



## Dr. Harrison B. Muyia

February 18, 1934 - October 16, 2016

Celebrating A Life Well Lived, Dr. Harrison B. Muyia:

Dr. Harrison Bwire “Mwalimu” passed away October 16, 2016 at his home in Detroit after a long illness. Harrison was born February 18, 1934 in Kakamega, Kenya to Hosea Muyia and Jennifer Mukolwe who preceded him in death. He was husband to Emma Bwire of Kenya and later to Lillian Fife of Muskegon, Michigan. Both preceded him in death. He was the beloved father of Eric Muyia and stepfather to James Etemesi.

Brother of Dorcas Wakhungu, Jackson Inganga, the late Florence Jocoyange, Agneta Ambundo, Veronica Lubanga, the late Osore Muyia, Javan, Lydia, Stanley and Ruth.

Father-in-law to Janet Muyia and Elizabeth Muhonja. Grandfather to Felesia Odada, Dr. Robert Mandela, Evans Muyia, Edna Muyia, Joseph, Emmie and Stephen. Great grandfather to Sheena and Tevin.

Harrison was a professor of Political Science at Wayne County Community College, taught at Wayne State University and worked at the United Nations for a year. He was former president of Local AF Teachers Union, board member of Take Heart Association Project, Inc (THAP), and a leader in the Kenyan Community in Detroit.

Harrison has the distinction of being the first Kenyan student to come to Detroit. He was part of the first airlift in the Student Exchange Program initiated by President John F. Kennedy and supported by Tom Mboya. In Kenya, he attended Butere Primary, Intermediate schools, and Kakamega High School. In the USA, he attended Wayne State University where he earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees. He later obtained his PHD in Political Science from University of Michigan specializing in International and Industrial Relations.

Harrison was a great Wolverines fan and actually owned annual passes to the U of M football games. He was an expert in many card and board games and please don't telephone him when Jeopardy is on TV. He was a terrific soccer player and of course, Harrison loved politics and so much wanted to see Hillary win as he was "With Her" all the way!

God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts. Rest in peace dad, grandfather, great grandfather and friend till we meet again.

\*In Lieu of Flowers: Please consider sending a Gift in Memory of Harrison B. Muya. Tax deductible donation payable to "Take Heart Association Project, INC." Mail to: 17566 Santa Rosa Dr., Detroit, MI 48221, leave card/check at Pye Funeral Home or give directly at [www.thapk.org](http://www.thapk.org)  
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/freep/> to view Dr. Muya's obituary.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Harrison B. Muya*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *He was a true gentleman. He always opened doors for ladies and once even gave me a ride home. He was one of the most passionate Political Science educators I ever had.*

**Marcella Fox** - October 27, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear, loved one. Death is hard to deal with. Even Jesus gave way to tears when Lazarus died (John 11:35). But our Heavenly Father views death as an enemy and promises to put an end to it (1 Cor 15:26). We can look forward to being reunited with our loved ones again. For additional information please visit <http://bit.ly/1K38EFt>. I can also be reached at [vickisherell@gmail.com](mailto:vickisherell@gmail.com).*

**Victoria Sherell** - October 24, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *To The Family of Dr. Harrison Muya, Dr. Muya will always be remembered for his quite spoken dignified scholarship. Dr. Muya loved his students and his students loved him. He taught at Wayne County Community College for many years and he will surely be missed. Dr. Muya was true to his title of “College Professor” . May he rest in eternal peace.*

*Dr. Jacqueline Hodges*

**Dr. Jacqueline Hodges** - October 23, 2016 at 04:03 PM



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“ *This an unbelievable time to honor another one of WCCCD's exemplary employees..Dr. Harrison Muya. As a full time, and long time faculty member, Dr. Muya's impact on WCCCD is to be celebrated. His commitment to his students was demonstrated in numerous ways, I'm certain. I knew him not terribly well but enough to know that he appeared to be a quiet and humble man. He was always gracious whenever we met. I will miss him and his presence.*

*May God rest his soul, my sympathies to his family.*

*Toni Martin, WCCCD*

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**Toni Martin** - October 22, 2016 at 03:44 PM