



CONDOLENCE MESSAGES & TRIBUTES TO KATI EVA KERENGE, ALI FELLOW 2ND LIBERATION CLASS

(FROM ALI FELLOWS & ASPEN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK
MODERATOR/ASSOCIATES/COLLEAGUES)

1. E-mail message announcing Kati's Passing to the Ali Leadership Initiative East Africa Foundation (ALI EAF)/Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN)

Dear All,

I am so sorry to bring you the sad news of Kati's passing this evening at the Trauma Centre in Dar es Salaam.

The circumstances of her death are still unclear.

I saw Kati exactly 30 days ago at the AfDB annual meetings in Arusha. Aidan Eyakuze was there too.

Kati was in high spirits and seemingly enjoying excellent health. I cannot believe the warm hug we shared then would be the last time I would see her alive.

Such is the fragility of this precious thing called LIFE.

I am so saddened by her untimely death and I am sure all of you who met or knew Kati must be devastated by this shocking news.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kati's family and loved ones and of course the members of the 2nd Liberations ALI Fellows Class.

My the Almighty rest Kati's soul in the best spot in heaven inshaallah.

Ali A. Mufuruki

2. E-mail response from Lawrence Mafuru, Fellow UWEPO Class

AAM

This is really sad and so untimely. You have said it all - human life is so fragile. Kati is one of the young and upcoming corporate executives that this country has seen - I know of a number of young ladies who have been drawing their inspirations from her. For us in the banking fraternity we have lost an accomplished professional.

I pray that her soul rest in peace and that God the family with the strength they need to navigate through this difficult moment.

LNM

3. E-mail response from John Ulanga, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Ali and all,

I am shocked to hear of this news! I also met Kati in Arusha during the AfDB meeting, and as Ali says, she was in excellent health and in happy mood. But that is life, we all come and go; some go sooner than others. Kati has gone too soon and we will surely miss her. I join other ALI fellows to mourn her untimely death; my prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

John U

4. E-mail response from Zuhura Muro, Fellow 1st Class

Ali and All,

This is shocking news! On 22nd May I received a warm hug from Kati at Dar Serena with a promise to invite me to her Rotary Chapter. So live and happy, but now she is gone! May God give her family strength in faith during this difficult time. May her light and love remain in the hearts of those who are close and dear to Kati. Zuhura

5. E-mail response from Frederick Mutebi, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear Ali,

My condolences to you and the entire ALI family especially those who knew h[er] well for this loss. May the good Lord lay h[er] soul in eternal peace.

Frederick.

6. E-mail response from Henry Gaperi, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Dear all,

Very shocking news, sad and untimely. Kati was always dynamic and out to serve the world. We will miss her dearly as we pray for her family to go through these trying moments. May her soul rest in everlasting peace. Henry Gaperi.

7. E-mail response from Oskar Semweya-Musoke, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Terrible news; so sad! At a loss for words! Kati was a really good person.

Oskar

Principal

Taibah International School

8. E-mail response from Martha Lange, Henry Crown Fellowship Program, Aspen Global Leadership Network, USA

Ali, I'm so sad and shocked to hear this news. Thank you for letting us know. My love and prayers to the entire ALI EA family. Martha

Martha Lange

Henry Crown Fellowship Program

9. E-mail response from John Mirenge, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Dear Ali and all,

This is devastating. All I can add to what Ali has rightly stated is that I personally knew Kati and she always exuded great life and hope to the future. Our prayers go to the family and all of us that got touched by her warmth.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

John

10. E-mail response from Davith Kahwa, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear Ali and ALI Family,

It is indeed devastating news, I saw Kati less than 10 days ago at the main entrance of our offices (our offices shares the same building). Kati was in good health and as usual she had a big smile on her face.

My condolences to Kati's loved ones and ALI's family.

RIP Kati.

Davith

11. E-mail response from Julie Gichiru, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Oh... I am so sorry to hear this devastating news. Kati was full of life and had such positive energy. May her sweet soul rest in peace and let us pray for her family.

Ali,

If we can be of help please let us know.

