

Fairseat Foundation



Stephen Mbugua Gakunyi

(09 February 1954 – 05 December 2020)

I regret to confirm the recent death of our long serving driver at Fairseat, Stephen Mbugua. He first started working for Fairseat in September 2007 when he was employed by Jane Leete, the Administrator at that time, and he was due to retire from Fairseat at the end of February next year when he was going to turn 66years old.

I wish to clarify the situation surrounding Stephen's death as I have heard a few incorrect versions. Stephen rang in sick on Tuesday, 10th November. He was admitted to Avenue Hospital on the basis of his health insurance on Tuesday, 19th November with pneumonia. He was tested for Covid-19 at the request of the insurance company as this would have nullified their liability but the test result was negative. He appeared to be recovering well and we thought that he might be discharged at the end of November when suddenly his situation deteriorated rapidly and his underlying diabetic condition became the major issue. His kidneys gave up and he was never able to recover from this and died on Saturday evening.

His hospital bill is significant and, even after the insurance and Fairseat have each paid a significant portion, his family have been left with an account of over 500k.

Stephen's funeral will be on Friday and our staff are trying to assist the family with funding for this. If any resident is able and willing to assist can you please let the office know and we will facilitate it. If you wish to talk to Ben about the options, feel free to contact me.

In the meantime, we will remember Stephen as a very capable driver who was totally honest and reliable for his employer. He really came into his own during lockdown when he had to learn all the intimate vagaries of shopping for 43 residents and managed brilliantly.

Stephen is survived by his wife, their son and daughter plus one grandchild.

May he rest in peace.