



Class of '61 – Reunion

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Let's make our 55th Reunion one to remember Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October 2016.

It is with great sadness that I report that Anthony (Tony) de Kock passed away on Monday, 28th March 2016, after suffering for some time with kidney problems.

I spoke to his wife, Wendy, and she told me that Tony had steadily lost weight over the past year and from November 2015 had to receive dialysis treatment for his failing kidneys. It must have been really tough for Wendy to see her husband of some 47 years battling to cope with his ill health.

It was a privilege to have known Tony in our school years where he excelled on the cricket field and successfully charmed the young ladies. I noticed how he thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion and his parting words to me after the final weekend event was to tell me just that.

He will be fondly remembered by us all and I will pass on our condolences to Wendy and the de Kock family.

Wendy has asked me to extend an invitation to any of you who might be in Cape Town on Saturday 23rd at 12:30 to join the de Kock family who will be holding a wake to celebrate Tony's life at the family home at 89 Boundary Road, Deep River just on the Kendall Road circle (Tel 021 7126377) Tony most certainly would have enjoyed standing you to a few beers and I can almost hear his mischievous chuckle in the background.



In closing I have taken the liberty of sharing words extracted from Wendy's email to me. She wrote:

"I will miss him dearly but am blessed with many happy memories. I know he will be at your 55th Reunion celebrations in spirit."

Rest in peace, our good friend and school comrade.

Kind regards

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