

SOME OF THE e-Mails & SMS' RECEIVED BY DR. MOGOROSI, IN RELATION TO THE PASSING AWAY OF PROF. THABEDE

1. Dear colleagues. It is with broken hearts that we inform you of the untimely passing of our colleague, brother and friend Prof. Dumisane Thabede, HOD (Social Work)at Univen on Sunday 19 January. Memorial service will be held at Univen, on Wednesday 29th January (Time and venue not determined at this stage). The funeral will likely be held in Gauteng on 1st/ 2nd February (Johannesburg/Soweto, address and time not available yet). Prf. Sithole, Social Work Dept., Univ of Limpopo /ASASWEI President
2. May you please convey our sincere heartfelt sympathies to Asasswei and Univen for the sad loss. May His soul rest in peace, **Langi Malamba(Mrs), Caretaker Registrar. Email: malambalangi@sacssp.co.za**
3. Dear Mokgale, today I heard about Prof. Thabede passed away and I am very sad to hear that. I think he was a very great person and I did honor him a lot. I am very grateful, that I had the chance to meet him and be part of his department for a short period of time in 2012. But for now, please let the department of social work know, that I feel very sad about that loss of the honorable HOD Prof. Thabede and that I am happy to got the chance to know him two years ago. Yours, Caroline Maas
4. Someone pls wake me up from this horrible dream.-Brenda Moyane
5. My condolences,its hard to believe. Hope you staying strong. May God bless u always.- Kgomotso Makgato /Trusting God completely means having faith tht he knows what is best for us all. May God bless u always. You are thought of in prayer.-Kgomotso Makgato
6. My condolences, i know der is no words dat can take away de pain of loosing him, we are all hurting, may his soul rest in peace. Virginia
7. Hi doc, i dont know were to begin, there is nothing another person can say to another man in times like this i know prof was a part of a living organ in you, i nkow exactly how you are feeling right now. What pains mi the most is that two weeks back i remberd the two of you, wanted to wish you a great year, i keep on telling myself ill call i call, and i never made that call it pains mi so so much..... As am writting am not myself. I know this time is to havey for you to carry, but i belive dat god will pull you, us throu. Petunia mashele class 2012.
8. Morning Doctor. I have received with great sadness & shock the sad news of the passing away of one of our own Prof DG Thabede. Having worked with him for many decades I know this is overwhelming news for you to handle. As he envisaged the spirit of "togetherness" it remain a challenge to us to be united in a course of confronting any challenges we might come across. May his soul rest in peace. From Witness Moila.
9. Hayi! Just heard the sad news. I am sad.-Mahlomola Tau

10. Passing, my deepest heartfelt condolence. Kgaugelo Chokoe
11. I heard the news about our Professor, the news came unexpected and left me in shock and sombre. But how I feel is nothing compared to what you must be feeling right now. He was your best friend. I just wanted to let you know that I am praying for you and the rest of his family, that God gives you strength to remain strong and that He sees you through this difficult time. Cecilia Motala
12. I send my heartfelt condolences for your loss of a dear brother Prof. D. G. Thabethe. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Amukelani
13. Afternoon Dr, I hope you are coping with the loss of our beloved 1. I am struggling to cope, I'm weak and feel sick in my body. I'm still in shock and I'm praying that God help us.-Sender Unknown
14. Dr Mogorosi God be with you in everything you do, may he give strength to carry on in this trying time. My heart and soul is with you always. I love you from Mawisa
15. At times like this there are all sorts of questions running in our minds. We ask ourselves why him, why now who's going to fill his role now in our lives..my answers to all those questions is when I look back and see where I come from, I was clueless, young and irresponsible. But together with him you changed me into a brilliant, responsible, dignified young woman. I know how to approach life boldly now because I was taught well by very important high profiled people. In my book one hero has just left the earth. I just want to tell the one remaining that God allowed it to happen because he knew that you will be strong and be able to handle this difficult situation. God is in my prayers. His family too and the whole department. From Zanele Mathebula.
16. DR how are you doing? I'm still in shock just heard the bad news you were in hospital. My deepest condolence to our beloved professor's soul rest in peace.-Portia Nenwali
17. Jehovah giveth and He taketh, may his soul rest in peace. I know you lost a true friend DR Same here he was a father to us indeed but so strong. God has a plan for everything and everything happens for a reason. We will always love and miss him. From Mpumi
18. Hi Doctor. May you get the strength to handle the situation in the best way possible. Just want to say that I am right here for you. Prof. was a great human being and I am sure that was the most wonderful friend and brother to you, and a father to many. He will always be part of our thoughts and will be cherished in our hearts. May his soul rest in peace. Yours student. Nmutandayi M.I.
19. Hi its Vivian Makhavhu will try call later our network us very bad over there. Wanted to check how you are holding up under the circumstances. ...stay strong
20. Condolences to the social work department. It is very sad indeed to lose the head of the family. You guys made us who we are and your contribution in our lives will always mean a lot...we

luv u guys..long live de spirit of Prof DG Thabede long live. we wil always remember him.....Beulah Rataba

