

Dave Woodland (known as Apie from his Glenwood school days) matriculated in 1949.

He was born on 12 April 1932 and died on 23 August 2009.

He joined J.H. Isaacs Geshen and, whilst there, arranged for many rent controlled flats for Glenwood Old Boys and friends, who greatly appreciated his help.

He later joined Leo Smithers to open the first Cash and Carry business in Durban where, because of his personality, was able to achieve many goals for the company. He made his company very successful, but unfortunately, due to unfortunate circumstances, landed into severe financial difficulties, when Dave and his wife suffered several financial distress, but by working together, they pulled through the difficult times when Dave then became a successful business broker, and Val, his wife, opened a factory cosmetic shop which became a wonderful financial success.

Dave married Val Woodburn on 23 February 1956 and the union was a wonderful success when the Burn became a Woodland. I first met Dave, who became a lifelong friend, when we both were members of the Glenwood Old Boys' Rugby Club. Dave was the GOB first team hooker when the First team won their way back into first division by beating all other teams in the promotion relegation round. Dave went on to play hooker for the First team when he seriously injured his neck and unfortunately could no longer play. Brian Miles, who also became a lifelong friend of Dave's took his place as hooker. I became Dave's room mate in 1951 and remained so until he married Val in 1956. Dave was instrumental, committed and an extremely hard worker, in the rejuvenation of the Glenwood Old Boys' Club and subsequently in the lease of the land still owned by the Glenwood Old Boys' Trust. (At a much later date, the Glenwood Old Boys' Association was formed).

For many years, both Dave and Val assisted the Old Boys' Club with club administration and Dave Woodland as chairman. In later and present years, Dave fought vigorously for the retention of the Glenwood Old Boys' name which was unfortunately changed.

Dave was a loving chap and loved to assist all people, including his friends. Whenever Dave was present, there was laughter and his popularity within the Old Boys' Club and business clients was enormous. He was also respected by his enemies, who were few.

Dave's passing is an extreme loss to the club and to all his friends, including Brian Miles and myself. We, as a threesome, caused much humour, due to our loud and unusual laughter.

Dave, many thanks for the friendship and the years you gave to all of your friends and members of the Glenwood High School Old Boys' Club, and especially to Brian Miles and myself.

We will never forget you, and will miss your forthright manner, humour and laughter.

Jack Cann.