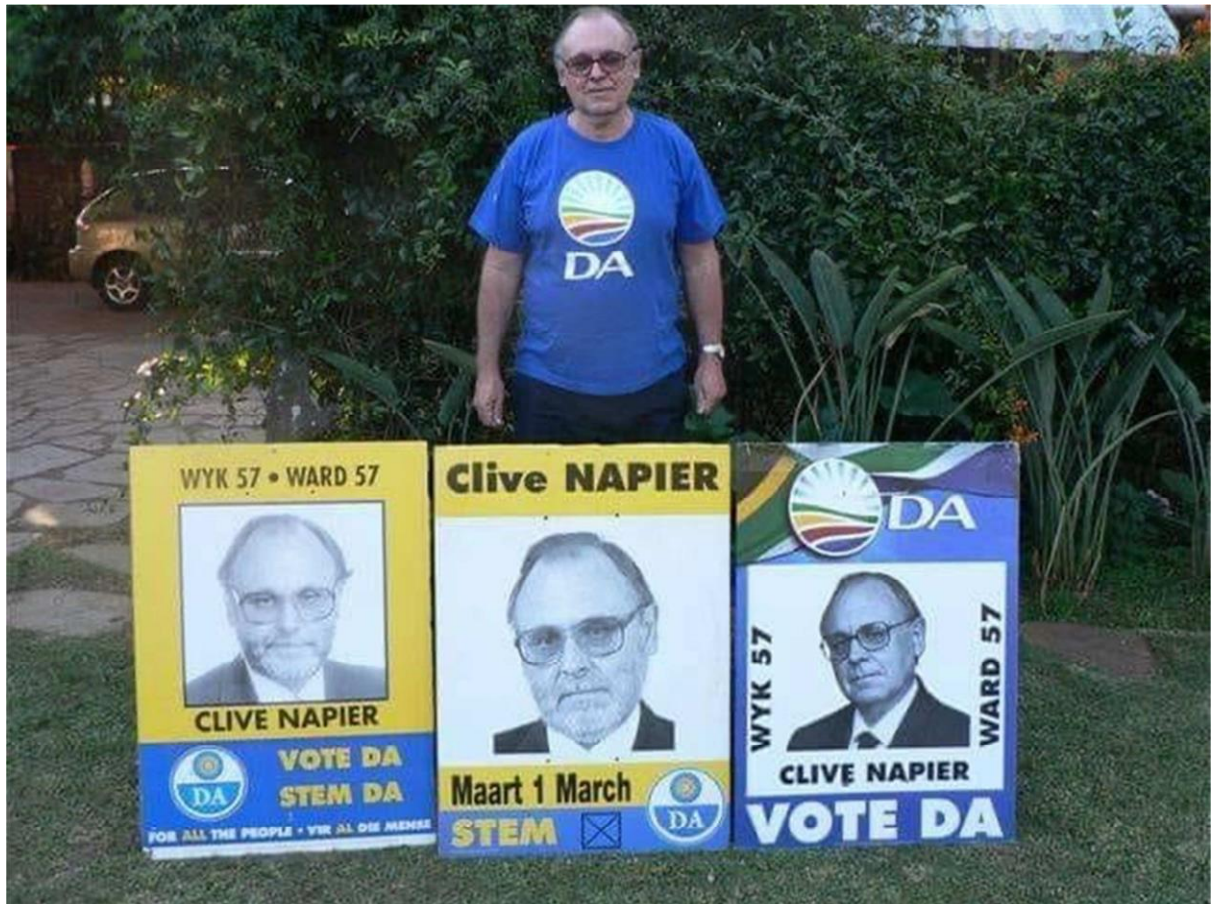


PROF. DR. CLIVE NAPIER

Portrait of a Gentle Giant

By Cllr LG Tau Motau

On behalf of the **DA TSHWANE CAUCUS**



Professor Doctor Clive Napier is no more!

The dark shroud of death suddenly envelopes the entire Tshwane DA caucus into a period of deep shock and sorrow as we learn of the departure of our dear colleague, friend and mentor. In a flash painfully unexpected, WE have lost a real tower of strength, knowledge, compassion and selflessness. For your loss, the Tshwane caucus is the poorer. May your soul rest in eternal peace, Clive, dear brother!

CLIVE THE MAN

Prof. Dr. Clive Napier was born on 17 May 1950 in Boksburg. A divorcee at his passing on, he is known to be having a sister - Cynthia - his only surviving relative.

ACADEMIA and WORK

Prof. as he was affectionately known obtained a BA degree in Political Science and Economic History at the University of Natal in 1974. He then completed his first year studies towards LLB while in the Department of Hospital Services in Pietermaritzburg.

In 1976 he attained a Master's degree in African Politics at the George Washington University in Washington DC. USA. Returning home, he joined the National Archives Repository in Pietermaritzburg where after he took up a post at the University of Transkei in Mtata. Prof then became a researcher at the Institute of Race Relations, where after he joined Unisa. At Unisa, where he remained until his retirement nearly 7 years ago, earning a Ph.D and later an appointment as a Professor.

POLITICS

According to Malcolm G. Ferguson, Prof's life-long friend, Prof. became a political activist from his first year at university. His political journey stretches from "the defunct United Party, through the Progressive Party, up to the DA" - his final political home. He joined the DA Tshwane Caucus on 05 Dec. 2000, and remained a Councillor up to his last living day.

Today, as we mourn his untimely departure, we also honour and celebrate his dedication, selflessness and unwavering commitment towards the empowerment and development of others. **A total tower of strength and a servant leader.**

Throughout this journey, Prof distinguished himself for his deep conviction and extraordinary diligence.

Even from his sick bed in his final days, Prof was cautioning us all about the seriousness and danger of Covid 19. He implored us to do everything possible to stay safe. Reportedly, Prof passes on while he and friend Malcolm were thinking of starting a Household Food Security Project for Covid 19 affected families in Tshwane!

CONDOLENCES

As colleague Shaun reminded us: **"Death be not Proud"**. Prof might no longer be with us, but his undying spirit will continue to live and prosper amongst us as a caucus.

Our deep and sincerest condolences go out to our sister, Cynthia, and all those who were dear and close to Prof. We pray that the good Lord grants you solace, His mercy and the strength to cope fitfully throughout this time of bereavement. **God bless you all.**

God calls unto himself those that He loves most. Go well, Prof. May your soul find and rest in eternal peace. We shall forever remember and cherish the pleasures and honour of knowing you, -working and learning from you.

AMEN!



Memories:

Clive was one dedicated councillor who always wanted the best for our residents!

This photo was taken at our 2015 caucus year-end function of all the councillors that was left at the time that started together on 5 December 2000.

We are only 4 left (with uninterrupted service) today.

Thinking of so many memories with him!

He will be greatly missed!

Rest In Peace Clive!

Alderman Karen Meyer