

Malindi, respected Black Sash and ANC activist, dies aged 89

A MEMORIAL service was expected to be held today in Gugulethu for Black Sash and ANC stalwart Lettie Malindi who died after suffering a stroke at the age of 89.

In 1958, after volunteering for a year with the Black Sash, a prominent women's organisation during apartheid, Malindi, then Lettie Mathebe, became the first employee of the group.

She worked as an interpreter for 28 years. Malindi went on to teach the late Black Sash founder, Eulalie Stott, and Noel Robb, the advice office founder and honorary vice-president of Black Sash, about the pass laws.

In 1952, she married renowned ANC member and trade unionist Zolile Malindi, who at the time of the ANC's banning in 1960 was the organisation's regional president.

Together they took part in the Anti-Pass Campaign and were both actively involved in establishing the United Democratic Front in 1983.

They had four children.



BIG ROLE: Lettie Malindi was prominent in Black Sash and ANC.

Malindi was imprisoned and not allowed to attend a child's funeral while she was being interrogated by the police.

Her service was expected to be held at the JL Zwane Church in Khayelitsha at 6pm. – Staff Writer

