



Aluat Juej Tong

January 1, 1931 - March 11, 2024

On Monday, March 11th, 2024, the family of the late Paramount Chief Riiny Lual Dau Marac of Pahol sub-clan of the Ayat Chieftainship, the Malual section of NBGS, and the entire Aweil Community worldwide received news of the passing of Mama Aluat Juaj Majok Tong.

Like many who have known mama Aluetdit, she was an exceptional mother, not only to her children, the Akuak-Ayat, or the entire Malual-Giernyang, but she was also a mother of all those she knew throughout her lifetime. Mama Aluet's good deeds couldn't fit into an encyclopedia, they were countless, incapable of putting into one article.

The purpose of writing this eulogy is to revitalize my good memories of her and how she inspired me. I came to love her as if she was my own mother. In Khartoum, Sudan Jerief Gharab (Sheitha), in 1984 while I was in the late Moulana Damas Deng Dut Akol Ruay (Deng Maker's house), Mama Aluetdit came with Chief Riinydit. It was my first time I got to stay with them. They were waiting to get their visa to Germany for medication - the process took 3 months.

While Moulana Damas Deng was working with the Sudan Council of Churches- a job that took him on and off Sudan, on occasion we would run out of food. However, for the three months mama Aluetdit and Chief Riinydit

spent with us was like paradise on earth. We were well-fed by the generosity of Mama Alueddit. She was very generous and exceptionally humble.

Politically, as a wife of the late Chief Riiny Lual, Alueddit was crucial in making the Southern Front Party(SFP) strong in the Malual area. Chief Riiny Lual was one of the few Chiefs in Aweil that were supporting SFP. I was a member of the Southern Front Party's Youth League and I knew how Sultan Riiny Lual was so close to my late Uncle Dr. Lawrence Lual Lual Akuey. During the elections, we pay visits to the late Phillip Geng Nyuol Deng (Alueddit's son-in-law) constituency and quite often we have enjoyed the hospitality of mama Alueddit.

In conclusion, Mama Aluet Juac was an unsung heroine. She was a mother of one of the most formidable military commanders Lual Riiny Lual (Lual Captain) who was killed in May, 1986 in Malek-Alel (the author's home) by the Murahilieen forces while commanding SPLA forces in that area. Lual Captain was amongst the first sons of Aweil to have joined the SPLM/A from its inception and was killed 3 years later. Meanwhile, mama Aluet's second born son who was the Paramount Chief after his father Riinydit abdicated his Chieftainship until he was also killed by the Khartoum militia in February 1986. The Chief Thiik Riiny Lual (Thiik-Alaak) was the father of Moulana Malong Thiik Riiny - currently an advocate in Juba.

It was the most agonizing moment for Mama Alueddit to have lost her two sons; the first born and the second born almost simultaneously- 3 months difference. Yet, Mama Alueddit knew this country was bigger than any human life. So, she continued to be steadfast, resilient and even encouraged the sons and daughters of Mading Aweil to join the SPLM/A.

Lastly, but not least, having seen the liberation of South Sudan and the independence, mama Alueddit has no regrets at all. She succumbed to death

in the United States of America while she was staying with her daughter, Adhel Riiny Lual. Processes are underway to bring her remains back to South Sudan so that she can be buried in Marial-Baai, the family home.

Mama Aluetdit was survived by eight children; six sons and two daughters.

1. Captain Lual Riiny Lual deceased;
2. Sultan Malong Riiny Lual deceased;
3. Dr. Jaafar Riiny Riiny Lual alive;
4. Madam Amath Riiny Lual (the wife of the late Phillip Geng Nyuol Deng);
alive
5. Sultan Akoon Riiny Lual (Paramount Chief) alive;
6. Hon. Giir Riiny Lual alive, and the classmate to the author at Aweil Intermediate School. The author went to the same school with Sultan Akoon and Hon. Giir
7. Ms. Adhel Riiny Lual (she lives in USA where her mother died)
8. Yai Riiny Lual, alive.

Mama Aluet Juac will be missed and her place in greater Aweil will remain exceedingly vacant forever. On behalf of the late Paramount Chief Wek Ateny Ayom's family, and on my own behalf, I am conveying our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Paramount Chief Riiny Lual Dau Marac of Ayat area, on this untimely passing of their lovely mother and grandmother. May mama Aluetdit's precious soul rest in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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