



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality, Executive Mayor Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the burial of the Mabasa Family in Zone 3 Stadium in Sebokeng, on the 04th June 2011.

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Lelapa la Mabasa;
Council Speakers;
Chief Whips;
Fellow Councillors;
Fellow Mourners

It is in great sadness that we were informed of the tragedy which befell the Mabasa family. At the time when we read the newspapers on that cold morning, little did we realize how close the tragedy was to all of us as the Sedibeng family.

It was as the details began to unfold that we realized that we have just lost an entire family here in Sebokeng, a family the entire community of Zone 3 have come to know very intimately.

The burial today, of the Mabasa family comes at the time when the world mourns the passing of one of the ANC stalwart Mama Albertinah Sisulu.

MaSisulu passed on, on the night of Thursday, 2nd June 2011, at the age of 92 after a fulfilling life as a people`s servant coupled with her unwavering commitment and leadership to the liberation of our people. She embodied and characterized the struggles of the poor, the women and the disenfranchised.

Fellow Mourners, the sad passing of Mme Bhekiwe Dubezana, the mother, wife and grandmother, is a sad loss indeed. The loss becomes difficult to bear when we look at the others who lost their lives in the same accident.

The loss of her daughters, Thandazile Mabasa, Tholakele Esther Magadlela, Betty Mkhoma and brother Johannes Nkala, left us all speechless. The young life of Ntlatla Mkhoma also left us cold.

I come here bearing the condolences of the entire Sedibeng District Municipality. I hope that the family, community and friends will find solace in the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour at this hour of need. It is in his passing on the cross a few months ago on the cross, that we have been redeemed.

In his teachings, Jesus Christ teaches us that, there are many rooms the Father`s house, if it were not so, why would he say so. With these words, he

seeks to tell us that there is still space and room in our Father's mercy and love. God's love for all of us is without end.

He loved and loves us so much that he gave his only begotten son so that we all can come to Him. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, we have been given the Light, the Way and the truth.

Programme Director, it is in the manner in which the entire family was taken away from us that we have to find our way to reconnect with our Creator. God chose the path of enlightenment which very few of us found fortunate. He chose the road less travelled.

God through his eternal wisdom called the entire family up yonder to serve him from above.

It is the way the entire family was called which will live a lot of sadness in our hearts as family and friends. Their rooms in our Father's mansion were ready and prepared. As we prepare to say our final rites of passage to the world beyond, the angels are singing to welcome them into the heavenly service above.

We may not have been ready for their departure to the other world. God was waiting and will welcome them home. We hope that as a community we will be comforted at this time of need.

I hope that in their passing we will realize the need to find salvation in Christ the King in the same vein that it was in the passing of Jesus Christ that the entire world was brought closer to God our Creator.

To the Mabasa Family and friends, it is said in the Bible that “Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted”. We know that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd will comfort all of us. Let us all look up to Him for solace. He will not forsake us, he will lead us to still waters.

It is at this time that we must take comfort in the knowledge that, even though I walk through the valley of darkness, I will fear no evil. For Lord our God will guide us. His rod and staff will protect us.

Ya itshepelang Jehova, le botshepehi ba Oona, eka kgona a dule ka kgotso hara ditshiu tsohle tsa bophelo. Tshedisehang ke hona. Jehova one a adimile mme o latile.

On behalf of the entire communities of Sedibeng District Municipality, I bring our condolences and hope the family is comforted.

I Thank You.