Lucas Ngu Muela

Interment

Woodside Funeral Home Cemetery
1401 Woodside Blvd., Middletown, OH 45044

Repast

6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
Palazio Event Venue
74 Donald Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014

Pallbearers

Dr. Joseph Takougang ~ Honorary Pallbearer
Dr. Evaristus Enongene
Dr. Alphonse Ekole
Mr. Babacar Diagne
Mr. Frederick Bebe
Mr. Samuel Besong
Mr. Roland Mesue

A Word Of Thanks

The family of Lucas Ngu Muela wishes to express heartfelt appreciation and will always remember the many expressions of kindness and love rendered during their time of bereavement.

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In Loving Memory Of



Lucas Ngu Nuela

April 22, 1954 — June 8, 2026

Remembering His Life
Saturday, August 29, 2026
11:00 am

Resounding Joy Church
8735 Cheviot Road,
Cincinnati, OH 45251



Tribute by

Samuel A. Besong

Brother Lucas, I was not ready to see you go to eternity, but I am sure our Heavenly Father is ready to welcome and receive you into His kingdom as a disciple who has fulfilled his mission on earth.

You will be missed, but my family will always remember you as a man who shared the little resources he had with God's children, gave shelter to the needy, gave food to the hungry, and comforted those in pain. You never walked away from God's children who extended a hand asking for help.

My wife and I were unable to give silver or gold, but we could only name our son after you as an expression of deep gratitude worthy of your sacrifices, loyalty, and deep friendship.

Our shared love has left a memory that no one can steal, and your sudden departure has left us with a broken heart that no one can heal.

Brother Lucas, it is difficult to see you depart so soon, but I have to say goodbye, my friend.

Rest in Peace.

Samuel Besong

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon
a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower
and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone.

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OBITUARY

Lucas N. Muela was born on April 22, 1954, in Busumbu (Mile 4), Victoria, West Cameroon. He was the first son of the late Papa Simon S. Muela and the late Mami Catherine Nkeing, both of whom were from Mbo land in Melong Subdivision, Littoral Region of Cameroon.

Lucas began his education at the Catholic School in Bonadikombo (Mile 4). He later gained admission to Cameroon Baptist Academy in Muyuka for his secondary education and subsequently attended Cameroon College of Commerce (CCC) in Kumba for his high school studies.

After completing his education, Lucas traveled to Benin City, Nigeria, where he began working for an oil and gas company. During his time in Nigeria, he also became a key player for the famous Bendel Insurance Football Club. In one memorable match, Lucas scored the winning goal that helped keep Bendel Insurance at the top of Nigerian soccer that year. In recognition of his outstanding performance, he was presented with an "Apaga" pair of trousers and a pair of "Salamanda" shoes.

Lucas's years in Nigeria were not without hardship. In 1980, he was involved in a devastating motor vehicle accident in which everyone else in the vehicle perished, while Lucas miraculously survived. The accident left a lasting physical reminder, as his left hand was permanently affected. Following this tragedy, and after the death of his father in 1981, Lucas made the courageous decision to travel to the United States to pursue further studies.

He arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August 1981, and ultimately made the city his home for the remainder of his life. He embarked on a career in finance and business administration and, throughout the years, developed meaningful and lasting relationships within the Cincinnati community. Lucas loved Cincinnati deeply. He often shared his desire to return to Cameroon one day, but he wanted first to ensure that his son, Ngalle, would grow into a responsible man before making that move. Sadly, his declining health and the loss of several beloved family members eventually made that dream impossible.

Lucas was a devoted son, a loving father, and the patriarch of the Muela family. He was known for his infectious laughter, insatiable curiosity, gentle kindness, and genuine concern for others. He worked tirelessly to preserve the unity of his family and maintain the bonds he shared with friends and everyone whose life he touched.

Lucas later faced serious kidney problems, and there were times when his family and friends feared that they might lose him. Through the generosity of a selfless kidney donor, however, Lucas was given a second chance at life. His journey through kidney failure and multiple treatment regimens took a significant physical toll, but he faced each challenge with remarkable courage and resilience.

