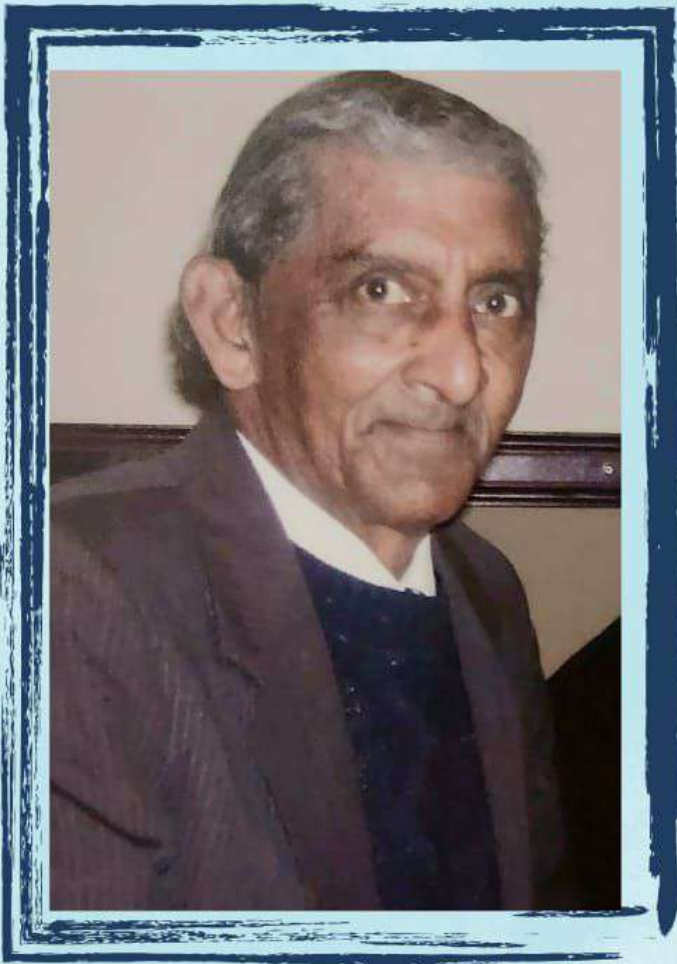


Celebrating the Life of  
**ERIC FRANK ADAMS**

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THURSDAY,  
26 OCTOBER | 7 PM

*Memorial Service*

SUNDAY,  
29 OCTOBER

*12:30 Viewing  
1pm Funeral Service*

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
224 MAIN ROAD - PAARL**





## **IN FOND REMEMBRANCE OF MR ERIC ADAMS - 14 AUGUST 1940 TO 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Dear Boland Athletics Family,

We are submerged in mourning as we grieve the passing on of former Boland Athletics Board Member and General Secretary Mr Eric Adams on Monday 23 October 2023.

Our grief is tempered with a flood of outpouring of respect, love, gratitude and appreciation by many people who have experienced the Generosity of Spirit of Mr Eric Adams, as he went about making his contribution for the wellbeing of our Communities in family, education, sports and religion.

We fondly remember Mr Eric Adams as a Selfless Community Servant Leader and a Community Builder, The First among Equals. This simply means that the highest priority of Mr Eric Adams was always rooted in service to others, in order to fulfil their needs, rather than fulfilling his own personal needs.

Mr Eric Adams leaves us with such a huge legacy of a valuable, meaningful contribution in community, in the areas of family, education, sports, and religion.

Amongst others, Mr Eric Adams is respectfully remembered as a dedicated Mathematics Teacher at Noorder Paarl High School where he served for 37 years.

Mr Eric Adams is fondly remembered as the one Teacher who opened up his home to offer after-school Mathematics classes for many learners from Paarl and surrounding areas, over many years.

Many of his School colleagues and former learners are pouring out their gratitude and respect on social media, for the influence and impact that he made in their lives.

Mr Eric Adams made his contribution in Sports and Sports Administration from early on in his life, over many years. According to his contemporaries, he was an outstanding cricket player, playing for Foresters Cricket Club as well as Paarl Cricket Union in the 1960's and 1970's. He was also closely involved with rugby, serving as match-and-registration Secretary of Paarl Rugby Union for 10 years. At the same time he also served as Secretary of the Paarl Cricket Union. Mr Eric Adams was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Western Cape Department of Sports in April 2004 in recognition of his contribution in Community Sports.

We in Boland Athletics and Boland Schools are extremely privileged and grateful to have had Mr Eric Adams as a Board Member and General Secretary since Mr Adams ran the Boland Athletics Office from his home in New Orleans for many years. In the process he made many friends as he served our clubs with distinction, across the Boland Athletics region, attending to their needs and requirements, with his trademark caring and jovial personality.

With his deep insights and calm demeanour, Mr Eric Adams made a huge contribution to the stability and wellbeing of Boland Athletics, at times when we needed it most. He played a key role in the growth and development of Boland Athletics, building solid relationships for Boland Athletics as General Secretary.

Besides all the National, Continental, and Commonwealth Games Champions, Boland Athletics is the only Athletics Federation that has produced 8 World Champions over the last 12 years.

Boland Athletics is consistently performing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the Athletics South Africa National Championships Medal Tables.

Mr Eric Adams was honoured with The President's Award by Boland Athletics President Dr Harold Adams at the Boland Athletics 5-Star Achievers Awards Function in December 2018.

The President's Award is presented to a member who has rendered exceptional service in the execution of their duties at Boland Athletics over a period of time.

