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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF HON. JAMES BARASA MUKHONGO MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, CHWELE KABUCHAI WARD



It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that the County Assembly of Bungoma announces the untimely passing of Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo, the beloved Member of County Assembly for Chwele Kabuchai Ward. Hon. Mukhongo peacefully departed on August 4, 2025, at Hopkins Crescent Hospital in Bungoma, where he had been receiving medical care.

The late Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo was born on July 10, 1966, in Mukhwuya village, Mukhwuya sub-location, as the second-born son of the late Mzee John Mukhongo Khatukhila and Mama Milka Khatukhila Nasipwondi Kituyi. He was a brother to the late Gladys Naliaka, Shadrack Mukhongo, Linet Nasimiyu, the late Phanice Nasambu, the late Elisha Wafula, the late Judith Nanjala, Peter Mukhongo, Dismas, Patrick, Edward, Bernard, Cleophas, Moses, Tom, Donald, Fred, Geoffrey, David, Andrew, Simon, Paul, Martin, James, Stephen, and Joseph Nyongesa, among others.

Hon. Mukhongo was blessed with a loving family. He married five wives: Leah Barasa (Omutachoni Omusamu) in 1986, Evelyne Barasa (Omukokho) in 1993, Elizabeth Ikarede Barasa (Teso) in 2000, Leah Machuma Barasa (Omutukwika) in 2003, and Rose Nafula Barasa (Omusibende) in 2018.

He leaves behind 14 children: Mildred Barasa, Justin Barasa, Rachel Barasa, Rebecca Barasa, Dickson Wanjala, Collins Mukhongo, David Juma, Nelson

Walubengo, Nicholas Wafula, Brian Wanyonyi, Bineah Barasa, Bilha Barasa, Evans Barasa, and Reuben Barasa. His legacy continues through 49 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Hon. Mukhongo was first elected in the 2013 General Elections on a Ford Kenya Party ticket and was serving his third consecutive term. Hon. Mukhongo was a dedicated public servant and a key figure in the County Assembly. Until his demise he was serving as the Chairperson of the Finance and Planning Committee — a role he held with distinction in various terms.

He will be fondly remembered for his firm and principled stand on matters of governance, his relentless advocacy for the rights of the people of Chwele/Kabuchai Ward, Bungoma County, and his unwavering support for Chwele market traders. Beyond the Chamber, the late served in different capacities as a renowned Businessman (*Omuchurusu*) the business he held dearly until his demise which earned him a nickname as was called by many (*Biashara Mbalimbali*). He was also a passionate member of the County Assembly football team, bringing energy to every match.

On behalf of the County Assembly of Bungoma Service Board, Leadership, Hon. Members and entire staff, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, the people of Chwele/Kabuchai Ward, fellow Honourable Members, friends, and the entire County Assembly fraternity during this difficult time.

As we mourn the loss of this remarkable leader, we celebrate his life, his achievements, and the indelible mark he has left on our hearts and our community. His legacy of service, integrity, and dedication will continue to inspire us all.

The cortège will depart from Lifecare Mortuary on Thursday, August 14, 2025, with a stopover at the County Assembly of Bungoma at 1:00 pm before proceeding to his home in Pongola. A memorial service and tributes will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at his Pongola home. The burial service will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Mukhwuya Primary School.

**May the Almighty God grant his soul eternal rest and peace.**

*"A life well-lived leaves behind a legacy that continues to inspire long after the final chapter has been written."*