During those difficult years, his family and friends rallied around him, making sure that he was never alone and that he received the care and companionship he needed. Even when he was at his weakest, Lucas continued to show extraordinary grace and concern for those around him. His uplifting spirit remained strong, and he continued to offer a comforting smile, a listening ear, and words of encouragement even on his hardest days.
Following his kidney transplant, Lucas regained much of his independence and strength. He was able to resume many of the activities he enjoyed and, remarkably, often appeared stronger than many of those around him. For this reason, his passing on June 8, 2026, came as a profound shock to his son, his family, his friends, and the wider community.

Lucas leaves behind a legacy of immense love, quiet strength, perseverance, and kindness. He is survived by his beloved son, Ngalle Muela; several siblings; nieces and nephews; cousins; extended family members; and a multitude of friends and loved ones. Those who knew him now carry the responsibility of preserving his memory and continuing the values of compassion, unity, generosity, and kindness that defined his life.

Lucas fought many battles throughout his life, yet he remained resilient, loving, and faithful. His life was a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the importance of family, friendship, and faith.
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith."
— 2 Timothy 4:7

May the Almighty Lord receive His faithful servant into everlasting peace. May perpetual light shine upon him, and may his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Tribute by
Gerald Muela
Brother Lucas, You will be deeply missed. I will miss your voice, your presence, your humor, and your love. Your friends will miss the joy you brought into their lives. Your community will miss the person who helped make it stronger. But your legacy will continue. It will live through your children, your grandchildren, your siblings, your family, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. As I say goodbye, I do so with love, with gratitude, and with faith that your journey continues in eternal peace. Rest well, our brother. our father, our friend. Your memory will forever remain in my heart. May your soul rest in eternal peace. Gerald E. Muela

Tribute by
Ngalle Muela
Father, despite the distance and everything left unsaid between us, your life will always be a part of my story. I choose to take what was good, learn from what was missing, and build from there. I'll carry forward the qualities I saw in you—strength, resilience, and integrity—while becoming the kind of man who creates the presence, character, and connection I want my own life to be defined by. You won't be here to witness the man I become, but I hope wherever you are, you'll see me building a life I can be proud of. I'll carry the lessons, make peace with the past, and keep moving forward. Rest easy, Father.

Tribute by
Melvin Kombe
Uncle Lucas Growing up, you showed us nothing but love. You left for the USA when I was still a little boy, but the memories you brought back home from Benin City, Nigeria, remain fresh in my heart. When I came to the USA, you held my hand and guided me. Despite the challenges you faced, you were always there for me. We lived in the same apartment, not just as uncle and nephew, but as brothers and friends. I will always cherish the jokes we shared, especially when Babacar came to visit. You were more than an uncle to me—you were a father, a mentor, and someone I could always count on. It is painful to see you leave us the way you did, and words cannot truly express how much I will miss you. I will forever treasure the beautiful moments we shared, the laughter, your kindness, and the love you showed me. Your memory will always live on in my heart. Go ye well, Papa Luc. Rest peacefully, Uncle Lucas. Until we meet again.

Heartfelt Tribute to Our Friend and Schoolmate
Lucas Muela
It is with profound sadness, sorrow, and heavy hearts that we, your brothers and sisters of Cameroon Baptist Academy, Muyuka, mourn your sudden passing.
We are devastated and still reeling from the shock. Yet what gives us comfort is the peaceful way in which the Lord called you home.
Luc, you will always remain an unforgettable presence in the history of Cameroon Baptist Academy. From the football field to the dormitories, classrooms, and beyond, your smile was infectious and reflected the kindness and compassion you carried in your heart.
You made us laugh with your humor, creating lasting friendships along the way. You always knew how to diffuse a tense situation, and the way you treated people made them feel valued, respected, and acknowledged. Lucas, there will always be an empty place where your laughter once echoed. You will be missed tremendously. Your son's words have brought comfort to many. May the Lord grant us all grace, strength, and comfort as we mourn your passing while celebrating the life you so beautifully lived.
Rest peacefully in the presence of the Lord until we meet again.
Written on behalf of your Brothers and Sisters of Cameroon Baptist Academy
By: Ngeve Jacob CBA Technical Advisor.

