



# Obituaries

## Gavin Donald Bamber

***15 June 1936 – 11 October 2021***

Gavin graduated from Rhodes University with a BSC (Pharm) degree in 1965 having served as Chairman of RUPSA in 1963/1964 and was a member of the SAPSF Executive in 1964/1965.

On 5 March 1973, Gavin joined the PSSA and was soon elected to the Branch Committee. In 1976 he was elected as Branch Chairman and represented the Branch on the National Executive Committee for many years serving that body as Chairman of the Constitutional and Contracts Committee at various times. Gavin was Vice President of the Society from 1981 to 1984 and served as its President in 1985.

He was also elected as a member of the South African Pharmacy Council where he served the profession with distinction.

For his exceptional service to the profession over many years Gavin was awarded Fellowship of the Society in 1968 and was later

recognised with Honorary Life Membership of the Society. Very few members of our Society have achieved what Gavin achieved in a variety of capacities and areas of interest for the benefit of the profession.

Gavin became very interested in computerisation and was instrumental in the computerisation of the MediKredit Checking Office system the establishment of the Computerised Pharmacy Systems a company associated with the Scriptmaster dispensing system.

Four members of the Bamber family became pharmacists – Bill, the father of Gavin and Neville, and Carolynne – Neville's daughter.

Gavin leaves his wife Sarah and children Caroline, David, and Victoria, to whom we send our sincere condolences.

We have lost an exceptional friend of the profession – may he rest in peace.