

Media Statement
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PROFESSOR LILIAN TENDANI MUOFHE ACCORDED SPECIAL OFFICIAL PROVINCIAL FUNERAL

Limpopo Premier, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha has welcome the President of South Africa Mr Cyril Ramaphosa's accord of the Special Official Funeral to the late Professor Lilian Tendani Muofhe. Prof Muofhe passed on 10 March 2022 and will be buried on the 14 May 2022 in Makwarela. Premier Mathabatha will deliver a eulogy to honor Prof Muofhe for her contribution in the struggle for liberation.

Prof Muofhe is known for resilience and fight against apartheid from her youth days until her working life. Born on 2 November 1953 at Luonde near LouisTrichardt, Prof Muofhe started her primary education at Ha-Masia village and later went to Mphaphuli for her matric. In 1975, she enrolled at the University of the North to pursue her Bachelor of Arts (BA).

Prof Muofhe taught at Mphaphuli High School as a Geography teacher for 2 years. She then went to the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) and enrolled for her Master's Degree. After graduating, she joined the University of Venda as a Lecturer. She was married to Dr. Tshifhiwa Isaac Muofhe, a Lutheran Church lay pastor and an activist, in 1979. Their union was interrupted rather prematurely by the death of the husband, Dr Muofhe who was murdered by the apartheid police in prison in 1981.

Prof Muofhe continued to receive threats and harassments from the apartheid police until she moved to the United States. Despite her struggle and living in a foreign land, Prof Muofhe always found comfort in the book of life and church. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, Mount Hope Church (in Michigan, US), and World Changers Church New York (in New York, NY).

Details of the Special Official Provincial Funeral are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 14 May 2022
Time: 07h00
Venue: Makwarela TVET College,
Makwarela Township, Thulamela Municipality

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