12. E-mail response from Paul Kavuma, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

What a loss! So sad. She had a zest for life which will be missed. May she rest in eternal peace.

Paul

13. E-mail response from Rose Ogega, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

I am truly sad to hear about this. I met Kati and she impacted me in a very special way. As Ali says life is truly fragile and if there is anything we can do let us do it today as tomorrow is not in our control. Let us keep her family and the ALI family in prayers. May God rest her soul in peace.

14. E-mail response from Dr. Maggie Kigozi, Fellow 1st Class

What a sad monday when we lose one of ours. I wish I had met her physically but she always had online comments so I feel I knew her, Maggie

15. E-mail response from Maria Odido, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Ali,

What a shock! I'm lost for words. I need to digest this shocking news first.

Maria

16. 2nd e-mail response from Maria Odido, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Ali and the ALI fellows,

On Friday at 7.08 Kati wrote on her face book page, 'Really looking forward to being away. Escape is necessary.' How poignant. I am so very shocked by this sad news. Kati and I have been in constant touch either on email or on Facebook, even though she like Julie, were more active than I.

I can only say, that Kati radiate a peace that not many people I know had. It was just such a blessing to have known her. It is a sad sad loss on this Monday morning. I know she is at peace and I hope her family will be comforted by that. God bless them and give them comfort.

Ali I hope we can get to know more about this.

Thanks,

Maria

17. E-mail response from Rosette Chantal Rugamba, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear fellows,

What terrible news on a monday morning! My condolences to all of you and her family ,never got to meet Kati but from all your email what a loss.this is a second death of a fellow from TZ in such a short time what is really happening ???

May her soul rest in eternal peace
Regards
Rosette

18. E-mail response from Rosette Chantal Rugamba, Fellow UWEPO Class

What a sad news. May her soul rest in peace. My deepest condolences to her family and ALI fellows.
Patrick.

19. E-mail response from R. Mugisha, Fellow UWEPO Class

Condolences Ali and the rest of the Ali fraternity. I wish you and her family strength during these difficult times.
RM

20. E-mail response from Magnus Mchunguzi, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear Ali Family

This is indeed very shocking and untimely, may her soul rest in eternal peace;

Magnus

21. E-mail response from Hildegard Mziray, Fellow 1st Class

Condolences to Ali and The rest of ALI Family.

Yesterday I behaved like the doubting Thomas when I got the news and called Zuhura, who proved to me as she was crossing Kigamboni ferry from Kati's Family residence.

It is true that this is a 2nd loss from TZ from our STARS. I am pleading to God to arrest the evil.

My deepest condolences to her family and ALI Fellows.
Let us keep her and Family in prayers.

I will participate with ALI TZ family on activities taking place in DSM.

Regards,
Hildegard Mziray

22. E-mail tribute from Norah Owaraga, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

It seems like yesterday, when together with Kati we graduated as fellows of the 2nd Liberation Class of the Africa Leadership Initiative East Africa Foundation (ALI EAF). At our graduation we were each given a copy of James O'Toole's book "Creating the good life – applying Aristotle's wisdom to find meaning and happiness" to accompany us "for our journey from success ... to significance." As I reflect on my experience of Kati during and after our ALI EAF fellowship workshops, I keep going back to the words of Benjamin Franklin as quoted by Walter Isaacson in the foreword to O'Toole's book. Isaacson quotes Benjamin Franklin as having said: "I would rather have it said, 'He lived usefully,' than 'He died rich.'" Kati lived her life usefully for she pursued her happiness within a social context – sharing her time and compassion with many; she did not shy away from asking

tough moral questions; in many ways she often walked her talk and she indeed created a good life. May her soul rest in peace and may God's Holy Spirit prevail over her family and friends as we find the courage to celebrate her life for eternity.

Norah

23. E-mail response to Norah Owaraga's Tribute (e-mail no. 22 above) from Martha Lange, Henry Crown Fellowship Program, Aspen Global Leadership Network, USA

Thank you Norah, this is a lovely tribute. I was reading an interview that Kati did for the *Business Times* a couple of year ago and came upon this quote, which she gave in response to the question: "What advice do you have for other women?"

