

Growing up in a home of eight children, there was never a dull moment. Among us, Alois stood out, not only because he was the fourth in line but also due to his remarkable intellect and academic excellence. From a young age, it was clear that Alois was destined for something extraordinary. While we all supported each other in our studies, Alois's thirst for knowledge set him apart.

Alois's educational journey began in Domboshava, where he started his schooling. He was always a bright student, but it was when he moved on to Goromonzi for his secondary education that his potential truly began to shine. It was there that he really excelled, not just academically but also in his ability to inspire those around him. He was focused, determined, and driven by a sense of purpose that I admired.

After finishing school, Alois, like many others, entered the workforce and tried his hand at a few jobs in town. But it didn't take long for him to realize that his true calling lay beyond the typical career path. His natural ability to connect with people and persuade them led him to become a salesman. It was in this role that he began to cultivate the skills that would later shape his political career. But his ambitions were much larger than just selling products. Alois wanted to make a real difference, and that difference was in politics.

He eventually bought a house in Marimba Park, where his political journey truly began. This was during the time of Ian Smith's rule, a period marked by intense political tension and resistance. Despite the oppressive environment, Alois

was fearless in his commitment to the cause of liberation. He joined ZANU, the political party fighting for independence, and dedicated himself to recruiting others and organizing rallies. His charisma and leadership abilities made him a natural figurehead in the movement.

I remember seeing Alois organizing rallies in the community, inspiring people to stand up and fight for their rights. His activism didn't go unnoticed, and it wasn't long before the special branch, the intelligence service of the time, took an interest in him. Alois was arrested for a few days, a moment that shook us all. However, his resolve remained unshaken. He was not just a brother to us, but a leader, someone we could turn to when things seemed bleak. His friends, many of whom were lawyers like Sandura and Shoniwa, rallied around him, ensuring he wasn't alone in this struggle. Through their support, Alois was freed, but it didn't stop him from continuing his fight.

After this ordeal, Alois made the difficult decision to leave Zimbabwe. With his children in tow, he relocated to the UK, where he continued his political activism. He worked alongside Karikanzira and others from Mozambique, campaigning and pushing for youth representation in political spaces. His work wasn't easy, but Alois was a man of great determination. Eventually, his hard work paid off when he secured a position within the youth wing of ZANU, cementing his place as a leader within the party.

His success in the UK set the stage for his return to Zimbabwe, where he would go on to become the Member of Parliament for Murehwa North. Alois's leadership was

always rooted in his commitment to his community. He worked tirelessly to strengthen the relationship between the party and the people of Musami. His political influence grew, and so did his desire to improve the lives of those he represented.

Alois had a special place in his heart for social welfare. He believed that access to housing was a fundamental right, and he was determined to secure resources to build homes for those in need. His commitment to this cause led to his appointment as the Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Labor, where he worked to address the needs of Zimbabweans across the country.

Even when illness began to take its toll on him, Alois remained steadfast in his mission. He would constantly ask about the work of the organization and the well-being of the people. His health may have been failing, but his dedication never wavered. In fact, it was his care for others that drove him to keep pushing, even when his own body was weakening.

As his sister, I saw firsthand the depth of Alois's devotion—not just to his political career but to his family and community. Whenever we faced challenges, whether it was in school or in life, Alois was always there to protect us. He would step in without hesitation, defending us against any injustice. He wasn't just a politician or a leader; he was a brother who cared deeply about the well-being of his siblings and everyone around him.

Alois was more than a political figure. He was a man with a vision, driven by a desire to see Zimbabwe thrive. His determination to educate himself, to become a better leader, and to serve his country was unyielding. While studying in the UK, he earned degrees that reflected his ambition to grow not just for himself, but for his people. He constantly sought ways to help others, particularly in his efforts to support schoolchildren who wished to study abroad, ensuring they had the right preparation for their journeys.

Reflecting on our upbringing, I can't help but feel incredibly fortunate to have had Alois as a brother. He was a true hero, and his legacy is something that will forever inspire all of us who knew him. Whether it was fighting for justice, advocating for the welfare of others, or simply looking out for his siblings, Alois was always there.

Today, we remember him not just as a political leader, but as a man whose impact was felt in every corner of our lives. His contributions to the nation, his leadership in the face of adversity, and his unwavering commitment to his principles make him someone we will always hold dear in our hearts. Alois, we cherish the legacy you left behind in Mangwende, and we will continue to honor it for generations to come.