The Dead

Family still wants answers

MERRISDA NAIDOO

There are too many “if onlys” for Rosita and Limpie Naidoo — those who lost their lives in 2001 — to count up. Their daughter, Melissa, has been trying to move on, but the legacy of the Marikana massacre continues to haunt them.

Limpie Naidoo was 16 when she was killed during the massacre. She had been seen heading to the training area when shots rang out. She was shot twice in the back and died immediately.

Rosita Naidoo, Limpie’s mother, described her daughter as “a quiet little girl. She was of no use to anyone, but for the Naidoos there is no such thing as a quiet little girl. She was a treasured one.”

She was born on November 12, 1960, in the small town of Marikana. Her family lived in a small house, and she had five siblings. She attended school in the nearby town of Killarney and later moved to Randfontein to study nursing.

Limpie was a bright and hardworking student who always got good grades in her exams. She dreamed of becoming a nurse and helping others. Her parents were very proud of her.

Unfortunately, her life was cut short on that fateful day. The violence at Marikana was a terrible event, and it has left a lasting impact on the families of the victims. Limpie’s death is a stark reminder of the toll that such traumatic events can take on people.

Her family and friends are still struggling to come to terms with what happened. They miss her dearly and often think about her in their daily lives.

The Naidoo family has been deeply affected by the loss of their daughter. They have been left with a void that can never be filled. The pain of losing someone you love is something that stays with you for a lifetime.

It is important to remember that violence and oppression do not go away with time. They are not something that can be easily forgotten. The Naidoo family’s story is a reminder of the need to continue to work towards a more just and equitable society where such tragedies are never repeated.

The family remains committed to the fight for justice and truth. They are not giving up hope that their daughter’s death will not be in vain.

They want the truth to be known and the perpetrators of violence to be held accountable.

They are grateful for the support they have received from the community, but they also know that they have a long way to go to heal.

The Naidoo family’s story is a powerful reminder of the costs of silence and inaction in the face of violence and oppression.