On behalf of the Titi and Mcinga families, we extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this time of grief.

We are especially grateful for those who stood with us in prayer, visited, called, sent messages of condolence, and offered practical support in various ways. Your generosity and care have reminded us that we are not alone in this journey of sorrow.

Though our hearts are heavy, we find solace in knowing that our child was deeply loved, and we draw comfort from your support.

With heartfelt appreciation

The Titi and Mcinga Families



# Esona Alakhe Titi

24 May 2012 - 09 March 2025

Thursday 20 March 2025 at 9 AM eMaqhinebeni Location | Mthatha





# The Life of Esona Alakhe Titi

On the cold morning of May 24, 2012, as the sun slowly rose over the mountains of Kokstad, a new chapter of love and joy was about to unfold. It was a very snowy morning. The world outside was extremely cold, taps withholding water and yet, warmth loomed inside the hospital ward. That first cry pierced the stillness of the moment, melting the frost of our hearts and her presence bringing warmth and light that no winter could ever dim.

A beautiful young girl, the firstborn child to her parents and the first granddaughter - lovingly named Esona, meaning 'the right one' or 'the chosen one'- a name that reflected the deep gratitude and love her parents felt upon welcoming her into their lives. She was the fulfilment of their prayers and a sign of great blessing from God. Her second name 'Alakhe' had us all envisaging and seeing through her, hope for wholistic growth for the greater family. From the moment she arrived, Esona brought immeasurable joy to her family, and everyone privileged to cross her path. A daughter, a sister, a friend, and an angel, embodying kindness and a spirit that touched so many lives in her brief but impactful journey.

Esona - a child with a big heart, a mind that sought the beauty in the simplest of things, and a spirit that carried an infectious smile. Her shy laughter brought an energy that carried light. With a rare ability to make everyone feel special - greeting people with a beaming smile and a sense of humility – both the young and old - instantly made the world seem brighter.

Her journey of learning and growth began at Faith Primary School, where she attended pre-primary education before moving to Mbuqe Park Primary School where she completed her Grade 5. It was in these early years that her personality began to blossom, excelling not only in academics but also embracing a creative expression. Her academic path led her to De Vos Malan Hoërskool, where she continued to thrive. A diligent student with a curious mind, she approached learning with enthusiasm and a deep desire to understand the world around her. As she matured, her interests expanded beyond creativity - she developed a passion for sports, particularly in tennis and netball where she found a new way to express her competitive spirit.

Known for her incredible sense of curiosity, always asking questions, always seeking to understand and embrace the world around her, she had an innate wisdom beyond her age, offering comfort and encouragement in ways that left many in awe. Her love for music and creativity in activities became a way of crafting her own narratives that entertained and inspired those who watched and listened. From as early as 7 years old, she grew a passion for producing her own content in the social media space. Her many TikTok pages and her Instagram page tell a story of the entertaining content she created and all these leave behind a legacy of moments that bring smiles to us all.

## The Life of Esona Alakhe Titi

Eso Eso was the heartbeat of the family. As a daughter, she was the embodiment of love, showing appreciation for her parents, filling their lives with cherished memories. As a sister, she was a protector and a best friend, always ready to help and protect. Among her friends, she was the glue that held friendships strong, lifting others with her kindness.

Though her time on earth was shorter than we had hoped, one thing for sure, she leaves a mark that will never fade. Her kindness, her smile, and her love remain imprinted in the hearts of those who knew her. She practically taught us that happiness can indeed be found in the simplest acts such as kind words, a gentle hug, a shared smile... to love without hesitation and to embrace every moment with gratitude.

Ultimately, Esona fought her illness with the same grace and determination that she carried in all aspects of her life. Though her body grew weaker, her spirit never faltered. She bore the weight of her pain but never allowed it to dim her light. Even in moments of pains and discomfort, she was still full of hope, still dreaming, still believing in the promise of tomorrow. She made promises of brighter days ahead and allowed us to plan and dream alongside her – believing that we had more time. And in doing so, she gave us the gift of hope.

In her final moments, ma-Eso gave us something priceless - a goodbye filled with love. Even in the last hours, she remained true to herself, full of kindness and grace, a bright star still shining as she prepared for her journey home. Though our hearts longed to keep her here, God, in his wisdom, knew what we did not. He saw beyond our prayers and beyond our longing.

Yes, Esona may no longer walk among us, but she will forever be in our hearts. She lives on in the songs she sang, in the stories she told, and in the countless ways she made the world a brighter place. Her spirit will continue to guide us.

She will be dearly missed by her parents, her brothers, all her cousins, grandparents, her dear friends, and the greater family she leaves.

Your light will never dim, and Your love will never fade. Rest now, Eso... Rest where gentle dreams are made. No more burdens, no more pain. Rest in Grace. Till we meet again!





**Opening Devotions** 

Reverends

**Obituary** 

Inga Mpephanduku

**Family Speakers** 

Mr CM Titi Ms N Mcinga

Ikomkhulu

Ahh Bovulengwe

**Tributes** 

Neighbours

Yanga Mhambi

Childminder

Matogu

Hoërskool De Vos Malan High School

Friends

Onele Ngwane

A Splash of Memories

To be projected on Screen

Grandparents

Ms N Mcinga Mrs N Titi

### Siblings & Cousins

Yomelela Mantantana Sihle Titi Luphawu Mcinga Elethu Titi Anje Mcinga

### **Tribute by Parents**

Luvo Titi Yonela Mcinga

Sermon

Rev Mcinga

Thank you & Acknowledgements

Mr Lwandile Titi

Procession to the Graveyard

The Burial Ceremony
Unveiling of the Tombstone

