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MEMORY



**MAGGIE N BORO-O'BRIEN**

OCT. 10, 1964 - APR. 27, 2025

**First Memorial Funeral Services &  
Boal Chapel and Memorial Gardens**

1505 Lillooet Road, North Vancouver

*- May 16, 2025 -*



# *Chapel Service*

## **10:00 – 10:05 am: Prelude**

- Background Music
- Gathering of Guests

## **10:05 – 10:10 am: Opening Remarks – Rev. Mike Sanya**

- Welcoming Guests
- Introduction of the service
- Acknowledgment of family and friends

## **10:10 – 10:15 am: Opening Prayer – Rev. Mike Sanya**

- A Prayer led by the officiant
- Moment of Silence

## **10:15 – 10:25 am: Reading of Eulogy**

- Sharing the life story of the deceased – Rosemary Njeri
- Maggie's Reflection – Joanne Gicho

## **10:25 – 10:45 am: Tributes**

- Personal tributes from Family Members and Friends  
*(Sharing of Memories and Stories)*
  - Friend tribute (Salome)
  - Nieces and Nephew (Shiiru Ndicu)
  - Special tribute (Angie Gicho)
- Siblings (Brother and sister) Shiro Kate
  - Daughter – Ciru

## **10:45 – 10:55 am: Musical Tribute**

- Special song or hymn to be played

## **10:55 – 11:00 am: Scripture Readings from Selected Passages**

- Passage I – Kinga
- Passage II – Rev. Mike Sanya

**11:00 – 11:15 am: Sharing of the Word**

- Rev. Mike Sanya

**11:15 – 11:20 am: Closing Remarks**

- Vote of Thanks – (Shiro Ndicu)

**11:20 – 11:35 am: Closing Prayer – Rev. Mike Sanya**

- A prayer to conclude the service
- A Prayer of Blessing for the Family
  - Slide Show
- Trumpets to end the service

**11:35 – 11:40 am: Post Service Guidelines - Jessica Wilken, Boal Chapel**

- Invitation to Proceed to Burial Site - Walking distance from the Chapel

*Graveside Committal Service*

**12:00 pm – 12:15 pm: Arrival at the Graveside**

**12:15 – 12: 20 pm: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**12:20 – 12:30 pm: Scripture Reading**

- Words of Comfort
- Kikuyu Song (Utugi wa Magegania)

**12:30 – 12:40 pm: Lowering of Casket**

- Placing of Flowers on casket

**12:40 – 12: 50 pm: Closing Remarks**

- Final Blessing/Words of Farewell
  - Benediction
  - Dove release
- Trumpet send off

**12:50 – 12:55 pm: Departure from Graveside**

# EULOGY

## *Maggie N Boro-O'Brien*

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**M**argaret Nyakiringa Boro O'Brien was born on October 10, 1964, in Githuya Village, Mbari Ya Igi Sub-Location, Komothai Location, Githunguri Division, Kiambu County. She was the 11th child of the late Patrick Boro Waweru and the late Damaris Wanjiru. Margaret was baptized as an infant at PCEA Church in Komothai, beginning her lifelong journey of faith from a very young age.

### **Education**

Margaret began her education at Komothai Primary School and went on to attend Gathirimu Girls High School. She later completed her secondary education at Naivasha Girls High School. With a strong determination to build a professional future, she proceeded to Kenya Polytechnic in Nairobi, where she pursued secretarial studies.

### **Work/Business**

Margaret began her career at Philips (K) Ltd before joining the Canadian High Commission In Nairobi. While working at the Canadian Embassy, she also ventured into general business In Kenya. Eventually, she secured permanent residency in Canada and relocated to Vancouver in 1996.

In Vancouver, Margaret pursued a new path in health care, starting out as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Her passion and dedication led her to seek greater opportunities, prompting a move to the United States In search of greener pastures. There, she became an entrepreneur, opening and managing multiple adult family care homes With compassion and excellence.

In 2013, Margaret made the decision to return to Canada, where she continued to advance her career in health care. She went back to school to upgrade her qualifications and became a Nurse. She worked at Lions Gate Hospital, where she remained a valued and dedicated member of the team until her passing.

### **Early Life Marriage**

In March 1997, Maggie was blessed With the birth of her first and only miracle child, Ciru Wanjiru Munyinyi. She devoted her youth wholeheartedly to raising her daughter, embracing motherhood with love, strength, and pride. Maggie was a deeply proud and devoted mother.

On May 10, 2006, Maggie married the love of her life, Christopher O'Brien. Their union was one of deep commitment and unwavering support. Chris stood faithfully by Maggie's side through every season— in joy and in sorrow, in health and in illness — a true partner in every sense of the word.

