



## Peter Paul Mlay

September 23, 1944 - December 15, 2022

### Peter Paul Mlay Life Celebration

#### Obituary

Peter Paul Mlay, age 78 of Marangu Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, residing in Coon Rapids Minnesota USA, passed away at Abbot Hospital on Thursday, December 15th, 2022. Survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Dora Mlay; their 6 children, 13 grandchildren; 2 brothers, 1 sister, 5 step siblings, and many, many other family members, and friends.

Peter is preceded in death by his mother, father, and his 2nd brother.

#### Services

Visitation ' Funeral Service Mass ' Burial ' Celebration of Life

Thursday

January 12th, 2023

9:30 to 10:00 AM ' 10:00 to 10:30 AM ' 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM ' 11:00 AM

Epiphany Catholic Church

1900 111th Ave NW

Coon Rapids MN 55433

Peter's family will be honored to have you at this celebration of life, please come to the celebration ready to celebrate and share good memories of Peter's life. Your presence will make this a celebration he would be proud to

be at and a gift to the family.

#### Donation

Peter was a generous philanthropist and a dedicated supporter of education. He donated generously to schools and universities throughout Tanzania. He was a proud member of the Sons of Tanzania and was unflagging in his commitment to bettering the lives of those in his home country. To honor his legacy, help the future generations in need of education within your communities.

A recording of Peter's service can be provided upon demand when available.

#### The Life of Peter Paul Mlay

Peter Paul Mlay was born on September 23rd, 1944, to parents Paul Mackey Mlay and Augustina Meleo Mlay in Marangu Kilimanjaro Tanzania. He was the 3rd child of Paul and Augustina Mlay, with 3 brothers and 1 sister. Peter was baptized, received his 1st communion, and confirmation at Makomu Catholic Church Marangu Kilimanjaro. Peter was a devoted Christian and he actively served Catholic church throughout his life. He served St Xavier & St. Gaspar Catholic churches in Tanzania. And to his death, Peter was serving Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids Minnesota.

#### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

In September 2022, Peter and Dora celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Peter met Dora Mlay for the first time at a bus stop during their high school years. From that day on they dated and later got married at Makomu Catholic Church in Marangu Kilimanjaro. God blessed Peter and Dora with 6 children, 5 girls and 1 boy, each with their spouses, and a total of 15 grandchildren.

Peter was a devoted, caring, and loving husband, father, and grandfather who was deeply loved by his wife, children, and grandchildren who adored their

'Papa'. He was a hardworking and honest man, who dedicated his life to providing for his family. He was an excellent role model and mentor, who taught his family the importance of family values and education. He was kind and generous man who was always willing to lend a hand to his family, friends, neighbors, and strangers alike. Peter was also an avid sports fan and a passionate supporter of his local teams. He also enjoyed music and playing card games with friends.

## EDUCATION AND WORK

Peter started school in Makomu Catholic Primary School, proceeded to Umbwe Secondary School, then Pugu High School where he majored in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics. He then joined the University of East Africa Dar-es-Salaam and graduated with Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Afterwards he joined the University of Reading in Berkshire UK where he graduated with Master of Science in Chemistry and Advanced Diploma in Education.

Peter started his career at Ilboru Secondary School teaching Physics and Chemistry. He then proceeded to become the Headmaster at Nyakato Secondary School. After that he took on the Science Curriculum Developer position at the University of Dar-es-Salaam Institute of Education where he made a major impact to the Tanzanian Higher Education System. During this time, he published several books including Soil Science for Secondary Schools, Quantitative Electrolysis - Master of Science Thesis, and Quantitative Electrolysis - Master of Science Thesis to mention but a few. Later, Peter was appointed the Standard Engineer at the Tanzania Bureau of Standards where he developed a board qualifying training program for Architects, Quality Surveyors, & and Building Contractors. He was then appointed the Registrar of Tanzania National Board of Architects, Quantity Surveyors & Building Contractors. Peter retired as the Registrar of Engineers

at Tanzania Engineers Registration Board (ERB). In 2018, Peter received the Presidential Certificate of Recognition from the United Republic of Tanzania Engineers Registration Board for his distinguished contribution to Engineering Services.

#### Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we take this opportunity to deeply appreciate the leaders of the Minnesota Swahili Church Services, Epiphany Catholic Church, and their communities at large for their heartfelt support and cooperation to this moment. Thank you very much.

#### Reflection

Peter will be deeply missed by many who knew and loved him, not only by his immediate family, but also; the Tanzanian Community of Minnesota, Swahili Church Service, Epiphany Catholic Church community, his medical team, his colleagues, and friends in Tanzania including his neighbors at Coon Rapids, Chang'ombe, Mbezi Beach, family in Marangu, Samaki Wabichi, family & friends in Tanzania at large. Peter's memory will live on in our hearts forever.

#### Word of Encouragement

Deuteronomy 31:8 - The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.  
Psalms 29:11 - The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

#### A moment of silence

Peter's memory will live in our hearts forever. Let's take a moment to remember and celebrate the life of Peter. And cherish wonderful memories we all shared with him

\*\* Silence



# Cemetery Details

## Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Graveside Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Reception

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JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall

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“ *my name is tom i was a driver with j w g transport serives i pick up peter for over 6 years i was very happy to pick him up for all his appts and meet all his family my cell phone IS 612 720 3606*  
*THANK YOU*

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**TOM** - May 26, 2024 at 05:52 PM