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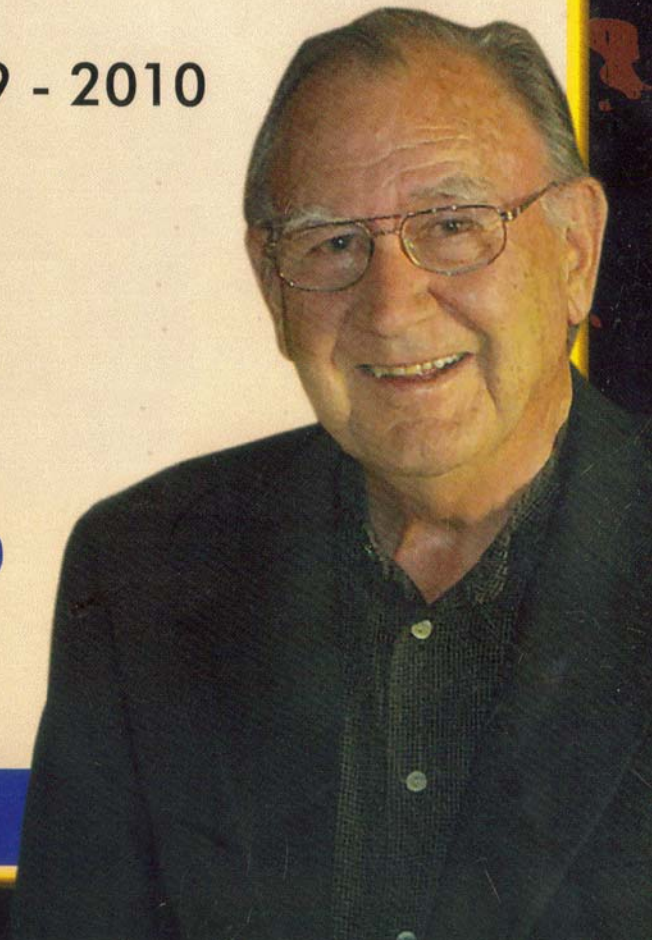
PROGRAMME

**DR NICOLAAS
JOHANNES SMITH**

1929 - 2010

24 June 2010

Hamba Kahle Qhawe



PROGRAMME

Arrival of cortege at Melodi ya Tshwane Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa

Viewing of the body

Programme Director: **Rev TJ Nthakhe**

Draping of the coffin with National Flag by SAPS

Singing of the National Anthem by SAPS Band

Opening Prayer **Rev Prof. RE Moraka**

Hymn: SAPS Band

Reading of the obituary by daughter, **Mrs Maretha Laubscher**

Blowing of the phalaphala horn by grandson, **Driaan Laubscher**

Hymn: Congregation led by Melodi ya Tshwane Choir

Messages of support and tributes from:

- Prof. Willem Saayman
- Tribute by Mass Democratic Movement, Mamelodi
- Belydende Kring: Rev. Zach Mokgoebo
- Melodi ya Tshwane: Mr. D. Pillay
- General Synod, Uniting Reformed Church in Southern African: Rev JC Goeiman
- South African Council of Churches: Rev. Dr. Vuyani Vellem
- Ecumenical partner churches: Rev Stefanie Rieke-Kochsiek

Hymn: SAPS Band

Message by Executive Mayor, **Dr Gwen Ramokgopa**

Tribute on behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government by **MEC Kgaogelo Lekgoro**

Hymn: Congregation led by Melodi ya Tshwane Church Choir

Sermon by **Prof. JNJ (Klippies) Kritzinger**

Hymn: SAPS Band

Removal of the South African flag from the coffin and presentation of the storm flag to Dr Ellen Faul, wife of Dr Nico Smith, by SAPS Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Rev Nicholas Mashiane

Announcements and departure of the family and cortege to the Crematorium

Hymn: Hosanna 5, congregation led by Melodi ya Tshwane Choir

OBITUARY

Dr Nico Smith (11 April 1929 – 19 June 2010)

Die gebeure wat ons eggenoot, pa en oupa skielik van ons weggeneem het, bind ons familie hefter saam, want ons praat oor die wonderlike lewe wat ons saam met Nico gehad het.

Sy geloofsoortuiging dat die kreatiewe weldra die oorhand kry oor die destruktiewe en dat die twee nie te skei is nie, het hom 'n dankbare mens gemaak. Hy was getrou aan die aarde en het geleef vanuit sy oortuiging dat elke mens 'n vergestaltung is van God. Hy het ons soos die profete van ouds gekasty as ons dit sou vergeet.

Die lewe saam met hom was 'n avontuur, want hy het die kuns verstaan om in die gewone die besondere raak te sien. Sy vaste geloof dat hy by sy dood sou terugkeer na die hart van God sal ons troos nou dat sy groot stomtyd aangebreek het.

The events that suddenly took away our husband, father and grandfather brought our family closer together as we talk about the wonderful life we had with Nico. His conviction that the creative eventually triumphs over the destructive and that the two are intrinsically linked, made him a grateful person.

He was true to the earth and lived his belief that every human being is an expression of God. He would castigate us like the prophets of old should we forget. Life with him was an adventure, as he had mastered the art of extracting something special from the mundane. His faith that he would return to the heart of God comforts us now that his voice in this life has been muted.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE