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Dear BPSU Members,

Mr Norman Richardson, who was a founder member of the Transvaal Muzzle Loaders and also an honorary life member of the BPSU, sadly passed away on Sunday night, 6th July 2008.

Please find below a Eulogy prepared by his good friend, Paul Vimercati. No funeral arrangements are known yet, but we will keep you posted.

Kind regards

CORENA DE BEER
SECRETARY: BPSU of SA

Norman Richardson, 17 September 1931 - 6 July 2008.



Norman was born in Nairobi Kenya. He lived there for many years during which time he raised a family of five children: 3 boys and 2 girls. He left Kenya and went to Dar as Salaam Tanzania, to work for a Dutch Cecil Company as a machine maintenance fitter. On one of his maintenance bush whacking trips he had a terrible accident which left one of his legs shorter than the other. This however, did not interfere with his love of

hunting and wildlife. He worked for some of the more famous Great White Hunters of that period, like the Norwegian LARS FINGENSCHOU and GARY PALMER-WILSON.

After leaving Tanzania in 1966 to work in Germany as a Diesel Mechanic, he came to South Africa on contract with Barlow's in 1968. Later he worked for Honda Power Products, becoming a General Manager until his retirement.

Norman collected vintage fire arms and loved sport shooting with Muzzle Loaders.

He was one of the founding members of the Transvaal Muzzle Loaders. In 1974 Norman shot the highest score ever recorded of 97, with an original Whitworth Cal.451 Muzzle Loader.

In August 1975, the first Muzzle Loading Team represented South Africa in a Muzzle Loading World Championship in CODOGNIO ITALY. Norman Richardson, Zap Lupini, the late Jack Witelson, Lui Tavlei and the late Dave Bienz represented South Africa who, at the time, were under tremendous pressure from Sanctions.

Norman represented South Africa with colours in 1980 at Quantico America as well as being the Captain of the South African Muzzle Loading team 1981 at Bisley England.

He won the Master Class Trophy donated by the late Willy Klotz in December 1978, June 1979 and December 1981. He was an integral part of our club and certainly knew how to live life to the full. All the members will treasure the many good times we had together!

Norman will be sadly missed and most definitely well remembered by many different people from various walks of life and especially by his family: Cynthia, Di, Robert, Danuta, Gordon, Norma, Bruce, Corrine, Robert and Helga.

My dear friend, I hope that wherever you are you have found peace. I hope you are finally in your happy hunting ground!

Paul V