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# EULOGY - MAGGIE N BORO O'BRIEN

## **Maggie's Selfless Dedication to Her Family and friends**

*Maggie was a steadfast pillar of support for her family and friends— both emotionally and financially. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she gave selflessly, never expecting anything in return. She ensured that her loved ones never lacked, often sacrificing her own comfort to meet the needs of others. Whether it was sending financial assistance back home, supporting education, or simply being, a steady presence during life's most difficult moments, Maggie was always there.*

*She played a vital role in helping many family members and friends Immigrate In search of better opportunities, offering guidance, encouragement, and tangible support every step of the way. One of her proudest acts of love was building a home for her mother gesture that spoke volumes of her devotion and gratitude.*

*Her words uplifted, her actions reassured, and her love grounded those around her. Maggie carried the weight of responsibility with quiet grace — never complaining, always going — a true reflection of her generous heart and resilient spirit.*

## **Community**

*Maggie deeply loved being part of her community. She actively contributed her time, energy, and heart to numerous groups both in Canada and the United States. She was a registered and devoted member of the Kenyans in BC Association, the KenBC Benevolence Committee, and the GEMA Community in British Columbia. In addition, she was a proud member of Kenya Women in the United States (KWITU). Through these communities, Maggie built lasting friendships, uplifted others, and lived out her values of service, connection, and cultural pride.*

## **Illness**

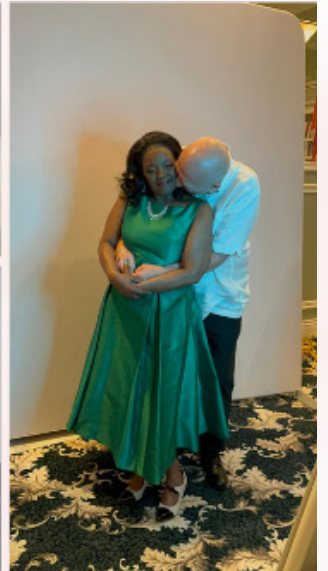
*In March of 2023, Margaret was diagnosed with stage 2B triple-negative breast cancer. Over the course of her journey, she underwent a series of grueling treatments—including eight different chemotherapy regimens, 25 rounds of radiation, and a double mastectomy. Despite the intensity of these treatments, Margaret faced them with incredible strength and unwavering faith.*

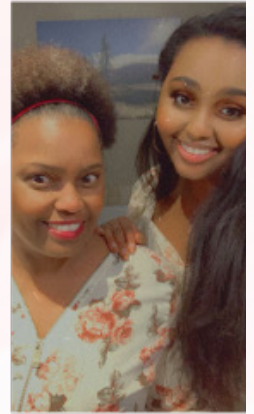
*In July of 2024, we received the heartbreaking news that the cancer had returned — this time to her lungs. At this stage, it was classified as stage 4 cancer. Through it all, Maggie continued to fight with courage and grace. She never let her illness define her or prevent her from living fully. Her spirit remained strong, and her faith was her constant source of hope and light.*

*On April 17, 2025, Maggie went to the hospital after experiencing shortness of breath. After a series of tests, the doctors told her that the cancer had spread, affecting 50% of her lungs and causing one to collapse. And yet again, even in the face of this news, Maggie's faith did not waver.*

*God, in His mercy, chose to bring Maggie home and free her from her suffering on April 27 2025. She left us with the same dignity and strength with which she lived. Maggie was a beacon of strength, resilience, faith, and love — and her legacy will continue to inspire all who knew her.*

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# *Celebration of Life*

## **4:00 pm**

- Doors open
- Ushers welcome guests

## **4:30 pm**

- Welcoming and opening remarks

## **4:40 pm**

- Opening prayer

## **4:45 pm - 5:00 pm**

- Musical tribute from family members
- Personal reflections

## **5:15 pm - 6:45 pm**

- Dinner is served
- Picture montage musical tribute during dinner

## **6:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

- Words of encouragement (TBD)

## **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

- Open Mic tributes and personal reflections
- Closing remarks
- Vote of thanks - Judy Gicho

## **8:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

- Dance floor opens (*Music by DJ Sun*)



# Maggie



# WE WILL MISS YOU



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## *John 14: 1-3*

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,  
and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

## *Reflection:*

These words of Jesus provide comfort and assurance that there is a place prepared for each of us in the afterlife. As we bid Maggie farewell, we hold on to the promise that she is now at peace, in a place of eternal rest and joy surrounded by God's love.