

## **Precious Simelane**

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The producers, actors and crew of Generations would like to express their condolences to Precious Simelane's family and friends, for their great loss. Precious played the role of Zanele Bhengu from March 2002 (after leaving Backstage) until June 2004 when she resigned to become a presenter on CRUX, on SABC1.

Generations' Executive Producer Mfundu Vundla branded Precious a pleasure to work with, and described her as someone who added great value to the show: "She was absolutely amazing on screen. She seemed to breathe life into her character – so much so that it was difficult at times to separate the actress from the persona she portrayed. It's really sad when someone so talented dies at such a tender age."

Actress Sophie Ndaba, better known to viewers as Queen Moroka, was at a loss for words when she heard about her former colleague's death. "Precious's death came as a great shock to me because I didn't know she was ill. I believe when you are unwell you need moral support and prayer." Sophie fondly recalls the time she spent with Precious, saying: "The most important thing we shared as colleagues was our love of God. To Precious's family: be assured that our prayers are with you during this trying time".

Megan Havenga, who heads up the Art Department, says: "Precious was one of the friendliest actresses I have ever worked with - she had no airs about her".