

the ANC much earlier and what it stood for. She supported her children during harassment and detentions by apartheid police. After the unbanning of the ANC she continued to be involved and to support all programmes of the ANC and Government until her last day on earth.

Mma Mashatile died on 22 June 2020 peacefully at home. She is survived by her elder sister Mthabeni wa ka Mhlanga who is still living in Giyani in Limpopo, her three daughters, four sons, twenty four grand children and twenty one great grand children

*Farewell our Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother,  
we shall always remember you!*

**Etlela hi ku rhula nwa Mapenga na homu!**

**Me hi rhungulela ka ba Homu Ya Ntima.**



*Programme of the funeral of*  
*U Mama Marriam*  
*Nomvula Mashatile*



*1937 - 2020*



*Funeral Service*  
*Friday 26 June 2020*

## FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE

# *U Mama Marriam Nomvula Mashatile*

Friday 26 June 2020

*Programme Director: Nomvula Mokonyane*

### **AT HOME** (09:00 – 11:00)

*Opening prayer: Bishop Setati  
Hymn*

### **SPEAKERS**

*09:00 Welcome address by the ANC Branch Chairperson Cde Molatelo*

*09:05 Family Representative: Frigitha Direko*

*09:15 On behalf of Children: Sindy Mashatile*

*09:25 On behalf of Grand Children: Thandi Mantjabadi & Tinyiko  
& Thabiso Mashatile*

*09:35 On behalf of neighbors: Mr. Khan*

*09:45 ANC Regional Representative: Regional Chairperson, Kgosi Maepa*

*09:55 ANC Provincial Representative: Provincial Chairperson, David Makhura*

*10:10 ANC Official: Secretary General, Elias Ace Magashule*

*10:30. Tribute to Mama: Paul Mashatile*

### **SERMON**

*10:40 Bishop Setati*

*10:55 Reading of the Obituary: Poppy Ngobeni*

*11:00 Depart for Graveyard*

### **GRAVESIDE** (11:00 – 12:00)

*11:15 Sermon: Priests*

*11:55 Expression of gratitude: Dan Chauke*



## **Obituary of Marriam Nomvula Mashatile**

The late **Nomvula Mdjadji Mirriam Mashatile** was born on the 15th December 1937 in Sophiatown Johannesburg. She was the third daughter of Big Jim Mphahlele Mahlaula and Tsatsawani Mahlaula, Ntombi ya ka Mashele.

Her parents later went to Limpopo in the late forties where her mother passed away in 1952 and was buried in Giyani. Her father came back to work in Pretoria and lived in Bosplaas until his death in 1956.

During these years she lived and was brought up by her aunt Makhanani Holene Maswanganyi who lived in Mooiplaas in Pretoria. Her aunt was a devoted Catholic and the young Mirriam was brought up as a Catholic, attended the Catholic Church and also Catholic school in the Pretoria West area. Since her aunt was struggling she was not able to go further with her studies to complete high school.

She was forced at an early age to start working as a domestic worker around the white suburbs of Pretoria. Mma Mashatile was a hard working person, combining being a domestic worker with being a small business woman selling fresh produce, blankets and pots.

She later met the late Bishop Diamond Nyengere Mashatile when he was working for the Johannesburg municipality and they got married in 1954. They later resided in Gherardsville in Pretoria where she continued to work as a domestic worker and involved in her business activities. They were blessed with eight children, viz. Frigitha, Mangalani, Shipokosa, Maduda, Sonto, Thengo, Ncane and Sindy. Although they earned meager wages with her husband they managed to send their children to school.

Mma Mashatile always encouraged her children to work hard and study, including her grand children in later years. Mma Mashatile held strong views about the negative impact of inequality and expressed her views freely. She embraced