

*The Seemela &
Mashatile Family
express their
thanks and gratitude
to family and friends
for their prayers, condolences,
support and love shown
during our time
of bereavement.*

*To all of you present,
your presence gives us
consolation and courage.*

May God bless you!



Manzi Mashatile

15th June 1964 - 5th July 2020

THE PROGRAMME

FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE MANZI ELLEN MATLHODI MASHATILE

Thursday 9th July 2020

Programme Director:	Advocate Lindiwe Maseko
Home service:	06:30 - 07:15
Departure from home to Fourways:	07:15
Venue for the burial service:	Fourways Memorial Park
Opening Prayer:	Bishop Musa Sono

Hymn

- 08:30 Welcome address by ANC Zonal Treasurer - Mike Maile
- 08:35 Mashatile Family Representative - Frigitha Direko
- 08:40 Seemela Family Representative. - Queen Ncube
- 08:45 The Children - Thabiso Mashatile & Palesa Nonkwelo
- 08:50 The Grandchild - Bontle Nonkwelo
- 08:55 Neighbour - Vusie Pilane
- 09:00 Friends - Joyce Betha & Belina Mokoena
- 09:05 ANC Joburg Region - Geoff Makhubu
- 09:15 ANC Gauteng Province - David Makhura
- 09:25 ANC Secretary General - Ace Magashule
- 09:35 Tribute by Husband - Paul Mashatile
- 09:45 Reading of Obituary - Tinyiko Mvelase

Sermon

- 09:50 Bishop Musa Sono
- 10:10 Cortège leaves for gravesite

Burial Rituals:	Bishop Sono
Message of gratitude:	Thami Ncube

LETTER FROM LOVING HUSBAND

Dear Mogatso

Today I bid you farewell on behalf of our children, friends, family and relatives as you embark on the journey to a place greater than where we are.

You leave us at the time when the world is facing a devastating pandemic that is destroying millions of lives. Many in the world are putting much efforts together to fight this pandemic. I know you would have been at the centre of these efforts. However, the Lord decided that you have done enough on this earth and it was time to come back home and rest.

My love, today I honour you. Today we have two formidable families of Mashatile and Seemela because of you. You were the centre piece, the pillar of both these families. When I came out of Prison in 1989, I was running around with my fellow revolutionaries fighting the enemy forces. We were underground activists staying in different places to avoid arrests whilst executing the struggle for liberation. You decided that this was not the way to do it. You brought about discipline and stability. You made sure that we start life as a proper family whilst continuing with the struggle.

Today we are proud to have a formidable family that has assumed its rightful place in the South African Society. You made sure we bring our children up as disciplined and hardworking young people. They were prepared for a better environment in schools and universities. Today Palesa has completed her Masters Degree in Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation, Thabiso & Tinyiko have completed their degrees at UCT and Mpho has completed his UJ degree. Mpumi Mashatile has completed her Masters Degree at Wits & Neo will do grade 12 next year. Popo wanted me to inform you that he has completed his medicine degree in Cuba two weeks ago. Ayanda has started her university studies at UCT this year and Bontle will be starting her university studies next year. To a very large extent, this is the vision you had for them. Some are now occupying important careers in our country. All these because of the strict manner in which you brought them up. Today I take off my hat to you.

Mogatso, you leave us stronger as a family and I want to promise you that the Mashatile and Seemela families will continue to pull together as a consolidated family. Leave everything to us now. You have given us sufficient love. I want to say to you today, thank you, thank you, thank you very much for loving me, the kids and everyone in our families. As you embark on this final journey I want to shower you with love of eternity.

Mogatso, I am grateful for all you have done for me and your contribution to the struggles of our people. I know very well that without your support I would not have succeeded in the many challenging tasks of the ANC and Government. You were always there by my side. Even when days were dark I knew I could look forward to going home for comfort and support.

My love, you have fought the good fight, you finished the race and you kept the faith. Go now to where there is in store for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge will award to you.

We will continue to honour you and our departed mother in many ways over the coming years whilst alive on this earth.

Rest In Peace my Love and rise in Glory!!

Hamba kahle Mbokodo!!



MESSAGES FROM LOVED ONES

From your loving mom

Manzi Ngwanaka, nna le bana beno re re o tsamaye ka khutšo. Re ya go rata gagolo.
O ntlogetse ngwana wa ka.
Toma.

From your sister in law

Rest in peace my beloved sister, you played a big role in both the Mashatile and Seemela families as well as the community. You will be missed.
Ausi.

