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REMEMBERING

Mme MAGDALINE 'MAGGIE' RESHA

05 MAY 1923 – SEPTEMBER 2003

*"My Life in the Struggle: Mangoana tsoara thipa ka bohaleng".*

Back side

## Qachasnek Route

Mme “Maggie” Tsiu-Resha is pointing towards the Qachasnek border, which symbolizes the secret route in which freedom fighters would use to cross borders during the apartheid regime.

Qachasnek route is known as the liberation route, this after freedom heroes and heroines from across the Eastern Cape and outside the borders of Eastern Cape would use. Liberation leaders such as Chris Hani, OR Tambo and Moses Mabhida and many others walked this path when going to exile.

It is believed that in Lesotho (Maseru) there was an ANC camp which was used as a screening site for cadres before they could be dispatched to nearby countries like Tanzania and Mozambique. The relations between South Africa and Lesotho will forever remain unshaken.

These struggle icons were assisted by Mr Bafana Gqola who hails from Tlokoeng formally known as Mount Fletcher, under Elundini Local Municipality.

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### Maggie Resha's Life

- 5 May 1923 Born in Matatiele, Eastern Cape - Magdaline Tsiu
- 1930 Schooling – Pontseng, Eastern Cape
- 1933 Schooling – Ramohlakoana, Eastern Cape
- 1939 Junior certificate - Welsh High School, East London
  
- 1944 Studied to be a Nurse - Holy Cross
  
- 1946 Hospital Certificate – King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban
  
- 1947 Work – Pretoria Hospital
  
- 18 March 1948 Married Robert Resha – leader of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL)
  
- 1952 Office-bearer for the ANC Sophiatown branch. Elected to the NEC of the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW)
  
- 1955 – 1959 Worked as an ANC militant during the forced removals in Sophiatown
  
- 1955 Organized the meetings for the Freedom Charter in Kliptown
  
- 1956 Lead organizer of the march of 20 000 women to the Union Buildings, Pretoria
  
- 1958 Arrested in Sophiatown for leading a march
  
- 1960 During State of Emergency, recruited into the ANC's underground cell
  
- 1962 Smuggled with her children out of SA to join her husband in exile in Tanzania
  
- 1962 Reassigned to the ANC's new diplomatic office, Algeria. She broadcasted to the world of the oppressed people in South Africa
  
- 1966 Appointed ANC Deputy Chief Representative to the North African Countries
  
- 1973 Elected General Secretary of the All-African Women's Conference
  
- 1993 Wrote the autobiography – "My Life in the Struggle: Mangoana tsoara thipa ka bohaleng".
  
- September 2003 Died - Romohlokana location, Eastern Cape
  
- 22 April 2008 Awarded the [Order of Luthuli in Silver](#) for "her excellent contribution to the struggle against the apartheid system in South Africa and fighting gender injustices in society".

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Names of heroes and heroines who contributed in the struggle for freedom from Matatiele:

1. Sandra Ray Jacobson
2. Ntai Mohlomi
3. Khorong Koali
4. Mostoane Morai
5. Motlalekhotso Sello
6. Nkululo Jongwe
7. Maggie Resha
8. Alfred Phathuxolo Nzo
9. Mgijima Njongwe
10. Dumisani Matandela
11. Mzwandile "Mbuso" Bungane

*The Struggle continues!!!*

Source: Matatiele Heroes Acre