



# Obituary

## Clary Hurter

It is with sadness that I record the passing of Clary Hurter.

He was the contemporary of Ron Hill and myself. We were all community pharmacy owners and shared the difficulties and the rewards of attending to the health needs of the neighbouring suburbs.

He was also my cycling partner for a number of years, often joined by Bertie Kommel, a community pharmacist of note. Clary was always interested in his professional body and was Chairman of the Cape Midlands Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society during the period 1981/1982.

In recognition of his interest and contribution to the Society, he was made Honorary Life Member of our Branch in 2000. Some pharmacists might remember him as playing a prominent part in the National Conference of the Pharmaceutical Society which was held in Port Elizabeth in 1987.

Those were the days when most pharmacists were men and they were accompanied by their wives when they attended a national conference. The wives of the pharmacists on the committee of the host branch played an important role in ensuring the success and enjoyment of the conference by placing gifts in the hotel rooms and arranging outings for the wives while their husbands were attending the conference. Deirdre Hurter, Clary's wife, played her part in contributing to the arrangements and welcoming the participants.

Clary was a hard working, honest and reliable man.

It is a sadness that for the past few years he has suffered ill health, which precluded him from continuing with his involvement in the Pharmaceutical Society and contact with his fellow professionals.

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## Don McLagan

I regret that I have to record the passing of yet another of our Honorary Life Members.

Don McLagan was Chairman of the Cape Midlands Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society for the years 1974/75 and was awarded Honorary Life membership of our branch in 1990 in recognition of his service and interest in the Society.

He was a community pharmacy owner, a role he filled well with his professionalism and easy charm.

Also a great friend and business associate of the late Alan Walter.

I attach a photo of our committee in those years with President Billy Bannatyne. Don is in the back row, second from the right.

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