From your loving sister

Matlhodi, Manzi !! Ngwana wa bo mma bathong !! O re šile re sa nagana ngwana bomma. My sister I will miss you so much. I miss your smile, your caring. Everything about you my special angel. Yoh ! O robale ka khutšo ausi waka o ke moratang gagolo, till we meet again.
Queen.

From your loving niece

I'll always be grateful for everything you've done for me. Thank you for showing me love and care. Thank you for raising me like your own daughter. I'll carry on being the respectful Neza you know and raised. I will always love you. Rest easy in eternal peace Mamzo.
Neoza.

From your loving nephew

Mamogolo I want to thank God for bringing you in our lives and for giving all of us love, care, humility and thank you for always being the best mother in the whole world. You taught us to share, give, love, be kind and always making sure that we get the best education and to love church and fear God. May your soul rest in peace. Ausi Manzi.
Topla

From Mmule Seemela (Moropa)

Leboko la ga Seemela
A he Kgabo
Ahe Seemela Seema Samoshate
Mma ntlerebetsa ka Elsa clou ka etsa kgomo, etlositse banna kwa lekabolateng banna kwa lekgotleng letlapa le legolo, lebaibai ka ema go lona ka kawa ditshepe, ditshepe tsatla dimparapere Ra gowa ra a la diatla a re ore o dirang ngwana wa Seemela nna ore latlhetseng nageng tsa Tlhwane nageng tsa Podile a re laletse. Kgabo ya Luka ya fisa Maagokane ya tuck ya fisa maakadiishala.

I have no words to describe how our loss for you has left a huge gap, impact, dent.
May your soul rest in peace.
Mmule

From Kgothatso, Tshepi, Tlhogi and Poom Poom

You remain to be a queen of note in our lives. Your footprint is one we will continue to follow even in your absence. We could never thank you enough for what you have done in our lives. You fed us, clothed us, nurtured us and loved us. You taught us how to pray for wisdom, courage, strength and love. Rest easy Mamogolo. Masechaba, our `Queen.

From Ve, Lucia Nonkwelo umkhozi wakho

To the Mashatile family
It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Manzi. On behalf of the Nonkwelo family; please accept our deepest condolences and may our prayers help comfort you and your loved ones during this difficult period.
Manzi usizimele, uhambe kakuhle.
umkhozi wakho

From Thammy

The mother, the sister, aunt to everybody .The mother of the nation caring for every child in the family. The sister to everyone coming with a problem. Grandmother to grandchildren. Loved your mother and siblings. I remember her with a heart of gold, a giving heart. Manzi Ellen Mashatile (Lala ngoxolo Kgabo Bagatla). We will remember you always with our bleeding hearts.
Thamzin

From your brother Lucky

I do not know how to say goodbye to you my sister. You will always be in my heart, till we meet again.
Mlakana

From Joseph Mashatile

She was a mother, sister to us. We will miss her. We will always remember her.
Uncle Joe

From Chauke

On behalf of Chauke family. You were everything to us. May your soul rest in peace.
Chauke family

From Christelle

I am sorry mommy for neglecting our relationship, for not bringing my daughter Lesedi (the name you gave her) to meet you. I am sorry that I cannot be there for Palesa in this time. I will do better ma. I will be better, promise. I love you mommy. Until we meet again. May your beautiful soul rest in perfect peace.
Christelle

From Mpho

I never thought this day would come. Thinking that I would never see you again. It really breaks my heart. I am sure God himself needed someone like you, yet we have lost a lot. You were so kind , caring and loving. You will be missed. May your soul rest in peace.
Mphoza

From Nceba

You left us so suddenly. You said goodbye to no one. We were still expecting you to come back to us after being discharged from the hospital. Today, tomorrow, forever you will always be remembered for the special moments and smiles you brought to us. It broke our hearts to lose you. Thank you for giving us the gift of wonderful memories.
Ngwana hao Nceba

From Tinyiko

The pain of losing our mother is one I can't put in words. Hard writing a message like this because this is unimaginable. Thank you for helping me become the man that I am. You will forever remain in our hearts as we know you will also be watching down on us. Sleep well Ma. Love you.
Tinyiko

From your loving granddaughter Bontle

Losing you caused pain that I never thought I could feel. You truly were a blessing and will continue to live on in my heart forever. Thank you for being such a strong pillar in everyones life. You were always willing to listen and help with everything. I could never thank you enough. I'll never forget all you taught me. I hope you rest well Koko. May your beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.
Love, your Bontsy

From Palesa

Everyone keeps saying, you do not question God. How do I not? Why you mommy? Why now? I am shattered. I cannot comprehend it all. It hurts EVERYWHERE. It hurts so bad. You were my everything. My Whole entire universe. My best friend, my confidant. I cannot imagine life without you. I feel so lost, I feel cheated, robbed even. We had so many dreams, so many plans mommy. You loved me so much. I now realise how precious all our times spent together were. We shared amazing memories. We laughed so much. I will forever hold on to those special moments and take comfort in knowing that even though you're not physically with me but you will always be around me and always in my heart.
Your baby Palesa

From Thabiso

Madam, don't worry I'll take care of everything from here.
Love Uncle

OBITUARY OF MANZI MASHATILE

Manzi Ellen Matlhodi Mashatile was born on the 15th of June 1964 in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg. She was the second child of Kgathaki John and Nombulelo Seemela fondly known as Toma. Her siblings are Makgotla, Benny, Queen, Lucky and Boitumelo.

