

**Professor Themba Grace Mashaba (nee Mbata)**

**1932-10-17 to 1996-12-08**

The nursing profession, colleagues and students mourn the loss of Professor Themba Grace Mashaba, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Nursing Science, University of Zululand. Professor Mashaba passed away on Sunday 8 December 1996. The funeral took place on 14 December 1996 at Kwa-Dlangezwa near the University of Zululand. She was a well known and loved nurse from KwaZulu-Natal. She made valuable contributions to the nursing profession, especially as a nursing academic.

She completed her nurse training at the McCord Hospital in 1957. She obtained her midwifery qualification with distinction at the King Edward VIII Hospital in 1957. She also obtained the following qualifications: Diploma in Nursing Education (1969), Diploma in Nursing Administration (1973), B.A. Cur. (1979); Hons. B.A. Cur. (1981), M.A.

Cur. (1982), and D. Litt. et Phil. (1985). Her promoter for her doctoral studies was Professor Charlotte Searle.

Professor Mashaba was appointed Acting Head of the Department of Nursing Science, University of Zululand, in 1977. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987. Professor Mashaba was a founder and First Head and Professor of the Department of Nursing Science at the University. May she rest in peace.

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