

In Loving memory of

PROFESSOR LUNGILE PEPETA

Department Of Nursing Science







Dear Professor Pepeta

We pay tribute to you: You are a tree that has fallen, but the roots are firmly embedded You are a tree that has fallen, but only the branches are bent The drying seed of those branches continues to grow

again

You were our leader, yet we always found you amongst us, always hands on We were comfortable in your presence, yet not forgetting the purpose of the Nursing department within the Faculty

You instilled wisdom in us that kept us going and that responsibility lies in doing and not in who you are You assisted us in many ways

Our final year students are in the clinical platform, as you asked us to do

Still you owe us the group photo in our PPEs, as you promised

You left us with a baton, and we accept to take it forward

Rest in peace Ngwane and our Professor.

Prof S James on behalf of Department of Nursing Science



The **Department of Nursing Science** staff extends deepest heartfelt sympathies to all those who dearly knew this gentle person.



We join you all in remembering and celebrating his life which he truthfully lived.



Professor Pepeta's work reflected the best of a desolate individual, in all of its hope, hard work, commitment to finding sustainable solutions, its boldness and unmistakable humility in the examples he set as a father, brother, leader, professional, academic and an agent of social change.



While his excellence

in the field of medicine and especially cardiology, captured our core values,

namely affection and respect, Prof lifted the spirits of millions,

empowering

and inspiring the vulnerable and everyone else who needed an ear

to listen to or

a shoulder to cry on



"The good word is like the good tree, its roots are firm and its branches reach out to the heavens. It bears fruit from time to time, through the will of its Creator" (Qur'an, 14:24). The good that you have done in your lifetime are like the roots of a strong tree What you have begun at Nelson Mandela University will be firmly anchored and the fruits will be seen in years to come Rest in peace dear Professor Pepeta, Hamba Kahle - Dr Sihaam Jardien-Baboo



Prof Pepeta, we watched you bear your cross daily with your immense contribution to society and the academic arena, your unwavering love for humankind, touching the lives of many families and those close to you especially in the university and faculty



Farewell our dearest colleague, right after you get through to the golden gate of heaven, hand in your cross and pick up your crown



"Our sincerest condolences to the family. Prof Pepeta, your wisdom and friendly smile and kind words will be sorely missed. May your legacy live on and may God comfort the Pepeta family." - Dr Wilma ten Ham - Baloyi



"Prof Pepeta was very humble and always had a smile on his face. Faculty of Health science have lost a hero" – Ms Mercia Kramer



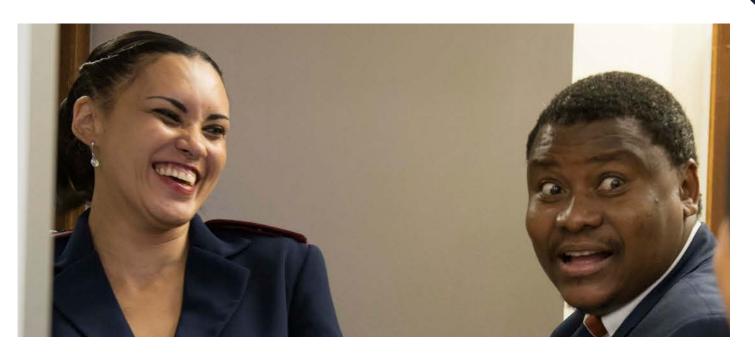
"Your passing has left such a void in my heart. I thank God for your life and the wonderful work you've done with such passion and excellence.

Your wisdom, gentleness, boldness, inimitable humility, humanity and infectious smile are some of the traits I will forever cherish. Thank you for your inspiration in my pursuit for a resolute contribution to the nursing and midwifery profession, you will be solely missed, and your legacy shall live forever. You have indeed fought a good fight and finished the race.

Hamba uyokuphumla Hlongwane, ukuphumla

ukuphiwe. Yanga inkosi ingakuphumza ngonaphakade, kwaye ikukhanyisele ngokhanyiso olungacimiyo."

– Mr Israel Sonti



"Prof use to ALWAYS say with a big smile on his face when he finishes his rounds in ICU "Dont call me, I will call you!" and then he would walk away giggling. When he finished a case in Cath Lab, he would also walk away and say " this party is over" with a big smile and laughter! What an inspirational Dr! Appreciated his humoristic friendly bedside manners. Will miss him dearly! May he enjoy his eternal party in Heavenly peace and laughter."

– Natasha de Klerk



"Prof Pepeta for me was a visionary and focussed on transforming the Faculty. He was zealous about getting the medical school accredited. He was kind, friendly, humble and supportive. He was viewed as a "giant" amongst his peers in the medical fraternity and broader community because of all his accomplishments. He did not hesitate to provide encouragement and give praise where it was due. He will be sorely missed."

- Prof Esmerelda Ricks



His story is a living testimony that with determination, focus, foresight and vision, you can effect change in life. The circumstances of your birth should and must not be an obstacle to your life aspirations. He was able and believed that all of us are able.



We

love you. May your wonderful and gentle soul rest in peace in the arms of our risen Lord. You will be sorely missed. "Hamba kakuhle qhawe lamaqhawe, umzamo omhle uwuzamile, ugqatso ulufezile" - 2 Timothy 4:7



We convey our deepest condolences to his beloved family, his colleagues and his patients. May the memories of his contribution to mankind console you as we adjust to life without him. Rest In Peace Professor Lungile Pepeta The Nelson Mandela University community and the country have suffered one of their greatest ever losses.

