



*Celebrating  
the Life of*

**ELDER H. K. MWAVUA**

**APRIL 12, 1944 - SEP 15, 2023**

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**KEY DATES**

USA MEMORIAL SERVICE

**OCT 1ST, 2PM EST**

EMMANUEL BRINKLOW SDA CHURCH  
18800 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE  
ASHTON, MD 20861

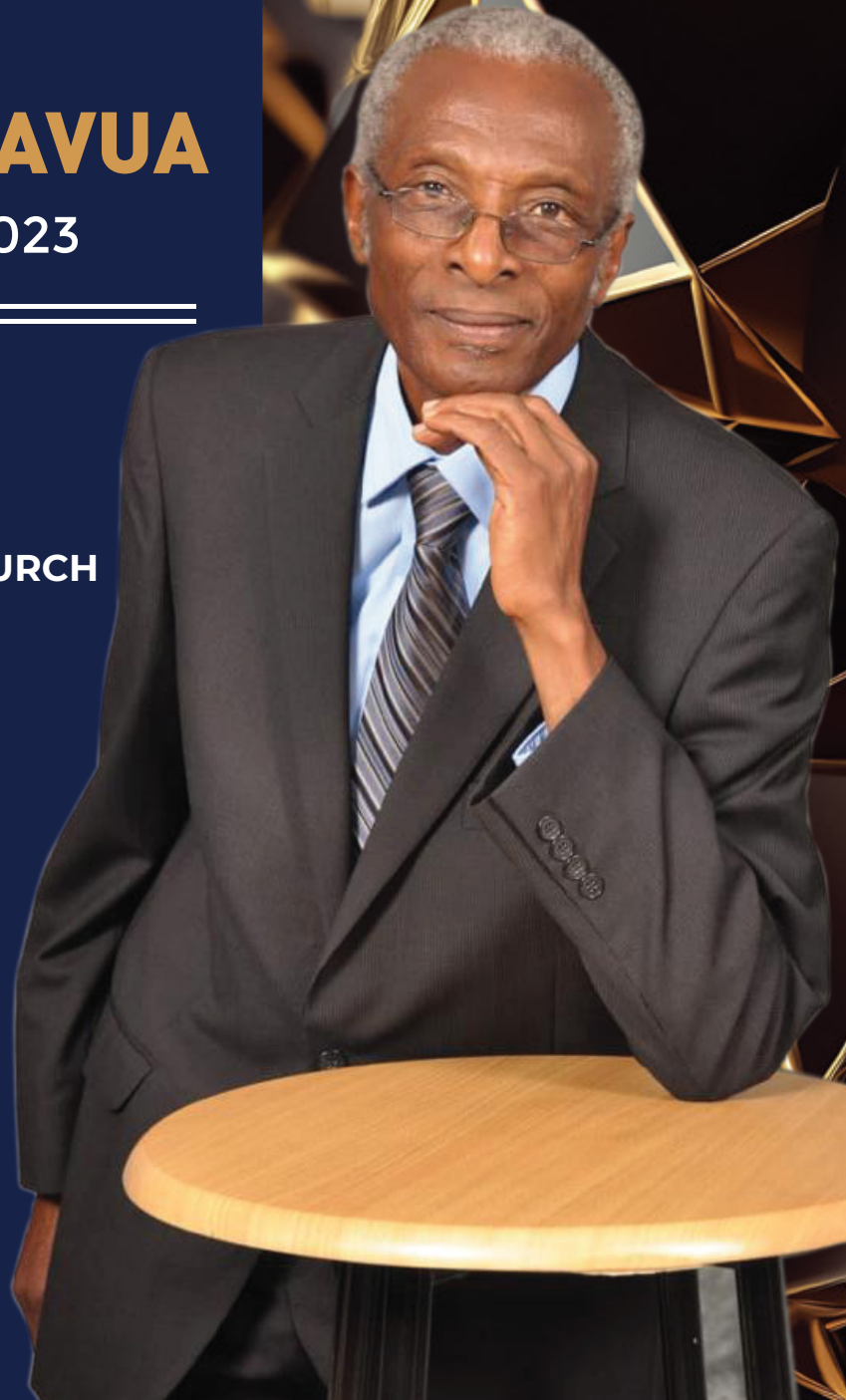
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - 1:00 PM**  
FUNERAL SERVICE AT  
NAIROBI SOUTH SDA CHURCH.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH**  
BURIAL IN MBALE  
MOGHO MANGUWA VILLAGE, TAITA.

