

1 000 of all races in tribute to Turner

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DURBAN. — A crowd of about 1 000 people of all races met on Saturday afternoon to pay tribute to Dr Rick Turner, the banned former University of Natal political science lecturer, who was shot dead last week.

After a service according to Islamic rites his body was carried to the Brook Street Cemetery and laid to rest in a simple Muslim grave.

The dead lecturer's mother, Mrs Jane Turner, one of the many speakers at the memorial service, urged the hushed crowd to keep on fighting for the ideals of understanding and justice sought by her son.

"Keep on fighting for those ideals, but not with violence," she said.

Dr Manas Buthelezi said: "We need more of those South Africans who are prepared to take what it costs to speak for the underdog."

The service ended with the singing of "Nkosi Sikelele Africa," as several people — including the four Turner women, Kim, Jann, the lecturer's first wife, Mrs Barbara Broer, and his second wife, Foszia — raised their arms in clenched salutes.



Standing next to Dr Rick Turner's bier during Saturday's funeral ceremony at St Anthony's Hall, Durban, are Dr Turner's daughters, Jann, 13, left, Kim, 9, his widow, Foszia, and his first wife, Mrs Barbara Broer. Dr Turner's funeral, in the Islamic rite, was attended by a multiracial crowd of more than 1 000 people. Dr Turner was buried in the Brook Street Muslim Cemetery.