**Lightning bolt kills beautiful Beyonce [South Africa]**

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WHAT began as a normal afternoon ended in death for Beyonce Mathebula (8), who was playing with her siblings Samukelo (3) and Zeldah (10) in their yard on Saturday.

Then a dark cloud came over the house. There was thunder and lightning struck – and little Beyonce lay on the ground shaking.

She was a grade 2 pupil at Eckson Masocha Primary School in Mpumalanga.

Grieving aunt Nyatsi Mashala (34) said: “I heard Zeldah screaming, saying they were hit by lightning. They were all on the ground and looked dizzy.

“Beyonce was struggling to breathe. She lay on the ground near the fence and the marula tree, with its branches still smoking.”

She rushed her into the house and called an ambulance but it was too late. Paramedics certified Beyonce dead on arrival.

Her shocked mum Jeyron (29) said she was at her husband’s home in nearby Timbavati when she received the call that Beyonce was had died.

“It’s difficult for me to accept her death. But I am thankful that God saved the lives of her two siblings,” said Jeyron.

Beyonce will be buried on Saturday.

Brigadier Leonard Hlathi said an inquest docket was opened.