

In loving memory of

# Nomvula Xaba

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# ORDER OF SERVICE



Welcome and Introduction	Willie Jacobs, CEO Potatoes SA
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## ODE TO NOMVULA

Dearest Nomvula,

We are deeply saddened to bid you farewell. Your passing has left a void in our hearts that can never be filled. You were not just an excellent professional, but also a wonderful human being. Your smile, laughter and sense of humour were infectious and always lifted our spirits.

You were a mentor in your own right, always willing to share your knowledge and uplift those around you. Your encouragement and support inspired us to achieve more and unlock our potential.

Your faith was unwavering, and your humility before God was a shining example for us all.

Your deep bond with your family was always evident, and we know how much they meant to you. You will be deeply missed by all who knew you, but we take comfort in knowing that you have left a lasting legacy in the potato industry and in the hearts of your colleagues and friends.

Rest in God's peace, Nomvula. We miss you. You will always be remembered and cherished.

With all our love, The Potato Team

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Potatoes SA, the Potato Industry Trust, and colleagues at Potatoes SA, it is both with great sadness and with great pride, that we pay our last respects to Nomvula Xaba here today.

Nomvula was an exceptional woman, a true champion of the potato industry. She was more than just a member of the Potatoes SA management team; she was a friend, a mentor, and a role model to countless people in the industry.

Nomvula understood the importance of potatoes not just as a crop, but as a way of life. She was a tireless advocate for sustainable farming practices, and her commitment to quality and excellence was second to none. Nomvula was a leader in her field, and her passion for potatoes inspired everyone who knew her.

Nomvula was a true pioneer in the field of transformation in the potato industry, and her legacy will live on for generations to come. She was always willing to share her knowledge and expertise with others, and her generosity and kindness touched the lives of many. Her contributions to the industry cannot be overstated, and her passion for potatoes will be sorely missed.

To understand the extent of Nomvula's professional achievements, let us share a few brief highlights of her career at Potatoes SA:

Nomvula joined Potatoes SA on 01 June 2011 as Transformation Manager to give structure to the Unit. During her almost 12 years with the organisation, she

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accomplished the establishment and phenomenal expansion of the Transformation Programmes. Under her leadership the key deliverables of Enterprise Development, Farm Based Training, Small Grower Development and the Tertiary Skills Development Pipeline flourished.

One of her major achievements was in changing the model of the Enterprise Development Programme in changing the focus to expanding hectares of viable potato producers who have the potential of growing into commercial farmers. Through partnerships and mentorships, farmers in the programme achieved astonishing yields of up to 65 tons per hectare.

Some of her transformation involvement in the industry includes the Commodity Projects Allocation Committee (CPAC) in the Western Cape, the Departmental Project Allocation Committee (DPAC) and the Potato Industry Development Trust Transformation Advisory Committee (PTAC). Through her unique networking skills, Nomvula build industry relationships through her engagements with industry role-players, such as VKB/NTK; Various Departments of Agriculture; Department of Rural Development; McCain; Simba; Land Bank; IDC; Agri Enterprises; Leda and AGDA/Vanencia Mine.

In presenting the Transformation Symposiums, Nomvula brought this prestigious industry event to new heights with the introduction of the first Enterprise Development Farmer of the Year awards in 2018.

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Nomvula will be honoured and remembered for her magnificent contributions made to the Transformation environment in the potato industry. She made a significant contribution to the growth of the industry, and her legacy will continue to inspire and guide others in the field. Nomvula mentored her own staff to the extent that the potato industry can be assured that the Potatoes SA Transformation Team is strong and exceptionally capable of continuing her legacy.

Nomvula's achievements cannot be separated from who she was a person.

Her untimely death is a great loss not only to her family and loved ones but also to us as her colleagues. In our team, Nomvula was a pillar of strength, a leader who was both respected, admired and much loved.

We extend our deepest condolences to Nomvula's family and loved ones during this difficult time. We hope that they find comfort in knowing that Nomvula's legacy will endure, and that her contributions to the potato industry will continue to inspire us all.

We will always cherish the beautiful memories of Nomvula in our hearts.

Rest in peace, Nomvula. You will always be remembered as a true champion of potatoes.

With love from the Potato Team.

