

## **Eulogy by the Grandchildren**

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Over my almost 4 decades of life I witnessed granny evolve from a tough love, strict, disciplinarian that had an aggressive, fast paced relationship with a gearbox. Into a “Mrs Daisy” who shed the tough in love becoming an affectionate granny that gave all the grandkids agency. A life well lived.

-Thando

I enjoyed experiencing this adventurous side of Granny that I was only getting to know. I will look back with regret and pain that I didn't give it more attention to let it grow further.

\* A message to my mom and her siblings. I know you did the utmost for granny and loved her regardless of the challenges we faced as a family.

-Njabulo

Granny allowed me to have a childhood in the late 80s and early 90s. She shielded me from the reality of the political tension of the time, unaware of how close to home it actually was. I was allowed to play, run, climb and laugh.

-Themba

Spending time with Granny always made me feel at home despite being a good 12.5 thousand kilometers from New York. I always felt comfortable with her. While I did not get to spend half as much time with Granny as the rest of you did, when I think back to those annual three-week visits I have only fond memories with her. I only wish that, as many of you do, I was able to make more lasting memories like these.

-Liam and Adam

Dear, Granny. I miss you and you will always be in my heart. I love you with all my soul and heart. I love when you come over to our house so we can play cards and dominoes.

-Ava

Granny was always elegant and her love of beautiful things was reflected in her scarves, clothes and home. Granny, thank you for calling us every day when we were sick or just to check up on us and chat. You and your calls will be sorely missed!

-Callum and Harleigh

Granny fills every room she enters with positivity and a naughty smirk when she accidentally reveals a secret.

-Dineo

Granny was always open to new ideas. Our generations were worlds apart in terms of our thinking, however, she was always open to changing her mind or listening to a new perspective.

-Dené

She would be your loudest and biggest cheerleader and proudest supporter. I could not have asked for a better grandmother. My admiration for her is unfathomable. Granny was a wonderful storyteller and throughout my life I will look up at her in awe.

-Sidney

I would not be who I am without Granny's firm hand, stubbornness, humour and playfully naughty nature. If anyone ever wondered where we got our wittiness from they need only have looked at Granny. Thank you holding me up and for teaching me that I don't need a lot to have a lot.

-Ayanda

In one of our last conversations you said "we're the same, we do things at our own pace in our way." I've learned that is what makes us beautiful & brilliant. I love you, granny.

-Solomzi

You were the axis of this family and we've fallen off balance because of this shift. In good time you will be the gravity in our step and the force that guides our love. The brightest star in the sky.

-Bulumko

For nearly half of my life we shared a bed. You are healing, you are home, you are rest. You are the skirt that I hold on to. You are the strange dream shared from opposite ends of the house. You are the salt thrown over my left shoulder. You are home. Goodnight, girly.

-Zoë

There will be no more trips to the wool shop.

There will be no more fresh fish from Cape Town neatly wrapped for us Joburgers.

There will be no more fruit cake to last us the whole year.

There will be no more RSG playing on endlessly.

There will be no more dentures that need to be cleaned.

There will be no more pricking of figs while trying not to get pricked.

Granny, as much as tears and sorrow cover us up like a heavy cloak, we will never forget the joy of what it was like to know you. As much as the tectonic plates have shifted we will remain grounded in your principles of love and truth. As much as the phone seems to have been taken off the hook we will reminisce about how we always stood in your kitchen because there was always something to be eaten or a meal to be made.

You brought people together Granny. You are timeless. You are the evergreen wonder of our lives. Because of you, we are rooted as individuals and as family. Because of you, we are assured of the fact that we can achieve and overcome anything. We stand on the shoulders of greatness. We stand on you.

-Nyameka

The epitome of strength, perseverance, generosity, integrity and humanity. You are everything the world needed more of.

You have run your race, contributed more than you could ever know, we take the baton, now watch us go...

-Lyll

