

Good-Bye to a Colleague, Alvin Botha

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After the sudden passing of Alvin Botha, HR Coordinator at Eden District Municipality on Tuesday, 24 July 2018, a heavy-hearted atmosphere reigned at the George Banquet Hall on Friday, 27 July 2018 when colleagues and Council celebrated his life with his immediate family members at a special memorial service.

On Tuesday morning, the tragic news of the passing of Alvin reached the Executive Mayor, Cllr Memory Booyesen, soon after the Mayor had to come to terms with the shocking news of Eden DM and Knysna Cllr Victor Molosi's passing.

The Memorial Service event was formally directed by Trix Holtzhausen and opened by Councillor Isaya Stemela, Portfolio Chairperson of Corporate Services.

Executive Mayor, Cllr Memory Booyesen, during his tribute to Alvin, at the Memorial Service.

In his tribute to Alvin's life, Mayor Booyesen described Alvin as a very nice, yet firm person and said that if he would have had the power he would have asked God to bring Alvin back and then you realise, it is times like these when your earthly powers are exposed, we are all equal in God's view... Mayor Booyesen said.

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The Eden DM Choir performed the song "Our Father" at the service.

Allen Spies, Pastor of the AFM Church in Pacaltsdorp extended a special word of comfort to Alvin's parents who were present.

As the slideshow of photographs was displayed by Megan Cunningham, every single person in the room saw how Alvin touched people's lives in different ways. In her tribute to Alvin, former HR official and friend of Alvin, Chrystal Spies, said that it became evident over the years that Alvin loved his family dearly and that he was very fond of his friends. He also

had a very special place in his heart for the Roads colleagues," Chrystal added. This was confirmed by Nontobeko Klaas, HR Manager, when she shared a story of their recent visit to Roads and said, "The Roads Services personnel did not want to listen to me, they wanted Alvin to address them, because all of them worked with him for years and grew visibly fond of him," she said.

Alvin will especially be remembered for being a specialist in HR Policies and how he advised Management and Committees during various formal engagements - "we will always remember him for being a nice and cheerful person".

He will be laid to rest on Saturday, 4 August 2018 in his hometown Oudtshoorn.

May your soul rest in peace our colleague and friend, Alvin Botha.