

remain madly and truly head over heels in love with each other.

At the time, the happy pair were celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

The couple revealed that theirs was a courtship that followed all required African customs, which ultimately hold the acceptance of each party's family in high regard. In that sense, their few dates were chaperoned.

"Those days we did not do much dating. Our parents were very strict. We were not allowed to go out with boys or to stay out. My father was very strict. He would say he doesn't want the neighbours to say, 'I saw Muigai's daughter standing by the

reached them home. My sisters will tell you the story," Beth said during the interview.

The couple revealed that their wedding was not without trouble. It had its fair share of challenges. Even the honeymoon did not materialise, but the circumstances did not stop the pair from starting their 'happily ever after' with each other.

"It was during the State of Emergency time. The evening before our wedding, Nicholas was arrested at Gathage township. He told the European arresting him that he had a wedding the next day. He mentioned my father, Muigai, who was the District Officer of Gatundu then. And that is how he was released," she said.

*Our first night in the city, we were almost arrested. They came knocking at our door. My husband told the man arresting us that we were newly-weds and even though I had no passbook, I had refused to stay in the village."*

**Beth Mugo**, Nominated Senator

a time when locals needed to have a passbook to live in Nairobi, especially the Kikuyu community.

"Under the circumstances, a honeymoon was out of the question because the young couple did not have the money, and thanks to the State of Emergency, there was nowhere to go. Thankfully, a reprieve came in the form of an opportunity for the couple to go to the US for further studies. And here they are now, aging together and still happy walking hand in hand through life," *The Standard* reported at the time.

The next time Nicholas came home, Beth insisted she had to go back with him to Nairobi. She was not taking no for an answer.

The couple had four children.

## TRANSITION

# Senator Mugo's husband succumbs to prostate cancer

Nominated Senator Beth Mugo has lost her husband of 63 years, Nicholas Muratha Mugo who died at the Nairobi Hospital yesterday. He was 86.

Ms Mugo, a businessman and former diplomat, died from complications of prostate cancer which he had battled for long.

As an ambassador, he served in several posts including France, Yugoslavia, The Vatican, Ethiopia, and Sudan. He was also a Kenyan delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1968 and 1969.

Mugo also held a number of diplomatic postings in acting capacity

including High Commissioner in the United Kingdom between December 1969 and March 1970.

His profile by the Beth Mugo Cancer Foundation where he held a trusteeship, said Mugo served as a director in several private ventures spanning the real estate, agriculture, retail, and mining sectors.

"Far-reaching governance in such diverse sectors has equipped him with the knowledge and skills required to provide direction, mobilise resources, and effectively implement decisions," the foundation said.

He is survived by four children

and a number of grandchildren.

Senator Mugo announced the death in a statement to newsrooms yesterday, which also said the former ambassador would be interred at a private ceremony later today. The date of his memorial would be announced later.

Mugo was one of the beneficiaries of the airlift scholarship fund set up by Tom Mboya to take young bright Africans to the US and Canada.

He was admitted to study History and Political Science at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina, US.

His outstanding achievements were recognised when he received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the college in 1968, the family said.

In a statement, former President Mwai Kibaki mourned Mugo as a seasoned envoy and devoted public servant who served the country with visible distinction.

"Unassuming yet resolute, Ambassador Mugo set an exemplary record in public service guided by his unmistakable sense of purpose and unwavering dedication throughout his career," said Kibaki. **[Allan Mungai]**

Daniel Juma applauded NCIC on their commitment to national cohesion and the ongoing efforts to ensure peaceful elections and to avoid a repeat of political violence witnessed in the past.

As a part of the 'Elections Bila Noma' campaign, both organisations are scheduled to conduct training for political aspirants to enable them to conduct effective campaigns in the upcoming elections. **[Standard Reporter]**

## CLARIFICATION

In a publication on Page 7 of *The Standard* newspaper dated August 19, 2015 titled: 'CORD threatens mass action over sugar pact', we published a statement from a press conference by the then opposition leaders who in their statement implied that the visit by the President of Uganda was for purposes of marketing the business of Brookside Dairy Limited. Brookside Dairy Limited has since brought it to our attention that the said statement was incorrect and that Brookside Dairy Limited has never used any public official to promote its business interests within Kenya or abroad. We, therefore, take this opportunity to inform our readers, customers and other stakeholders of Brookside Dairy Limited that the said publication was not a true reflection of Brookside Dairy Limited's marketing strategies. We take this opportunity to correct the position and apologise to Brookside Dairy Limited for any embarrassment caused by the publication.