

The Prayers of the Papuan People accompany Mr Mesake Koroi's journey to the eternal heaven



Mesake Koroi and President Benny Wenda in Fiji in 2023

On Thursday 5 September 5 2025, God called Mr Mesake Koroi, an important person from Fiji, and a wonderful supporter of the people of West Papua, home to Heaven.

On behalf of the Papuan people, the West Papua Provisional (ULMWP) feels the loss of our great Fijian father, who played a very important role in helping the Papuan struggle in the Pacific region.

Mr Koroi was a senior journalist, and the younger brother of Fiji Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase (2001-2006). He was the representative of Nasinu for the Social Democratic Liberal Party (SODELPA), which is one of three political parties governing in coalition since 2022.

During Prime Minister Qarase's term, Mr Koroi was the Director of Fiji National Radio and Television, yet provided a room in his home for the West Papuan politicians lobbying Polynesian and Micronesian states to prepare their documents and speeches. Until the end of his life on earth on 5 September 2025 he remained an active and influential lobbyist for the government of own country, and for ours through the embassies of the Pacific nation-states in Fiji.

Mr Koroi, your passing brings sweet memories for us, your fellow Melanesians, of planting the seeds of our liberation struggle, which are now bearing fruit and ready to be harvested. I don't know why you had to leave us at this crucial moment.

Your extended family of West Papua believes that your efforts during your life were not in vain, they have been beneficial to your extended family, your hometown, your country, and the struggle for independence of the people of West Papua throughout all of West Papua.

Dear Mr Koroi, God knows, but not many people know, about your work in helping to design and build our diplomatic struggle. There was not enough gold in the world to buy your noble heart and your willingness to be the mouth piece of the Papuan people in the Pacific. Thank you Sir.

Thank you Mr Mesake Koroi, who has the heart of the Lord Jesus, and who loves the Lord his God, and who loves the Papuan people suffering under Indonesia's foreign colonial rule.

Rest in peace with God in the City of the Lord, Amen.

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