The passing on of Mr Eric Adams is obviously a very heavy blow to his wife, Mrs Marie Adams, his children and extended family members. It is a huge loss for the Community of Paarl in general, and for education and sports institutions and organisations in particular.

It is a huge loss for his colleagues and friends at Boland Athletics, and elsewhere across our country.

We will remember Mr Eric Adams for his hard work ethic and his uncompromising stance on good governance values and principles.

We will remember Mr Eric Adams for lighting up many of our meetings and functions with his sense of humour and his caring and jovial personality.

To Mrs Marie Adams, thanks so much for being the solid rock of support from where Mr Eric Adams could serve in our communities, especially at Boland Athletics.

To the family and friends of Mr Eric Adams, let us find comfort in the legacy that he has created for us, and keep his memory alive by passing on the baton for this race of selfless contribution and for excellence building, and continue to build on the high standard and the good example that he has set and instilled in our Communities.

May his family find comfort in the love and grace of our Heavenly Father, and in the support and embrace of friends.

To Mr Eric Adams:

As you transition from this life on earth to the life with our Heavenly Father, we hear your assuring words to us, as recorded in 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

7. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

8. From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who crave his appearing.....

Rest in Eternal Paradise Dear Servant Leader and Community Builder.

Athletics Greetings.




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In loving memory of



*Mr Eric Adams*

Our beloved Mathematics Educator and Colleague.  
You will be remembered as  
Mathematics Head of Department, Sports administrator,  
Mentor and social activist.



Thank you for years of selfless dedication to  
Our Own High School.



**Sportsterre raap al die pryse op**

Eric Adams (regs) van Paarl het die presidensiële prys ontvang vir sy bydrae tot atletiek. Dr. Harold Adams oorhandig die trofee aan hom by die Boland se atletiek-toekennings wat by Picardie-gastehuis gehou is. Ruswahl Samaai (afwesig) van Paarl is aangewys as sportman van die jaar by die Boland se atletiek-toekennings.  
Foto: Ernest Kilowan



**TER NAGEDAGTENIS VAN MNR ERIC ADAMS**  
**23 Oktober 2023**

Dit is met hartseer wat ek kennis geneem het van die afsterwe van Mr Eric Adams. Onmiddellik het my gedagtes terug gefliits na die dae wat ons saamgewerk het as amptenare van Boland Atletiek.

Ter agtergrond: Mnr Eric Adams het in 1992 'n sleutelrol gespeel in die vorming van Boland Atletiek, nadat die provinsie afgestig het van Westelike Provinsie Atletiek.

In die eerste paar jaar van Boland Atletiek se bestaan het Mnr Eric Adams diens gedoen as Senior Sekretaris. Daar was groot uitdagings om te oorkom; onder andere 'n lae inkomste basis. Ten spyte daarvan het Mnr Eric Adams nooit weggeskram van sy verpligtinge nie en het hy sy taak deeglik en met stiptelikheid uitgevoer.

Ek het Mnr Eric Adams leer ken toe ek in 2003 aangestel was as Hoof Uitvoerende Beampte van Boland Atletiek, en het nou saamgewerk met Mnr Eric Adams in die pos as Senior Sekretaris van Boland Atletiek. Dit was altyd opvallend hoe die Uitvoerende Raadslede hom met groot respek en agting tydens Raadsvergaderings sy bydraes hanteer het.

Mnr Eric Adams was onder andere verantwoordelik vir die uitreik van lisensies aan Boland Atletiek lede. Met Boland Atletiek nog in sy vormings jare was die uitreik van lisensies 'n belangrike taak wat verseker het dat alle lede wettiglik en verantwoordbaar deelneem aan Boland Atletiek se aktiwiteite volgens nasionale en internasionale reëls en regulasies.

Mnr Eric Adams het sy taak vanuit sy huis bestuur en het die lisensies in sy motorhuis gerangskik en uitgereik aan al die klubs. Sy vrou Marie het met groot geduld en opoffering hul huis in stand gehou terwyl die klub sekretarisse gereeld Mnr Eric en Marie Adams se huis besoek het om lisensies aan te koop vir hul lede. Hierdie belangrike taak was met groot akkuraatheid en vaardigheid uitgevoer. Wat egter uitgestaan het, was die menslikheid en geduld waarmee hy sy taak uitgevoer het.

'n Besoek aan Mnr Eric en Marie Adams se huis was nooit 'n vinnige besoek nie, aangesien hy eers wou weet na die wel en wee van elke persoon. Eers nadat hy deeglik seker gemaak het dat dit goed gaan met die persoon, is die lisensies uitgereik, met die versekering dat die persoon die belangrike funksie van 'n lisensie verstaan.

Ook tydens belangrike vergaderings van die Boland Atletiek Raad het Mr Eric Adams 'n groot bedrae gelewer wanneer belangrike besluite geneem moes neem. Hy het 'n sleutelrol gespeel in die groei van Boland Atletiek tot waar dit nou reeds verskeie jare beskou word as een van die top 3 provinsiale presteerders in Suid Afrika met atlete beamptes en raadslede wat op nasionale en internasionale vlak Boland en Suid Afrika met eer verteenwoordig.

Die rol wat Mr Eric Adams gespeel het tot die sukses van Boland Atletiek op alle vlakke, is in die annale opgeteken en verewig.

Mnr Eric Adams rus nou aan die voete van ons Almagtige God en Vader, waar ek glo dat hy met groot deernis afkyk na die welsyn van Boland Atletiek.

Groete



Richard Stander  
Afgetrede Hoof Uitvoerende Beampte van Atletiek Suid Afrika