21. May his soul rest in peace. It is very hard for me that i cannot imagine how you are feeling. As for his family, they are always in my prayers. I am not coping Dr. I hope that everyone in the Department is strong enough. Letumile
22. Dear David. I heard of the untimely death on Monday. I am still just as shocked and hope that I will find closure at some point. He has been a good friend
23. All the best with all the arrangements. I know it won't be as easy. But I am depending on you, you knew him better than anyone else. If comfortable feel free to talk when you have time. Regards, Irene
24. Morning Doctor, I know what you are going through, everything happens for a reason and everything will be okay.. From your student. Connie Singo
25. My condolences on the passing of Prof Thabede. His passing has left a great void. You and his family are in my prayers during this difficult time. Ms Modise T.G
26. Good afternoon Sir we are saddened by the löss of Prof however we are deeply touched by the by the gap the löss creates in your life thinking of you each dat keep well
27. In our hearts,prof DG thabede will always be the symbol of a wondrous human being, love, compassion, honesty, dedication and courage are his real names, we will always carry intensely deep and unconditional love for my role model, Prof DG thabede. you are in our prayers in these difficult moment...be strong in the power of the lord's might. Pastor Tg Malungani
28. I am avoiding calling and seeing you for in your eyes I will certainly absorb that Dumisani is not more. Despite my cowardly behaviour you're in my prayers. Kea
29. Hi. I hope you are coping with this loss. Please stay strong for our sake as well. We wouldn't want to lose you too due to this. I know it is very hard for you to deal with but please don't keep it all inside. You were very close to Prof and I can just imagine Wat this is doing to you. Your students need you. We need you. I keep you in my thoughts and prayers alwaysGod will give you strength to overcome.We love you Doc. You played an important role in our lives...Profs legacy will live on.shumani Mulaudzi
30. Hi David I've just heard with great sadness that Dumisani passed away. My sincere condolences to you and his family. Marubini told me. Siphon Mlambo
31. Good morning David. What shocking news!!! This must be very painful to all of you. Pls keep us updated. Mapula Mojapelo

32. We are brothers for life, we will be together in tough and good times. Im happy all went well and i pray that your spirit recover as time goes. Zamani
33. I will doc! Hope your spirit get a little light to shine in your days although its not easy. I believe God will never forsake nor to leave us. Love u doc. Mawisa
34. Good morning. Hope u r well. I just needed to remind u that with time the pain will get better. I saw u talk silently over Dumis grave. I saw ur pain and brokenness but I can assure u that from where he was he was sayingThank u for sticking with me until the end. For running this race with me. U guys had a relationship that was closer to a mariege.....till death do us part. U kept ur end of the deal and I know he is proud that God sent u his way way. A loyal and faithful friend. U were there when no one was and u loved him unconditionally. U had his back. U were his angel on earth but now he has gone back to be with his father. He is ur angel now. He watches over u. He knows u will be fine for u will never be alone. It is well Doc. shumani Mulaudzi
35. Sorry -I heard about the death of Professor Thabede. May His Soul Rest in Peace. May God Almighty strengthens you in this difficult time. Marubini Munyai
36. Morning doctor last weeks i wanted to call u but i felt for you, but hope you are coping and adjusting with the situation, may our good lord give you strength.-Caroline Mboneni
37. Evening sir..its mokgadi who was calling...I just wanted to talk to you and find out how you are doing,,,il try calling tommorw..gudnyt.-Mokgadi
38. Good aft David. Thanks for the letter of thanks. Hope you are coping with the loss. I am still struggling to accept the finality of it all... Keep well. Alphonse.
39. Hi David, I heard about Dumi's death. What a shock! Warm regards, Murray Hofmeyr
40. Dear David and Colleagues. I have been thinking so many times of you during this past weeks. I was in Vietnam when I saw the e-mail coming through about the passing of Dumsani. It was such a shock. My sincere heartfelt condolences with the huge loss of your colleague and friend. I have heard how students, colleagues and friends are all united in mourning during this time. I have known Dumusani as a colleague who has always been friendly, humble and certainly not afraid to stand up for social justice. I will miss his strong hug which he always greeting me with. We have lost colleagues in our Department twice over the past 20 years and I may have a glimpse experience of what you are going through as his colleagues. I have contributed a week ago in drawing up a message (as part of ASASWEI Exco) which Sello read at his funeral. I can only echo those words. To you all, may you find strength in the good memories of the times you have had together with Dumusani. May you and your students continue with the work that he has started in the Department. May you also be comforted as the time passes in knowing that he is now resting in peace. His work has been completed and he will live on in our memories. My best wishes and blessings. Antoinette. Prof. A. Lombard
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