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## Victoria Chitepo

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**Victoria Chitepo** was a politician and member of the [Zanu-PF](#) Central Committee. She was the wife of the late liberation war fighter, [Herbert Chitepo](#).

Victoria Chitepo



Born	(1928-03-27)March 27, 1928
Died	April 8, 2016(2016-04-08) (aged 88)
Nationality	Zimbabwe
Occupation	

- Politician

Employer	Zanu-PF
Known for	Spouse of Herbert Chitepo
Political party	<a href="#">Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front</a>
Spouse(s)	<a href="#">Herbert Chitepo</a>
Children	Dr. Thokozile Chitepo, Zanele Chitepo

### Background

She married Herbert Chitepo in Durban on November 29, 1955.

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## Political Career

During Zimbabwe's struggle for independence, Chitepo organised women to march in protest and co-ordinated care for detainees who were in prisons in places such as [Marondera](#) and [Sikhombela](#).<sup>[1]</sup> From 1980 to 1982 Chitepo was Deputy Minister for Education and Culture. She was then appointed Minister of National Resources and Tourism in 1982 and served in that position until 1990. From 1990 to 1992 she served as Minister for Information, Post and Telecommunications and Minister of Local Government. She also served as Member of Parliament in [Manicaland](#)'s [Mutasa](#) and [Buhera](#) West Constituencies between 1980 and 1995.

## Other Positions Held

- Chitepo was United Nations eminent person and special advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali on the preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (1994-1995).
- Women Voters Association of Zimbabwe chairperson (1995)
- Member of the Commonwealth observer group of the Kenyan elections (1992).
- Member of the Commonwealth Mission to South Africa (Comsa III) in 1993, replacing Justice [Simbi Mubako](#).

## Death

Chitepo passed away on 8 April 2016. She is survived by four children and grandchildren. She was declared a national hero and laid to rest at the [National Heroes Acre](#) in [Harare](#).

## Trivia

- She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Tourism and Hospitality Management Degree for her contribution to national development in 2010.
- She was buried on the same day that [Vivian Mwashita](#) was buried. Mwashita also died on the 8th of April.

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