



Rev. Nathaniel Nkosi

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Nathaniel Vusumuzi Nkosi, age 75 of Mableton went home to be with the Lord on November 19, 2012 following an illness for which he was receiving care at Wellstar Cobb Hospital in Austell, Georgia. He was a Dedicated Disciple of Jesus Christ who truly lived to fulfill the great commission of Christ to make disciples of all nations.

He was born on August 9th 1937 in Natal, South Africa to Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Nkosi who raised him and his siblings in a loving Christian home. He was married to Muriel Edna Mkhwanazi for 47 years. They were blessed with three children:

Wisdom Dumisani Nkosi, Unity Thembalihle Nkosi and Faith Ntokozo Nkosi Bates.

He moved to the United States in 1985 and has lived in Louisville, Kentucky and the greater Atlanta area. He was a member of Mt. Paran Church in Atlanta.

Nate received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on November 16, 1958 and was called to Christian Ministry. He was educated as a teacher and a minister of the Lord. He attended the Evangelical Teacher Training College, Johannesburg Bible Institute (South Africa) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He served many years with Youth Alive Ministries, Scripture Union, the Student Christian Movement and World Vision spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the continent of Africa. Many came to know the Lord during this time and the seeds of faith that were planted then are still bearing much fruit even to this day. He also served as pastor of Meadowlands Baptist Church in Soweto, South Africa and at Liveoak Baptist Church in College Park Georgia. In the latter year of his ministry, he worked tirelessly with pastors, churches and many others to bring light to what true discipleship means.

Nate was preceded in death by his parents Johannes and Tryphina Nkosi, his nine siblings, and son Unity Thembalihle Nkosi. He is survived by his beloved wife Muriel Edna Nkosi, children: Wisdom Dumisani Nkosi and Faith Ntokozo Nkosi Bates,



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grandchildren: Amber Nicole Bates, Gabrielle Thandiwe Bates, Louis Bates III, Siyabonga Lauren Nkosi , Olivia Lindiwe Nkosi and Adam Colon, son-in law Louis Bated jr, daughter in-law Heli Nkosi, niece Maud Thandeka Barron along with the Nkosi, Khanyile, Mgobozi, Mkhwanazi and families.

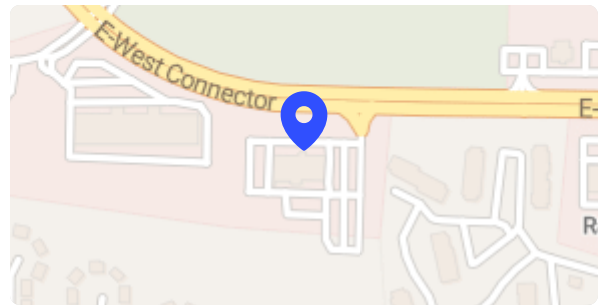
His family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 4 until 8 PM with a service of remembrance from 6 - 8 PM. Funeral service will be held at Davis-Struempf Chapel. on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 12:00 PM with Bishop Don Thomas officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory in Austell. Offer condolences and memories online:

www.davisstruempf.com






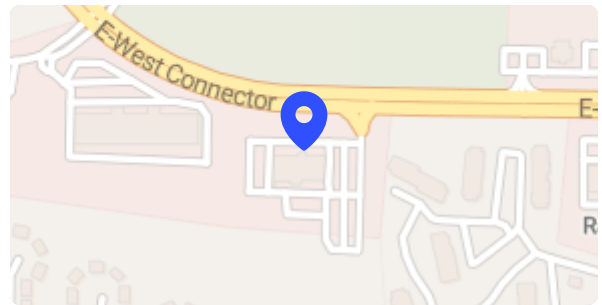
Visitation

-  **Friday**, November 30, 2012
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Davis-Struempf Funeral Home**
1975 East-West Connector, Austell GA 30106



Service

-  **Saturday**, December 1, 2012
-  12:00 PM ET
-  **Davis-Struempf Chapel**
1975 East-West Conn, Austell GA 30106





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Jada Diamond sent a virtual gift in honor of Nathaniel.



