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Tributes for Karima Brown

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THULI Madonsela said news of Karima Brown's death shocked her to the core.

"I'm still battling to wrap my mind around the news," she said.

"Thank you for your fearless commitment to necessary conversations."

She sent her condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

The veteran broadcaster died yesterday due to Covid-19 complications, and was buried at the West Park Cemetery on the same day as per the Islamic religion.

Public Works Minister Patricia de Lille said: "I'm extremely saddened by the passing of veteran journalist Karima.

"She was a hard-hitting jour-

nalist, a stalwart known for her excellent probing skills. The Fourth Estate is poorer without her. RIP Karima."

Journalist Nicholas Bauer tweeted: "Karima was a tough customer. She called things as they are. As she saw it. She demanded the best, even if it wasn't necessarily her place to do so."

In a statement, her family said they were proud of the fierce determination she'd shown since her early years to get involved in bringing about a more just, inclusive and non-racial South Africa.

"This determination also shaped her fearless approach to journalism," said the statement.

"She was driven by a conviction that journalism must be in service of justice.

"We're grateful for and humbled by the messages of support and prayers during Karima's hospitalisation. They comforted us during this painful loss."