

**NORMAN MURRAY LIEBENBERG**  
**(Merriman 1965 – 1969)**

Norman Murray Liebenberg, 62, of Johannesburg, South Africa, passed away on July 15th 2014 after complications following heart surgery.

Norman was born in Nkana, Zambia on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1951. He attended Monterey Preparatory School in Cape Town (1962-64) and St Andrew's College in Grahamstown (1965-69).

Norman is survived by his loving daughters, Julie Saffari and Debbie Liebenberg and their families. He is remembered by them as an exceptional father, mentor and best friend. The family suffered the tragic loss of wife and mother when Margaret Heather lost her battle with Lupus SLE. At the time Julie and Debbie were 7 and 11 years old.

Norman had a career in human resource management and held a position as Industrial Relations Manager at the Phalaborwa Mining Company. Julie and Debbie reflected on Norman's career: *"...even though the job came with moments of stress, Dad loved what he did and he really enjoyed his work. Dad was always very well respected and much loved by his colleagues and his subordinates. He was someone people felt at ease with and many people from all walks of life came to him to chat about their troubles. It was in Phalaborwa that he became an Honorary Game Ranger, and we spent many a weekend in the Kruger while he was on 'duty'."*

When recalling Norman's memories about his schooling, his daughters noted: *"...Dad was extremely proud of his schools and we know that the bonds between friends made in boarding school are really strong and very special..."*

Norman's school friends remember him as *"...one of those unique individuals with exceptional leadership skills, even as a youngster. At Monterey he was an outstanding sportsman and captained the cricket side, receiving colors in both cricket and rugby. Norman was instrumental in motivating a surge in interest in St Andrews. In 1966, the number of Monterey students attending College increased significantly – five joining Norman in Merriman House. In his career at College, in addition to being vice-head of house, Norman captained many of the Merriman teams in cricket, rugby and hockey. In his final year he captained the College second fifteen rugby team – a team that had an exceptional year, losing only a couple of matches – one of which was an away game against Queens College. Norman had been injured and unable to make the trip – teammates still recall the team struggling to meet the challenge absent his leadership..."*

Norman will be deeply missed. His passing has left a void in the lives of his family and friends.