

21st August  
2012

...that's you!

## Have a great Birthday

To dearest Mr. K,

A very, very happy birthday to you,  
My darling and may you have  
many, many more so that I can  
get my Mercedes Benz one day!

You are one of the loudest human  
beings I have ever known and  
I am so glad that I could spend  
the last twenty-two years with you.  
What a gift.

Love you lots & lots  
Barbara.

August 21, 2014 -

Dear Mr. K,

Even though you might not  
know me that well, please know  
that you are by far one of  
my greatest sources of inspiration  
in life. Sometimes I wonder  
if you are really human or  
rather some kind of an angel.

I think of you so often.

Happy Happy Happy

85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Dearest Mr. K -

With lots of love, Yene -

21 August 2014

To dearest Kathy,

Congratulations on your 85<sup>th</sup>  
birthday. Thank you for your  
wonderful friendship & your  
magnificent life.

With much love,

Susan & Claude

—

21 August 2014.

To dear Kathy

With love, admiration and  
best wishes for your birthday.

From Hillary & Tony Hamburger

Dearest Kathy,  
How fortunate we are to have you  
in our lives. Thank you for all you  
do for us and for people everywhere.  
Thank you for all your love and  
friendship. You are a caring person  
who has always inspired me.  
Wishing you good health and happiness  
on this special birthday.

With love and gratitude,

Vanashree & Anant

The Museum of Modern Art  
11 West 53 Street, New York, NY 10019  
MoMA.org

Dear Kathy, a year of  
Here's to a year of  
love and learning and  
creativity and lots and  
lots of laughter.

With our very  
best wishes,  
D. Baba K, Kristie  
and Paul.

Marc Chagall French (born Belarus), 1887-1985.  
Homage to Gogol (design for curtain [not executed])  
for Gogol festival, Hermitage Theatre, St. Petersburg.



Dear Mr. Kathrada:

On behalf of the Office for Inclusion and *Project 60/50* at Michigan State University, we wish you a very happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday! Our hope is that your day is filled with the love of family and friends. You have inspired so many to work for freedom, non-racialism, and democracy, and your unwavering commitment to these issues reaches beyond South Africa to people around the world. Michigan State University is honored to share in the celebration of your birthday.

Please accept this gift as a small token of our appreciation for all you have done.

All the best,  
Pauline Granberry Russell

Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives

Dearest Uncle Kathy

May the Lord above  
look down on you  
And guide you on your way,  
May He bless you  
with His peace and love  
on this, your special day.

Have a Blessed Day

Infinite Grace  
to you & Family  
Yvonne Kgl.

Dear Mr. K,  
A very happy birthday & I  
hope you and Barbara spend some  
quality time together.  
You are a very dear person & an  
inspiration to us all.  
With best wishes & great admiration,  
Paul Behrmann (your neighbour)

Dear Mr. Ahmed Kathrada

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We love you!



LOTS OF LOVE FROM  
Shilaya  
& Dristi



21 August 2014

integrity & plenty of wit.

Thank you so much for the  
last 24 years we shared. Thank  
you for been the rock I have leant  
on so many times and for the warmth,  
affection and comfort of your  
presence.

Please forgive me for being such a  
bad cook! Maybe one day I will come  
to the table!

Lots & lots of love Barbara.

To dearest Kathy,

I am so proud of you, and in  
awe of the way you have lived your  
life - from the daring pre-prison  
days, to the hard monotonous grind  
of the prison years to the post  
prison years, how you reconstructed  
your life without bowing to anything  
or anyone, but stayed the course,  
humble, politically sharp & with masses

Happy  
85th  
Birthday - a  
remarkable journey!

OUR VERY DEAR BROTHER,  
& CHILD OF GOD.

YOU DRAW THE LOVE OF  
GOD. BECAUSE YOU TAKE  
CARE OF GOD'S CHILDREN.  
SO GOD WILL ALWAYS  
TAKE SPECIAL CARE OF  
YOU.

WE TRUST THAT EACH STEP  
YOU TAKE YOU EXP. THE  
HAND OF OUR ALMIGHTY  
PARENT GUIDING & BLESSING

YOURS IN GODLY  
SERVICE.

YOUR BROTHERS & SISTERS  
OF THE BRAHMA  
KUMARIS

21 August  
Dearest Kathy  
Congratulations and Happy  
Birthday! 85 is a magic  
milestone. Today we all  
celebrate the gift of a unique  
you in our lives, your life  
being today. Today  
(and every day) make it  
smiling upon you from the  
heavens - we love you!  
Anne Kraft, Tetsing Medhela  
The Mawla Kraft deans



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At the age of 17, Kathrada participated in the Passive Resistance Campaign of the South African Indian Congress and was subsequently arrested.

In 1951, he was selected to visit East Berlin to attend a youth festival. Back home in 1952, Kathrada was in a group of 20, including Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who were sentenced to nine months in prison with hard labour, suspended for two years for organising the Defiance Campaign.

In 1954, he was placed under restrictions by the Security Police. In 1956, he was among the 156 Congress activists charged for High Treason. The trial continued for four years after which all the accused were acquitted.

