

# Tribute to Nelson Mandela... Celebrate Madiba's life...

A great man has passed away and we all mourn the loss of Madiba, but while we mourn, let us also celebrate the life and the achievements of one of history's greatest statesmen, and certainly South Africa's and Africa's greatest. (video)



Imprisoned for much of his life, Madiba (Born 18 July 1918; Passed away 5 December 2013) emerged from prison not a broken or bitter man, but instead he emerged as a beacon of hope, forgiveness and reconciliation. It is difficult if not impossible to imagine any other person who could have embodied all those qualities, and the ability to impart them to the people of SA and the world, as he did.

One of the quotes attributed to him reads: "If there are dreams about a beautiful South Africa, there are also roads that lead to their goal. Two of these roads could be named Goodness and Forgiveness." His achievement in being the power behind what a great many people, here in SA but also around the world call "the miracle of South Africa" confirms that he travelled both those roads, for the benefit of his country and all who live here.

For many South Africans, his presidency was the golden age of democracy in this country, and the challenge now is for a future leader to fill the void he left, but it will be a rare individual who can achieve what Madiba achieved...

Unlike many leaders who prefer to hog the limelight, Madiba had a take on leadership that many current leaders here and elsewhere might be wise to adopt. He is quoted as saying: "It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership."

He would be the first to refute any claims that he was a saint or infallible, he was human after all, but he did indeed prove that, as he is quoted as saying: "A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."

And a formidable leader he was. Now he can rest in peace having left a legacy that will endure.

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