. Through her tireless efforts, she ensured that her household was well fed and that her children received an education, laying a foundation of stability and opportunity for generations to come.

## Independence Struggle

After marrying in 1950, Beth moved to Nairobi to join her husband, who was running a business there. Their firstborn child arrived in 1951, and life seemed promising until the State of Emergency was declared in 1952. The following year, tragedy struck when her husband's shop was torched by colonial officers. He was arrested and detained

at Manyani detention camp, leaving Beth to return to the village with her young child to live with her mother-in-law.

Yet even in the village, hardship awaited. Families were rounded up and consigned to Mukui Colonial Village, where life became one of the most difficult chapters of her journey. As a young mother, Beth was forced to leave her child in the care of the elderly, since all able-bodied individuals were required to perform daily forced labour. The overcrowded and unsanitary conditions claimed the lives of many children among her contemporaries.

In 1956, Beth was finally reunited with her husband upon his release. Though she carried the scars of those ordeals, she spoke of them often—not with bitterness, but with a quiet satisfaction that independence was ultimately won, and that the suffering had not been in vain.

### **Social and Family Life**

Beth lived a vibrant life, marked by her deep love for people and her gift of bringing joy wherever she was. A natural storyteller with a delightful sense of humour, she enlivened gatherings and was cherished in village social circles. Her home was a place of welcome, where family and friends alike felt valued and cared for.

Devoted to her family, Beth went to great lengths to ensure that every visit from her children and grandchildren was memorable. She expressed her love not only through words but also through the warmth of her hospitality. She became especially renowned for her delicious chapatis, which she continued to prepare well into her later years. And when age made chapati-making difficult, she still found joy in serving pancakes—ensuring that her guests never left without tasting her care.



Beth's generosity, humour, and hospitality made her not only the heart of her family but also a beloved figure in her community. Her legacy as a gracious host and entertainer lives on in the many lives she touched.

### **Church**

Beth was baptized at Kaharo PCEA Church in 1967 and later confirmed there in 1974. From then on, she remained a steadfast member of the congregation, attending services faithfully and living out her devotion with consistency. Even when advancing years made it difficult for her to walk to church, worship did not cease—'Home Church' services were held in her home, and she continued to receive Holy Communion. Her faith was not only expressed in attendance but also in her unwavering commitment to give her tithes and offerings, a testimony to her deep trust in God and her dedication to the life of the church.

### **Her Final Chapter**

Beth enjoyed good health for most of her life. Even in her later years, she remained remarkably strong—her teeth intact, her memory sharp, and her sight and hearing undiminished. In 2008, she was diagnosed with a heart condition, which was managed carefully through medication and regular outpatient care.

Her first hospital admission came in February 2024, when she was treated for pneumonia at Outspan Hospital. She was admitted again in February of this year for the same condition. On the afternoon of Tuesday, 11th November, while at home, she suddenly became unwell. She was rushed to Mukurwe-ini Sub-county Hospital, stabilized, and later referred to Outspan Hospital for further care. There she was placed on oxygen, remaining stable, free from pain, and able to feed normally.

On Thursday, 20th November, at around 5 o'clock in the evening, Beth suffered a cardiac arrest. She passed away peacefully at the age of 93, closing her life's journey with dignity, serenity, and grace. Thus came her final chapter, a season marked by resilience, serenity, and the quiet grace with which she faced her last days.

*It's God who gave Beth and it's Him who has taken.  
May His Name be glorified.*

*Amen.*

## **GRANDCHILDREN'S TRIBUTE TO CŪCŪ**

Losing our Cūcū has left a quiet ache in all of us, yet her love still speaks loudly within us. We remember last year's cousins' visit, when she surprised us with a song that will remain with us forever. In that simple, beautiful moment, she reminded us to encourage one another along life's journey. Her voice—soft, steady, full of grace—became a blessing we did not realize was being given to us for the last time.

That is the memory we choose to carry as her legacy: that we must love one another, just as she always desired. As we release her to rest, we hold tightly to the unity she prayed over us. May her song continue to echo in the choices we make, the love we share, and the bond she built among us.

May Cūcū rest well. Her melody lives on within us. And may Joseph Mwaura's song—one of her favourites—"Ūmanagiririai Rūgendo-ini" become our rallying call—a reminder to encourage one another, to walk together in love, and to carry forward the unity she prayed over us.

### **TRIBUTE FROM SHARON WANGUI KIHU**

Today, we celebrate the life of a woman whose presence shaped our family profoundly—my grandmother, Beth Wangui Kihui.

To me, she was more than a Cūcū. She was a storyteller, a source of wisdom, and a gentle guide whose love found its way into every conversation and every moment we shared.

Cūcū had a special gift for making everyone feel seen. She carried herself with grace and humour, and her stories—whether they made us laugh, taught us lessons, or helped us understand life more deeply—were treasures we will never forget.

She was proud of her family, but her pride in her grandchildren was unmatched. Every achievement, whether great or small, she celebrated with joy, as if our victories were her own.

I will always remember her wish for me - her dream that one day I would stand boldly in my purpose, defending others and making her

proud. That vision she held for my life is something I will carry with me always.

Though losing her is painful, I take comfort in knowing that her journey continues in peace. I believe she is watching over us, smiling as she always did.

We are grateful for the love she poured into us and for raising a family rooted in love and courage. May she rest in eternal peace. May she be our guardian angel, walking with us through every chapter of our lives.

Her legacy of unity, strength, and compassion will remain our guiding light.

### **TRIBUTE FROM LIZBELL AND MARIBELL THUKU**

We, Lizbell Wangui and Maribell Njoki Thuku, have the privilege of being called Cūcū's granddaughters. She has been an inspiration to all of us, and her strength runs through our veins. She was a woman who chose love in a world often filled with hatred. Others may have seen only a woman, but we see a warrior.

We love her even in death, salute her, and honour her memory. The memories we shared with her will remain stored in our hearts forever. Though we are separated for now, it is only for a while. May God grant her soul rest and peace, until we meet again in His eternal glory.

We will cherish our Cūcū forever—and a day more.

### **TRIBUTE FROM DR. LINDA MUKAMI KIHU**

To my dear beloved Cūcū, my heart is heavy as I write this, yet I am grateful that God granted her a long and fruitful life.

I treasure the many stories she shared with us, the delicious meals she prepared, and the joy on her face as she beamed with pride, congratulating me at every step of my journey. Her encouragement was a constant blessing, and her love gave me strength to pursue my goals.

I miss her every day and will forever keep her memory alive. My love for her will never wane and I will forever remain grateful that she was my Cūcū.



## **APPRECIATION**

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to friends and well wishers who have offered invaluable help and comfort in Prayers, Condolences and Gifts

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you:  
The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace." Num 6:24 26.

**May God Abundantly Bless you!**

SCAN ME