April 4 at 3:35 PM



Luevenia Dill King posted:

To the Nkosi family: Sorry, I am not able to be with you today. I love you with the love of God and will see you soon. I enjoyed discussing the Word with the scholar Pastor Nate - will miss him much but as you I have the comfort in knowing that he is with God. Elder Luevenia Dill King

December 1 at 6:54 AM



Marsha Cozart posted:

I first met Mr. Nkosi at Imagine Mableton when I saw him assisting Mrs. Nkosi with setting her class up for her kindergarten students. When I saw that I said to myself what a kind sweet man. Through the years, my family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Nkosi and we developed a close bond and friendship. Mr. Nkosi was there to support us whenever they could. Mr. Nkosi, I remember you being a compassionate, caring, unselfish man. Those are the memories that I will always have of Mr. Nkosi. We love you Mr. Nkosi. May we meet again in the paradise that Jesus promised the evil doer that was on the torture stake with him. -The Cozarts

December 1 at 4:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Nkosi family.



November 30 at 12:28 PM



George Ngamlana posted:

Nat Nkosi was a man that led me to the Lord. We are so sorry of his passing away. He was my hero. He mentored me and helped me even when I got married. Mrs. Nkosi and the kids please put your faith in the Lord because this man has done great things for God. God bless you Rev. George and Peggy Ngamlana.

November 29 at 9:20 PM



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Teri Kangas posted:

Mrs. Nikosi, I am thinking of you during this time. I remember thinking what a gracious and wonderful man your husband was and was touched by the birthday party he threw for you at school to share with your friends. What a wonderful husband to know how much that means to a teacher. I always felt blessed each time I talked to him, we used to run into each other in the hall and he would always stop and speak. I will pay my respects in person at the viewing, but I just wanted you to know that I am thinking of you and remembering your wonderful husband. Take care, Teri Kangas former IIAM teacher

November 29 at 11:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Graceful Grandeur Casket Spray to the Nkosi family.



November 29 at 10:40 AM



Jabulani & Jabulile Mazibuko sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Nkosi family.



November 29 at 10:04 AM



Lethakus, Powells & Lesters sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nkosi family.



November 29 at 5:39 AM



Aaron S posted:

All of our love and support during this time. Your father seemed like an extraordinary person; I am confident his legacy will continue onwards. Aaron Schwartz and Team

November 29 at 2:11 AM



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James Jc Cheshire posted:

"May the Lord be praised" is what I always heard from Brother Nates mouth...over a decade ago I was blessed to be on a Marta train & GOD brought me and this precious warrior for CHRIST together by devine design...over the years Nate & his beautiful wife Muriel & family showed me the love of GOD in everything they did...to the point of taking me into their beautiful family as one of their own after the homegoing of their youngest son Unity I was always infected by his enthusiasm for each new vision the LORD gave him & how he saw the Kingdom of GOD being fulfilled here on earth. I am truly blessed to have been mentored by this beautiful & gracious soul. even though my heart feels broken by his absence it leaps in praise that my brothers journey here is finished and he is in the arms of the LORD where he always longed to be...Well done my good & faithful servant I truly believed were the words that called him home....To Muriel, Faith & Wisdom & the whole Nkosi clan thank you so much for sharing Nate & your lives with me, my deepest condolences for your loss but I praise GOD for Nate & all of you. With all my love in CHRIST...JC

November 27 at 10:37 AM



Itumeleng Segaloe posted:

Our condolences to the family and friends of the Nkosi.Itumeleng Surprise Segaloe

November 27 at 12:16 AM



Teddy Boyi posted:

