



SPECIAL PROVINCIAL

OFFICIAL FUNERAL

FOR THE LATE MS NTOMBIZODWA DORIS SIKHOSANA

1942-2023

PROGRAMME

Date : Saturday, 20 May 2023
Time : 10:00
Venue : KwaSosibo Sport Field, Highflats

OBITUARY FOR THE LATE MS NTOMBIZODWA DORIS SIKHOSANA (1942 - 2023)

Doris (Mababi) Ntombizodwa Sikhosana, uzalwa uMasuku benoMaMsomi Josifina Sikhosana abangasekho. Babusiswa ngezingane eziyisithupha, Doris engowokugcina kwabo.

Wazalelwa endaweni yasOphepheni eHighflats. KwaZulu Natal. Waqala amazinga aphansi emfundo Ophepheni primary School. Waqhubeka wafunda, Sobantu High School e Pietermaritzburg. Waqala ukusebenza kuma office abammeli eDurban, akwa-Griffiths Mxenge. Okuyilapho angenela khona ezombusazwe.

She dedicated her entire life as a freedom fighter.

She worked in the ANC underground with various leaders of the ANC whilst remaining the country when these leaders were forced into exile. She also created a link between the Union leaders and the ANC underground to ensure that the trade unions understood their role and formed a firm foundation in the struggle for liberation as part of the Congress Movement.

Comrade Doris went to exile in Swaziland, Mozambique, Tanzania and Angola.

She continued to work for the African National Congress on her return from exile. Due to her hard work and contribution in the Movement, she was elected to the National Executive Committee of the ANC Women's League at its first National Conference inside the Country. Consequently, she was recognised by the organisation for her excellent service.

She also worked tirelessly in improving the lives of the people in several communities through Community Based Organisations.

She worked as a community activist with churches through DIAKONIA and trade Union Movement. The communities through CBOs and Faith Based Organisations and NGOs became a vibrant movement of grassroots mobilisation to work in partnership with government in socio-economic transformation.



This made ordinary people to appreciate that their role was not to wait for government to deliver services but they had to take part on matters affecting their lives. This made the struggle for freedom meaningful to communities. Comrade Doris focussed on training and capacity building for traditional leaders such as aMakhosi, iziNduna and aMagoso, some of whom became elected Counsellors and champions of local development initiatives in townships and informal settlements and rural areas. She received accolades through her community work.

She contributed in creating structures for communities to improve conditions in informal settlements in Durban, kwaMakhutha, iNanda and Amaoti. She fought against illegal evictions and encouraged communities to fight for community development and building of social amenities.

She believed in nonracialism in her daily life and mobilised across different communities working closely with leaders in the Natal Indian Congress.

She was the founding Director of the Community Internship Programme (CIP) in the early '90s when she returned to South Africa from exile. The CIP was based at the Howard College campus of the University of Natal (now University of KwaZulu-Natal) and encouraged university students to use knowledge and skills gained in their studies for the benefit of their home communities.

In the late 90s and due to increasing demand for the organisation's services by both students and communities, the CIP expanded its scope and became the Community Internship and Development Centre (CIDC).



These programmes started in KwaZulu–Natal but soon expanded to other provinces around the country and to other countries including Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Angola. This led to the formation of an international coalition that became known as the Community Organisations Regional Network (CORN).

The CIDC's international impact extended beyond the African continent when the organisation partnered with the US-based One World Family (OWF) organisation. OWF raised funds in the USA which were then utilised to fund programmes that addressed the plight of orphans caused by HIV and AIDS (which was still rampant at the time), abused women and vulnerable children in areas such as Clermont, KwaMashu and KwaXimba, among others.

Keenly aware of the link between poverty and disease, she initiated the Anti-Hunger Campaign, with the slogan: 'Qed'indlala, Nqand'ingculazi'. The campaign, which included the provinces of KZN, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and Free State, sought to encourage the participation of rural communities, particularly women, in programmes to reduce poverty while fighting disease at the same time.

She was elected as a Member of Parliament and served with dedication and was honoured by the presiding officers in National Assembly.

She was transferred to become Member of KwaZulu–Natal legislature and served in the Premier's portfolio committee where her contribution was exemplary. She was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Quality of Life for Women, Children, Youth, Persons with Disabilities, and Senior Citizens. In this portfolio, she took the time to represent communities, especially the vulnerable groups as a public representative and a champion for development in priority areas identified by the Committee: Unemployment of youth, child labour, women and children abuse, Women empowerment, and early childhood development.

She is survived by 2 sons – Thulasizwe and Funizwe and 4 grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

• PART ONE & TWO •

SKHOSANA FAMILY HOME - KWASOSIBO SPORT FIELD



PART ONE: SKHOSANA FAMILY HOME

09:00–09:30	Homily
09:35–09:50	Convoy departs for KwaSosibo Sport Field
09:50–09:55	Hearse arrives at the Sport Field
09:55–10:00	SAPS leads the procession of Mourners inside the Marquee

The Procession

Chaplain
Police Bearers
Chief Mourner
Minister
Immediate Family Members

PART TWO: KWASOSIBO SPORT FIELD

Programme Directors: Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Bishop Vusi Dube

10:00–10:05	Singing of the National Anthem
10:05–10:10	Singing of the Hymn
10:10–10:15	Opening Prayer by Mr Bhekukwazi Skhosana
10:15–10:20	Welcome Remarks
10:20–10:30	Reading of Obituary by Ms Zinhle Dimba

Tributes

- 10:30–11:00
1. Family Representative: Mrs N.R. Sosibo
 2. Message on behalf of Children: Sizwe and Funizwe
 3. Message on behalf of Colleagues: Proffessor Paulos Zulu

11:00–11:05 Music Item

Fraternal Tributes

11:05–11:15 Message on behalf of ANC Women's League: Ms Lungi Gcabashe

11:15–11:30 Message by ANC: Dr Zweli Mkhize

Eulogy

11:30–12:00 Eulogy by Mr S.A Duma

MEC for Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs–LOGB

SAPS hands over the Standard National Flag to the MEC.

MEC hands over the Standard National Flag to the Chief Mourner

service

12:00–12:05	Hymn
12:05–12:25	Sermon by SAPS Chaplain
12:25	Announcements by Programme Director

Announcement of the procession by the Marshalling Officer

The Cortege, Immediate and Extended Family Members and the MEC depart for the graveyard.
SAPS will lead the procession out of the Marquee.

PART THREE: GRAVEYARD

12:45	Funeral Procession arrives at the Graveyard
12:55	Immediate Family Members and Minister are conducted to their designated seats

Pall Bearers from the Funeral Parlour remove the coffin and proceed to the gravesite

SAPS Procession leads Pall Bearers to the gravesite

Undraping of the Coffin by the Funeral Parlour Bearers

SAPS Pall Bearers take up position

Last Post and Sounding Reveille

Lowering of the Remains


Marshal Officer orders the Functionary/ Minister and others according to their seniority to pay their last respect

Committal service by SAPS Chaplain/ Reverend

Benediction by SAPS Chaplain/ Reverend

13:15	Announcements by a Family Member
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A dramatic sky with a bright sunburst at the top and golden clouds at the bottom. The sunburst is a bright white and yellow light source with numerous rays radiating outwards, filling the upper half of the frame. Below the sunburst, the sky transitions into a layer of thick, golden-yellow clouds that are illuminated from below, creating a warm, glowing effect. The bottom of the image is a dark, almost black gradient.

A person who departs from this earth never
truly leaves, for they are still **alive** in our hearts and
minds, through us, they live on

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