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**FAITH ♦ HOPE ♦ PEACE**



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Prelude		Kelvin Barnes, Organist
Pastoral Remarks & Opening Prayer		Pastor Dwain Esmond
Hymn of Hope	#100 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"	Congregation
Scriptures of Comfort & Remarks	John 14:27, Hebrews 4:16 NKJV Pastor Michael Oxentenko	
Living Springs SDA Church Tribute		Pastor Boni Getugi
Scriptures of Comfort & Remarks	Micah 6:8, 2 Tim 4:7-8 NKJV Elder Msafiri Kiondo	
Nairobi South SDA Church Tribute		Erick Teya, Alumnus
Nairobi South SDA Church Tribute		Mike Odera, Alumnus
Musical Selection	"Just As I Am"	Louis R. Preston III
Life Narrative		Andrew Mwavua (Son)
Music Selection	'Healing'	Worship Team
Reflection		Emmy Mwavua (Daughter)
Reflection		Jacque' Mwavua (Daughter)
Musical Selection	"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"	Worship Team
Reflection		Daniel Mwavua (Son)
Reflection		Andrew Mwavua (Son)

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Musical Selection	“My Life Is In Your Hands”	Worship Team & Congregation
Taita Composition		Mkwawasi Mcharo-Hall
Maxwell Adventist Academy & Maxwell Adventist Preparatory School Tribute		Victoria Massimo - Chimbwanda
Charge to Family		Elder Carol Cantu
Hymn Medley	“Sweet Hour of Prayer/ Abide with Me”	Congregation
Reflection		Mrs. Eunice Mwavua (Wife)
Hymn of Hope	#625 “Higher Ground”	Congregation
Homily		Pastor Louis Preston Jr.
Special Music	“We Shall Behold Him”	Jacque’ Mwavua (Daughter)
Announcements		Pastor Dwain Esmond
Bible Verse		Ephesians 3:14-21 KJV Pastor Dwain Esmond
Anthem	“Total Praise”	Worship Team & Congregation

\*\*\*Repast (Fellowship Hall - downstairs) All are welcome\*\*\*

# ELDER HK MWAVUA EULOGY



Elder Hezbon Kepha Mwavua, affectionately known as 'HK' by his family, was born on April 12, 1944. He was the youngest of eight children born to Daniel Kambale and Lillian Emmy Samba in Mogho Manguwa Village, Taita-Taveta County, Kenya. HK was a loving and obedient child, with a quiet and reserved nature. From a young age, his strong moral compass was evident; he deeply opposed any form of injustice and detested seeing unnecessary suffering.

HK had a fondness for cattle. He assisted his parents by tending to them, displaying the qualities of a devoted shepherd. It pained him deeply whenever any of his bulls were injured or passed away.

Education played a significant role in HK's life. He attended Terinyi Primary School, then Maynard Upper Primary in Taita, and finally, Baptist High School in Mombasa Coast Province. A diligent student, he particularly enjoyed Math, English, and Geography.

HK was also athletically gifted, representing his school in track events like the 400 and 800 meters, and in field events like the high and long jump. Perhaps due to his rural upbringing, he always cherished physical activity, from gardening in his younger days to playing squash later in life.

Family was central to HK's life. The premature loss of his father, shortly before his Form Four examinations, deeply affected him. Though this tragedy hindered his dream of attending medical school, they set the stage for his later connection with the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's holistic health message.

Instead of pursuing medicine, HK attended a cooperative college, graduating as a Cooperative officer. He further enriched his education with evening classes in private colleges, discovering a passion for accounting and auditing. His professional journey began as a Cooperative officer in the Government of the Republic of Kenya's Ministry of Cooperatives in Nairobi.

