

# THOVHELE NNGWEDZENI ALFRED MPHAPHULI LAID TO REST



*Tshikona Traditional group performing during the Official Funeral Service of the late Thovhele Mphaphuli.*



*The MEC for CoGHSTA delivering a eulogy during the Official Funeral Service of the late Thovhele Mphaphuli.*



*Thovhele Masia speaking on behalf of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders.*

The people of Ha-Tshikonelo and surrounding villages came in their numbers to pay their last respect to the late Thovhele Nngwedzeni Alfred Mphaphuli. The funeral service was attended by dignitaries to name a few, MEC for Health in the Province, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, the Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality, Cllr Fridah Nkondo, the Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Cllr Shadrack Maluleke, ANC Provincial Secretary who is also the late Thovhele's brother, Mr Reuben Madadzhe and Traditional Leaders. Thovhele Mphaphuli (Madadzhe the 3<sup>rd</sup>) (79) was born and bred at

Tshikonelo village and is the great grandchild of Thovhele Vho-Makwarela Mphaphuli (Madadzhe the 1<sup>st</sup>). He is the eldest son of Thovhele Stefanus Tshikonelo Madadzhe Mphaphuli (Madadzhe the 2<sup>nd</sup>), who passed on in 1993 after he reigned close to six decades at Tshikonelo area. His mother was the late Vhakoma Vho-Thambatshira Takalani Tshivhase Madadzhe from the Tshivhase dynasty.

The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs

(CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu delivered a eulogy and said: "We are gathered here today to bid farewell to an exceptional leader who never cowed in the face of challenges. The late Thovhele was a visionary leader who managed to build trusting relationships with relevant stakeholders including members of the community and that saw the success of many key projects in his area. As a Province, we are poorer without Thovhele Mphaphuli. Death has taken away from us a true friend and a gifted human being".