

# Paedophile should not be praised

**O**lder people often warn the new generation to honour the wishes of the dead, and I do not dispute that.

However, the problem arises when we allow what we believe is culture to make us behave abnormally. My sentiments about honouring the wishes of the dead stem from an article I read in one of the local magazines in September.

According to the report, a 33-year-old Vosloorus mother, Nompumelelo Nkosi, married her 10-year-old son. She claimed her husband, Thulani, had instructed her to marry their son, Lindokuhle, prior to his death.

Apparently, Thulani's instructions were that Nompumelelo should marry their son to "continue the memory of his surname".

Apparently, sangomas had told Thulani that his real surname was not Nkosi, and that he therefore needed to change it to his biological father's name, Myeni. According to Nompumelelo, not using the Myeni name had brought Thulani bad luck. That's the reason he asked his wife to marry their son, who would then presumably help continue the family's 'real' surname.

According to the media report, she waited for seven years to marry Lindokuhle. The boy finally walked her down the aisle and slipped a ring on her finger at the age of 10.

Nompumelelo's family and her in-laws blessed this bizarre wedding ceremony. She said the only thing left to do was to change the Nkosi surname to Myeni at the Department of Home Affairs.

After reading this article, I concluded that this woman is unwell and needs to go for psychological evaluation. She is a paedophile who needs to be locked up in jail, because no woman in her right mind would subject a 10-year-old to that insanity, especially her own son!

Parents are there to support and guide their children and to help them fulfil their dreams. Instead, Nompumelelo has robbed Lindokuhle of his innocence and his care-free childhood.

What she has done amounts to child abuse, which makes me wonder what action has been taken by NGOs that oppose women and child abuse, as well as Childline and the SAPS.

This is pure madness and I believe the family members who blessed this wedding should be removed from society, because they are abnormal. They have taken the lies told by a conman, posing as a sangoma, to their irrational conclusion. That is not part of our black culture.