Tribute by
Dr. Evariste Enongene
A tribute to Uncle Lucas Ngu Muela

Uncle Lucas, you shock us oooh !!!. We had agreed that I will pick you up on June 12 so that we can both attend mama Sone funeral. Little did I know that the Lord had other plans for you. I grew up seeing you as big brother and the exciting time we spent in Molyko when pa was working at Mabetta. I recall one incident when you and late brother George Muela came to spend a weekend with us at CDC Divers Qtrs. in Molyko and my mom gave us food to eat. We all sat on a stool and each person had a bowl of garri and okra soup with swine meat. Then you cooked up a plan with George and told us to look at the man in the moon broking firewood and in that curiosity our meat in the soup was gone and you blamed the rat for stealing it. But your bow had all the meat. Then you promised us you will conjure more meat from your bowl and give us if we each gave you 10 frs. We were all excited and honor you as our magician hero. Bother, we will miss you, but I know the Lord will preserve you. Rest well because you deserve it.
Shalom
Dr. Evariste Enongene

Tribute by
Gladys Mbizeh

My uncle was more than just my uncle. He was my Papa, a name I called him with so much love and pride. For the last six months of his life, I was blessed to have him under my roof, and those months gave me memories I will carry with me forever. Living together came with the usual moments of laughter, stories, little disagreements here and here, and plenty of reasons to smile. But through it all, there was LOVE. Having Papa close to me allowed me to know him in a different way and to cherish the man many people fondly called "Uncle Lucas" He had a way of making his presence known in a very unmistakable way. He was one of the most generous people I know. He'd share even the smallest thing he had with his loved ones. Almost every one who knew him can attest that he gave them a gift. He was such a joyful giver even in his final days. I am forever grateful that he honored me enough to share the remainder of his days on earth with me and my mom. The quality time we shared, the laughter, fun memories, and the priceless advice he gave will live with me forever. Papa, you may be gone from our midst, but you will never be gone from my heart. Your legacy will live on through the lives you touched. Rest well, Papa. Until we meet again…

Tribute By
Hans Monono

CFC remembers Pa Lucas Muela for his greetings with a warm smile. He was a fervent member of the February Hosting Group. His quiet dedication leaves a mark on our hearts and our community that we will never forget. As a founding member , he made sacrifices both for himself and the community at large. Adieu Papa. In our hearts forever

CFC President
Monono

Order Of Service

Processional
Family enters & Clergy enters

Opening Hymn #240
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn #840
"It Is Well With My Soul"

Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 139:1-18
New Testament Reading ~ Romans 8:31-39

Special Music Selection~ Bryce (Solemn Solo)

Reading of Biography ~ Melvin Essomba

Gospel Reading ~ John 14:1-4, 25-27

Pastoral Message
Celebrating a Life Well Lived
Pastor Lee Sanders

Congregational Hymn #649
"Amazing Grace"

Offering
Offertory Bryce (Familiar Hymns to CFC & the Public)

Prayer of Dedication and Comfort
Pastor Lee Sanders

Tributes ~ (3 minutes each)

Eulogy
Mr. Babacar Diagne

Family Tribute #1: Mr. Gerald Muela
Family Tribute #2: Dr. Evaristus Enongene
CFC Founding Father: Mr. Christopher Che
Baptist Academy: Pastor Martha Ashu
Child Tribute: Ngalle Muela

Benediction
Pastor Lee Sanders

Closing Hymn #625
How Great Thou Art

Tribute by
Cons Belo
Tribute to Uncle Lucas You were more than just an uncle; you were a guide, a friend, and a bright light to us all.Thank you for the laughter, the wisdom, and the wonderful memories you left behind. Though you are gone from our sight, your love,beautiful memories stays in our hearts forever reminding us every day to be kind, to be strong and cherish the moments we had together. You will always be missed and remembered uncle . Rest in peace. Your niece Constance Essomba Hamburg-Germany

Tribute by Giesel
Giesel Nguty
Today, we gather to celebrate the life of my beloved uncle, Lucas Muela—a man who was much more than an uncle to me. He was a father figure, a mentor, my greatest supporter, and a loving grandfather to my children. Uncle Lucas loved unconditionally. He cared for me as if I were his own child and never stopped doing so until his very last day. No matter my age, I could always count on his guidance, encouragement, and unwavering love. His presence gave me strength, and his words gave me hope during life's most difficult moments. To my children, he was a devoted grandfather who loved them deeply and made them feel cherished. His kindness, wisdom, and gentle spirit touched all of our lives in ways that words cannot fully express. Although our hearts are heavy with grief, we are grateful for the precious memories he gave us and the values he instilled in us—love, humility, compassion, and faith. His legacy will continue to live on through our family and through everyone whose life he touched. Uncle Lucas, thank you for loving me like your own, for believing in me, and for always being my support system. You will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will miss you deeply, but we find comfort in knowing that your love will remain with us always. May your soul rest in eternal peace. Until we meet again, we love you. Giesel Kemani