Manzi started her schooling at Emfundisweni primary school in Alexandra Township, she then moved on to Pholosho Higher primary in Alexandra and after the 1976 June students uprising she moved to Alexandra high school, the same school that her husband Paul Mashatile also attended. Manzi did most of her tertiary studies through part-time or correspondence, including management courses with Damelin college.

Work wise Manzi started her own beauty salon business in Rosebank and later went to work at Giovanni Battista Hair Care in Killarney Mall. She then moved on to work for Edgars in their Balfour park store where she was promoted to manager in no time because of her intellectual capacity, hard work and dedication. A few years later she again set up her own beauty Salon known as "Bontlelicious" together with her daughter Palesa.

Manzi supported Paul during his underground activities of the Alexandra Youth Congress and the United Democratic Front. After the unbanning of the ANC, Manzi also joined the ANC Alexandra branch. In 1994 Manzi and Paul got married and because of the heavy responsibilities towards her family, Manzi scaled down on her business activities to take care of her family and to take care of her children.

Manzi was the pillar of both the Mashatile and Seemela families particularly when it came to taking care of her mother Toma and her mother in law the late Nomvula Mashatile. She took on the responsibility for the education not only of her own children but the children of her siblings, brothers in-law and many more. She always made sure that their school fees were paid. More importantly Manzi always made sure that both the Mashatile and Seemela families had all they needed when it came to food and clothing. After assuming these responsibilities, it allowed her husband to focus on his tasks during the struggle and also later in Government and in the ANC.

Manzi will always be remembered as the pillar of our families. She brought up her children under strict conditions, making sure they always do their homework, always clean their rooms, wash and iron their own clothes and made sure they learnt how to cook. This upbringing helped the children once they got to university where her children did really well. She became a proud mother seeing her children graduate from university, with Palesa achieving a Masters Degree in Entrepreneurship and her nephew Popo Mashatile who completed a Medical Degree in Cuba last week. The children have gone on to assume responsible positions in their respective work places. Manzi dearly loved her only granddaughter Bontle, who will be starting her own journey in university next year.

Manzi was a religious woman. She was dedicated to worshipping the Lord every Sunday. She would also make it a family day by taking the children and any other family member with her to church. If not preparing lunch at home she would take them out for Sunday lunch.

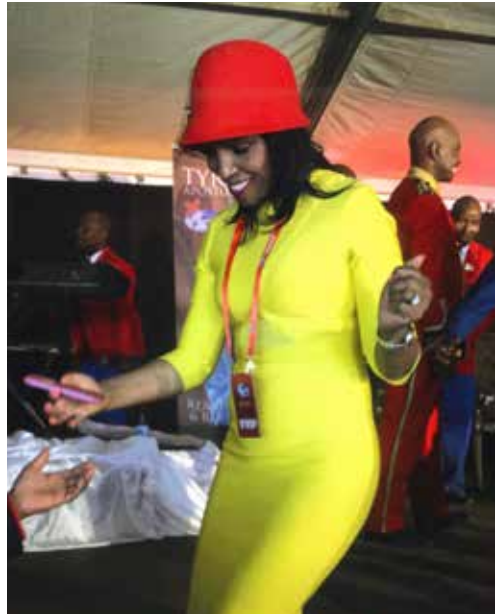
Manzi leaves behind her husband Paul Mashatile and children Palesa, Thabiso, Tinyiko and Ayanda. She also leaves behind her niece Neo, granddaughter Bontle, her mother Toma as well as her 5 siblings and 3 nephews. Many loved ones including the Mashatile, Seemela, Ncube and Nonkwelo families will greatly miss her.

Go rest now our beloved Mother, Sister, Wife and Friend. A woman with a big heart, who was always giving.

We shall always remember you. You will always live in our hearts. We will always honour you.

Robala ka khotso Kgabo! Robala ka khotso Mmamalome!
Etlela hi ku rhula Mane Mashatile! Mi yi rhungulela ka ba Homu ya Ntima!

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