

# ORBITUARY OF DONALD BERNDT

DIED 24 JUNE 2020 AT THE AGE OF 91 YEARS



*Donald in the back centre pictured with members of the PE Branch of SMLTSA 1972*

Donald Berndt was a very much committed member of the PE Branch of SMLTSA for many years.

He was an Honorary Life member of SMLTSA who retired from SAIMR many years ago.

Maureen Schmidt , Medical Technologist and friend, could relay many stories of when she started at the old SAIMR at the start of her career and was a committee member of the PE Branch of SMLTSA. Donald was the secretary / Chairperson of the PE branch for many years in the 1970's.

He also lectured Blood Transfusion in those days but was the HOD of Chemistry at the old SAIMR.

Carol Massyn fondly remembers that old students used to joke that 'Mr Berndt' could write a thesis on the use of filter paper and correct filtering methods etc! Good solid laboratory techniques of old!!

Donald was married with 2 sons, one of whom passed away from an unfortunate accident in Namibia. The other son is in the teaching profession.

He was born and studied in East London but worked and lived in Port Elizabeth for most of his years. Donald Berndt is remembered by many as a quiet, gentleman, with a wide knowledge and having time for many.

*REST IN PEACE*