Tribute by
Babacar Diagne
Thank you all for supporting the family as we celebrate the life of my dear friend, Lucas Muela. Lucas was a man of courage, resilience, and kindness. Despite many health challenges, he faced every obstacle with strength and grace, never letting his struggles diminish his generosity or compassion for others. I will always remember his big heart, his unwavering friendship, and the example he set for all of us. I will miss him deeply and will always be grateful to have called him my friend.

Tribute by
Camilla Essomba
My Tribute to Uncle Lucas Your demise makes me wonder how deep life is. Your humor could turn even the gloomiest day into one filled with light. You were a man of integrity, kindness,love and quiet strength. Thank you for the wisdom, your warmth and unconditional love you showed us all. You may be gone from our sight, but you will never be gone from our hearts. You are deeply missed, but your spirit remains a part of every family story to tell. Rest in the bossom of the Lord my dearest uncle.Adieu Sparco. Your Beloved niece Camilla Lobe Denver-Colorado

Tribute by
Emmanuel Akama-Dibo
Akama-Dibo Family Having Lucas Muela in our lives for so many years has been one of our family's greatest blessings. Lucas lived with a genuine heart, quiet strength, and an enduring devotion to our family and the people he loved. He earned the respect of everyone who knew him because he led by example and treated everyone with dignity. When I graduated from college and struggled to find a job, Lucas stepped in without hesitation. As a dedicated gas station manager, he gave me a start as a clerk, providing me with stability and hope when I needed it most. But his generosity didn't stop at work; he was always thinking of others, frequently blessing me and my family with thoughtful presents and continuous support. That was simply who Lucas was: someone who quietly lifted others up, shared what he had, and made sure those around him were cared for. His hard work, warmth, and steady presence left an indelible mark on all our lives. Though his absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, the kindness he showed our family and the memories we shared will stay with us forever. To Lucas's family, thank you for sharing him with us. And to Lucas— Thank you, for your faith in us and for years of unforgettable memories, laughter and friendship.

Tribute by
Dr Prudence Tanté Takougang
Dear Lucas, it is with extreme sadness that I compose this tribute to you. You were one of the first persons to welcome me to the community. You took me as a sister and we have been family ever since. There's a plethora of words to describe you Lucas. You were gentle, kind, humble and very generous to name a few. You gave freely to all without reservation. You brought clothing for me and my family. You were quick to accommodate family and friends alike without expecting anything in return. You were a phenomenal person, never wanting to hurt anyone with your actions or words. Even though your death was sudden and untimely, I am happy you went home peacefully. A blessing from God. And when tomorrow starts without you, don't think we're far apart because you are right here in our hearts . We will miss you dearly.

Tribute by
Joseph Takougang
Brother Lucas, It was shocking to learn of your sudden transition from this world, but l am sure that you are now resting peacefully with the angels. You were among the few Cameroonians who welcomed me when l arrived in Cincinnati decades ago. Your apartment was often a place for endless weekend conversations, which often covered topics on Cameroon politics and society as we enjoyed drinks and Cameroonian dishes. You were such a loving and caring soul, and we will sorely miss your presence amongst us.

Elomba Fils d'Afrique
Feu papa Elomba Emmanuel ton petit frère m'avait dit dans mon enfance qu'il avait un frère, un grand frère Nguh Lucas et que ce dernier se trouvait dans le pays des blancs. J'ai fait des pieds et mains pour un jour être près de toi et recevoir l'amour qu'un fils attend de son père, car tu étais naturellement devenue ce père pour nous les fils et filles de ton petit frère parti longtemps avant. Mais, à peine nous sommes arrivés près de toi déjà rongé par la maladie que tu as décidé de les rejoindre, ton père, ta mère, tes frères et sœurs, laissant ainsi un vide dans le cœur des Muela. Que ton voyage vers tes pères soit doux et puisse la terre des Béteû'n te soit légère. Giscard ton fils.