She answered: "...create stability around you. This stability may come in the form of faith, family, friends, love, etc. We all need something to hang on to that brings meaning to our lives. Lastly, whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability." Not only wonderful advice, but words that she lived her life by. She always seemed to be giving of herself in whatever she did.

Thank you all for being a part of "something to hang on to that brings meaning" to my life. Kati was a very special person and will be missed.

Martha Lange

Henry Crown Fellowship Program

24. E-mail tribute from Monique Msanzabaganwa, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

What a loss! The gentle but ever shining light thus turned off so quickly! I cannot take it. But the Almighty must have loved her more than all of us. May she rest in eternal peace.

Monique

25. E-mail response from Emelda Mwamanga-Mtungu, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear all,

Poleni sana. I am very shocked. I heard the news this afternoon. I knew Kati. She was an amazing woman. She was a mentor in the D2D program that I found and we have been friends. Last time I saw her was around March this year. It is very sad that she left so soon.

May our Good Lord rest her soul in eternal peace

Amen.

Emelda Mwamanga-Mtungu.

26. E-mail response from Aidan Eyakuze, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

This is terrible and unbelievable news! I have no words to express my shock and sadness. I pray that she rests in eternal peace!

27. (a) E-mail response from Patrick Obath, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

This comes as a profound shock as in all the times I have interacted with Kati post our class she has always been the epitome of health, understanding and fun. The last time we reacted was during the East African CSR Awards ceremony in Dar es Salaam on April 17th and then as always she had that twinkle of fun in her eye.

May Mungu give you a fitting place in his Mansion.

Let us know how we can help.

27. (b) E-mail response from Terry Obath, Wife of Patrick Obath

Awful, awful news! I am deeply saddened by this as I enjoyed a special friendship with her on email. How sudden and cruel. My deep condolences to her family who knew and loved her more. We have been robbed of a star in our galaxy. Rest in peace dear friend and young sister!

28. E-mail response from Heri Bomani, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Dear All,

I am at a loss for words since I read Ali's email last night.

My prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

I will attend on Saturday and support as required.

Heri

29. E-mail response from Keith Berwick, ALI EA Moderator/The Aspen Institute, USA

This sad, tragic news leaves me at a loss for words. Profound condolences to her family and all of the ALI EA extended family. May her soul rest in peace, and may our sense of loss provide a measure of understanding.

Keith

Keith Berwick
The Aspen Institute

30. E-mail response from Salim Amin, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

This is an absolute tragedy!!! Please pass on my sincere condolences to Kati's family. She was an amazing woman and will not be forgotten by those of us lucky enough to have met her.

Allah rest her soul in eternal peace.

SALIM AMIN

31. E-mail response from Jeremy Awori, Fellow UWEPO Class

Dear Ali,

This is very sad news. My condolences to her immediate family and also to the extended ALI family. As you say it just shows the fragility of life and we never know what God has planned for us. We must try and make a difference however small and make the most of it whilst we can as we never know what's round the corner.

Warm regards

Jeremy

32. E-mail response from Martin Kimani, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

This news makes me very sad. Kati had her whole life ahead of her and now she is gone. Wishing her family strength and unity during this difficult time. My condolences too to the ALI people in Tanzania who spent a lot more time with her. She brought a happy spark to the Second Liberation class and I am sure we will remember her for that for a long time.

33. E-mail response from Victoria Tunu Chale, Fellow 2nd Liberation Class (Kati's Class)

Dear Fellows,

I wish to first extend my sincere condolences for the loss of our dear friend Kati.

Kati was special to all who knew her and the tributes I have seen so far attest to her purposeful life. Like me, you may find the news that in January 2012 she had registered the Kati Kerenge Foundation through which she was to continue her ALI project bittersweet yet comforting. This year, I'm glad she and I communicated more frequently and I last saw Kati about a month ago at the new natural hair salon we frequented in Mikocheni. The Kati I saw last wore a huge smile and her eyes glowed with what I thought was happiness. Seeing her happy made me happy as I thought she must be in a good place.