

In Loving Memory of



Elizabeth Mugure Waiguchu

Sunrise

December 3, 1998

Sunset

March 29, 2015



Service

Friday, April 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

PERRY FUNERAL HOME

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Obituary

Her Life History

Elizabeth Mugure Waiguchu was born on December 3, 1998 to Wallace Waiguchu and Miriam Mugo in Livingston, New Jersey. After attending kindergarten at Kidde Quarters in Irvington, she went on to Connecticut Farms Elementary School in Union. She then enrolled in Burnet Middle School, also in Union. After graduation, she entered Union High School and was a member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) since her freshman year. She was a junior at the high school when she passed away on March 29, 2015.

To know Mugure was to love her. She brought joy and laughter to everyone she met. She was very close to her family and always told them how much she loved them. Mugure was a very lovable, respectable and selfless girl. She did everything wholeheartedly.

Mugure really enjoyed spending time with her dad and would often walk into his room and simply sit quietly on his bed. They had a special understanding based on the unique love between a father and a daughter. Together with her sisters, Muthoni and Njoki, she was her father's world.

She looked up to her older sister, Muthoni, as a role model. She knew how much her sister loved her. She also borrowed Muthoni's clothes and other items, with or without permission, for she knew she could get away with it. Her other sister, Njoki, would often sit in the living room with her and talk about anything. With Mugure you really did not even need to turn on the TV because she could be very entertaining. One of her favorite drinks was raspberry ice tea. She also craved popcorn and buddy bars.

Whenever she visited her uncle, Johnson, and her cousins, they would head to the local park and play till sundown. She was full of energy and strength. She ran frequently. She often read Psalm 23 with Muthoni, her grandmother. She was baptized by the Rev. Dr. E. Addo at First Presbyterian Church of Irvington.

Her friends called her "Lizzy" but family members called her "Mugure". She is named after her daddy's sister, Elizabeth.

Mugure leaves behind a lot of relatives who will cherish her memory. They include: her father, Wallace; her older sisters, Muthoni and Njoki; her many cousins, uncles and aunts in the U.S. and Kenya; and her grandfather, Dr. Muruku Waiguchu.

Mugure will be laid to rest next to her grandmother, Muthoni, and her grandfather, Ikinya, in Kirichu, Nyeri, Kenya on April 17, 2015.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:1-3

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
ELIZABETH MUGURE WAIGUCHU**

OFFICIATING: Rev. Dr. E. Obiri Addo, Parish Associate, First Presbyterian and Trinity Church,
South Orange, NJ & Rev. Dr. Monica Aidoo, International Evangelist.

ORGAN MEDITATION:.....Rev. Monica Aidoo

CALL TO WORSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE:.....Rev. Dr. Obiri Addo

REFLECTIVE READING:.....Psalm 23

*HYMN:.....**“Rock of Ages”**.....MHB 498 (1&2)
*Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood. From Thy
riven side which flowed. Be of sin the double cure. Cleanse me from its guilt and power. Not the
labors of my hands. Can fulfill Thy law’s demands: Could my zeal no respite know, Could my
tears forever flow. All for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

THE INVOCATION:.....Rev. Dr. Obiri Addo

REFLECTIVE READING.....Zechariah 9:11-2 and I Corinthians 10:13

LIFE HISTORY OF MUGURE WAIGUCHU:

*HYMN RESPONSE:.....**“Lead, Kindly Light”**.....MHB 612 (1&3)
*LEAD, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom. Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far
from home; Lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see. The distance scene: one
step enough for me. So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still. Will lead me on. O’er moor and
fen, o’er crag and Torrent, till. The night is gone; And with the morn those angel faces smile.
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.*

TRIBUTE:.....J.M. Waiguchu

TRIBUTE:.....Ms. Phyllis

ORGAN MEDITATION:.....**Captain of Israel’s Host**

TRIBUTE:.....Gladys Waiguchu

REMARKS BY HER FATHER:.....Wallace Waiguchu

ORGAN INTERLUDE:

ROTC HONORS:

HYMN:.....**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**
*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah. Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art
mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven! Be Thou still my help and shield.
Open Thou the crystal fountain. Whence the healing stream shall flow: Let the fiery, cloudy
pillar. Lead me all my journey through: Strong Deliverer! Be Thou still my help and shield.*

MEDITATION:.....**Prisoners of Hope**.....Rev. Dr. E. Obiri Addo

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE:

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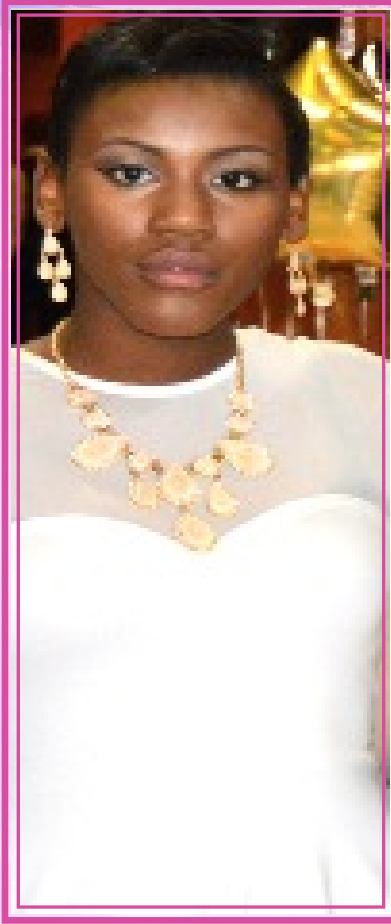
*CLOSING HYMN:.....**Abide With Me**
PH 543 (1, 4 & 5)

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide! When other
helpers fail, and comforts flee. Help of the helpless, O abide with me. I fear no foe, with Thee at
hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death’s sting? Where, grave,
Thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies: Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

*THE BENEDICTION:.....Rev. Dr. Obiri Addo

ORGAN VOLUNTARY AND FINAL VIEWING:

*=Those who are able may please stand. The immediate Family remains seated throughout.



Acknowledgements

*The Family of **Elizabeth Mugure Waiguchu** with deepest gratitude, acknowledge all of the cards, prayers, calls and many acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.*

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