‘Remember to call at my grave’

STEPHEN COAN looks at what led Chérif Keita on a journey to find Nokutela Dube’s long-forgotten grave and ensure that her deeds were recognised

Chérif Keita (MP) with Louis Dube, the only surviving daughter of John Langalabalelu Dube. Nokutela Dube was awarded alms of the ANC Women’s League marking 100 years of the ANC Women’s League, which was founded in 1920.

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Chérif Keita, discussing Nokutela Dube’s tour of the U.S. in the late 1980s singing click songs

“Miriam Makeba was so excited,” November 2001, when talking about Nokutela Dube’s tour of America which was planned to have been on a trail blazed by another South African woman 50 years before her.

Lilian Mokotike, great-niece of Nokutela Dube, speaking after accepting the Mahathir Gandhi Satgupata Award that was awarded posthumously to Dube by the Gandhi Development Trust at a function that was held at the Durban Civic Hall last week.

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The tombstone placed on the unpaved unmarked grave of Nokutela Dube (内马尔), which was unveiled in the Bishop Cottonian at Johannesburg last Saturday.

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