HK's most rewarding assignment was auditing the Cattle Farmers' Cooperative Societies in Maasailand. Here, he built deep relationships with the Maasai people, even being inducted as an Elder within their community. The Government of Kenya later promoted him to Senior Auditor, a position he held until his early retirement.

Love found HK in Taita where he first met Sasha (Eunice). Their paths crossed again in Nairobi, leading to their marriage on November 4, 1972, at the All Saints Cathedral. Their blessed union produced four children: Emmy, Jacque, Daniel, and Andrew.

The Mwavua couple were devout Christians, regularly attending the All Saints Cathedral, an Anglican church. However, health seminars by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church profoundly influenced them, ultimately leading them to join this faith. HK was known for his unwavering principles. He notably departed from the widely accepted practice of corporal punishment, raising disciplined children with love and firmness.

Service was a cornerstone of HK's life. The Nairobi South SDA Church recognized his dedication, ordaining him as an Elder. Even in the bonus years of his life, he continued to serve the community. In 2009, he and his wife established the Hekima Health Lifestyle Center in the Taita Hills. In 2010, they moved back to Nairobi, aiding those in need.

In 2018, the Mwavuas traveled to the US for family visits and medical consultations. Maryland became their permanent residence. However, in 2023, a pancreatic cancer diagnosis marked the final chapter of HK's life. He passed away on September 15.

Known for his quiet dignity, many may not know that Elder Mwavua had a rich inner world. His love for music and reading endured throughout his life, but as a young man, he was quite the dancer. He had refined tastes, with a penchant for quality clothing. HK also had impressive culinary skills. He was a multi-faceted individual.

His diagnosis was met with the same composed dignity and unwavering faith he was known for. As tributes flowed in, his legacy became evident – in his children, his granddaughter Ava-Malaika, and in the countless lives he touched.

Elder H.K. Mwavua embodied **2 Timothy 4:7-8**. *He fought a good fight, finished his race, and kept the faith. A crown of righteousness surely awaits him in heaven. Even so, come Lord Jesus.*

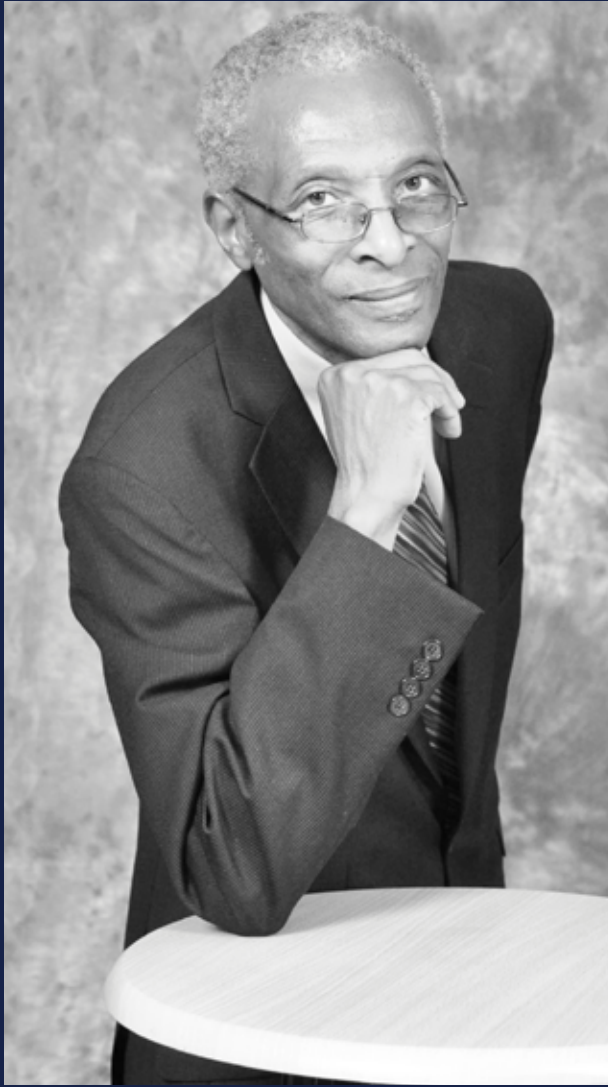


*HK Mwavua Wedding  
& Family Photos*



*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7







Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