While on trial, in 1960, the ANC and PAC were banned. In 1962, Kathrada was placed under "house arrest". He broke his banning orders, and went "underground", to continue his political work. In July 1963, the police swooped on Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia, where Kathrada and other "banned" persons had been meeting. This led to the Rivonia Trial, in which eight accused were sentenced to life imprisonment. They included Mandela, Sisulu, Kathrada, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Denis Goldberg, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni.

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After his release on 15 October 1989, the ANC was unbanned. Kathrada was elected onto its National Executive Committee.

In 1994, he served as President Mandela's Parliamentary Counsellor. He was chairperson of the Robben Island Musuem Council until his term expired in 2006.

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Dear Ahmed Kathrada

We are so impressed by the work of the Foundation. The commitment to non-racialism is a beacon in our society at a time when the gains of the struggle have to be protected.

The involvement of the young people is especially impressive - Thank you for continuing to be an inspiration to all of us. We love you, Cde Kathy

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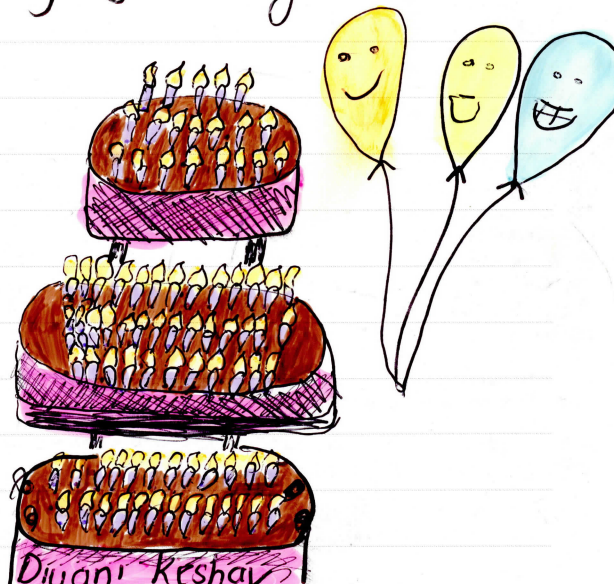
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Dear Ahmed Kathrada

Happy Birthday :) Enjoy your day



Name: Diyan Keshav

School/ University: SBSM

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

DEAR MR KATHRADA  
THANK YOU  
FOR FIGHTING  
FOR MY FREEDOM  
AND FOR HAVING  
ME AT YOUR  
HOME. ASHANTHI

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Dearest Kathy  
Happy Birthday may  
you see many many  
more. You are a  
tower of strength, a  
source of inspiration  
a great leader and  
an Internationalist of  
great renown.  
We are all the richer for  
having known you

Name: Max Sisulu

School/ University: \_\_\_\_\_



21 August 2014

My dearest darling Uncle Kathy

Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

I wish you a wonderful year ahead with lots of joy, love and laughter. I also hope that you and I will have many moments to chat and tease each other.

I hope all your wishes for this year are fulfilled.

I hope too that in all your busy-ness you will find time to stop and rest and share moments with your loved ones. That said, there is still lots of work to do, so enjoy all the engagements and may this be a peaceful and prosperous year!

With much love:

Your loving (adopted daughter) Nodira

Happy birthday uncle Kathy!

I wish you a healthy, happy and fulfilling new year in life.

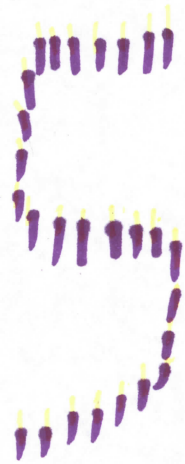
love Paul



Dear: A very special man  
in my life



Uncle  
Kathy



Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

You are a very special

to me and my family

Hope you enjoy your day

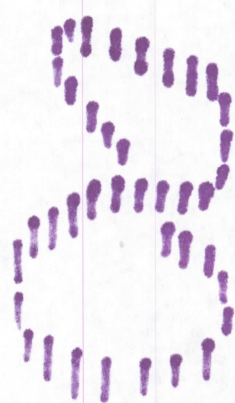
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I Love you Lots and Lots Like

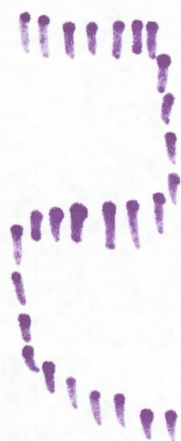
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Happy Birthday

Dear Uncle Kathy

Thank you for all that you have done  
for my generation—specifically, thank you  
for what you have done in promoting  
a non-racial, better and more equal world.  
We are forever in your debt, and can only  
hope to live up to your example. Thank  
you.

Best regards,  
Erik de Ridder



Dear Uncle Kathy

Happy Birthday. Wishing you all of the best on your special day.

I would like to thank you for all you have done for our country.

You have sacrificed so much for our freedom. I can't tell you how grateful I am.

I owe you my life and all my achievements. As I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for you.

You are such an inspiration, and I hope one day I can be as kind and caring as you.

Love

Gyana Singh



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king and coming as son.

son as such an inheritance, and I hope one day I can be as

you be myself I am for all it is made for son.

I owe son with it and all with achievement. As I would

son from death I am.

son have sacrifice to which for one freedom. I can't feel

I would like to thank son for all son have done for one comfort.

and.

Happy birthday. Wishing son all of the best on your special

day and family