



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**



**The Nelson Mandela University community and the country have suffered one of their greatest ever losses.**

**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**