To the Family, Friends & the Church at large,Be comforted - May the God of Peace be with you always: May I echo to you the sentiments of Rev Nat Nkosi in a poem: I believe He would say this to us:To Those Whom I love & Those Who Love MeWhen I am gone, release me, let me go.I have so many things to see and do,You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,But be thankful we had so many good years.I gave you my love, and you can only guessHow much you've given me in happiness.I thank you for the love that you have shown,But now it is time I traveled on alone.So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,Then let your grief be comforted by trust.It is only for a while that we must part,So treasure the memories within your heart.I won't be far away for life goes on.And if you need me, call and I will come.Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,All my love around you soft and clear.And then, when you come this way alone,I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.Stay Blessed - Our Prayers are with youIn His Service, Rev Teddy & Mrs Anne Boyi - Crossroads Baptist Church, South Africa

November 26 at 11:22 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Nkosi family.



November 26 at 1:31 PM



Wisdom Nkosi shared an album called **New Album Name**.



November 26 at 11:25 AM



Wisdom Nkosi shared an album called **New Album Name**.



November 26 at 11:21 AM



Aaron posted:

I had heard about Rev. Nat Nkosi as a young boy in Soweto. Great people, many of whom were in industry and ministry talked about him and said that he had led them to the Lord Jesus Christ. They spoke very highly of his teachings and discipleship. Many years later I was to find myself in his beautiful home in Atlanta, listening attentively as he talked to me about Ezra Ministries. I was very much touched by his graciousness, his passion for Gods people, and about the work he was doing in the US. I honour God for him, and for his wonderful family who have been such a blessing to know. We celebrate a life well lived. To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. Psalms 23.

November 26 at 10:45 AM



Selena Bowe posted:

Mrs. Nkosi~Mr. Nkosi was a Mighty Man of God & honored you as his wife. He was a blessing to me & the IIAM family. Thanki you for sharing him with us. May the peace & the of God continue to be your foundation.You are in my thought & prayers!Selena Wright

November 26 at 2:22 AM



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PO

Pastor Shell Osbon posted:

Dear Muriel and Family, Missy and I are saddened to have learned of Nate's passing. And yet, at the same time, we are rejoicing to know of a surety that he is now occupying his eternal, heavenly home! Of all that will be said of Nate Nkosi, most certainly he was a man who loved Jesus deeply and who passionately desired to make Him known to others. Be assured that our prayers are that the presence, strength and grace of our Lord will be sensed with each passing day. May God bless and keep you all. Pastor Shell and Missy Osbon LIFE CHURCH Smyrna www.MyLifeChurchSmyrna.com

November 24 at 1:53 PM

DJ

Douglas And Debra Johnson posted:

Mrs. Nkosi: We pray that the peace of God will overshadow you and your family at this time. Cherish the memories of his love for you. We love you too. Douglas, Debra, Zoe' and Zuri

November 22 at 4:54 AM

IM

Ike & Lessie Motsusi November 26 at 9:56 PM

Sis Lily and Family We are heart broken that Bhut Nat has passed on. Bhut Nat had a special place in our hearts as a family because of his invaluable contribution to our lives. We will remember him for his integrity, dedication, warmth, love for God's Word and passion to preach and teach His word. We are proud and praise God for the legacy that Bhut Nat left for us at Meadowlands Baptist Church and Youth Alive. Thanks, Sis Lily for the support that you gave Bhut Nat over the years to make a difference in us and the world. We are praying for you (Sis Lily and Family) as you prepare to bury Bhut Nat. The Lord keep and bless you. Ike & Lessie Motsusi South Africa

AF

Arlene Sabrena Farmer November 25 at 6:06 AM

Mrs. Nkosi, At your hour of grief know that the Lord is with you, your friends are praying for you and the light of your loved one will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew him. May your joy return full force through Jesus who bore all grief on the cross. You are often thought of and remembered. Be blessed, A. Sabrena Farmer former NBCA Art Teacher



Wisdom Nkosi shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

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Dad loved God and good food



Wisdom Nkosi shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

November 26 at 11:21 AM



Nat preaching at Meadowlands Baptist Church



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nathaniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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