OBITUARY

Reinald Philip Schnell
05 February 1933 – 06 September 2008

After qualifying as a pharmacist, Philip joined his cousins Carl and Glen Schnell, who were also pharmacists in Durban and later went into partnership with Jack Bennett at Queensburgh Pharmacy, which he eventually took over as the owner. The success of this business was attributable not only to his keen business acumen, but also to the professional and ethical manner for which Philip was renowned.

Philip took a very active part in the Pharmaceutical Society and worked tirelessly for the profession, for which he received many accolades. He served on the branch committee for 15 years, was chairman from 1988-1989, and served on the National Executive Committee for some years. Philip was awarded the Peter Donnelly Award in 2001 for his outstanding contribution to the profession. He was granted Honorary Life Membership of the branch and was also made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Philip’s vision of a united Society came to fruition as a result of his unending efforts in his role as one of the architects of the current ion.

Philip was an exceptional orator and for ten years made the presentation speech at the annual function for the Brian Seymour Award. His flair for language and his outstanding sense of humour endeared him to all who were present at any function or meeting that he attended or chaired. Philip was a very sensitive, caring man who was a great listener and gave sincere advice.

Philip's beloved wife Joan passed away 12 years ago and he is survived by his daughters, Penny and Gail, and his son, Greg.

Philip was a remarkable man and his passing will be acutely felt by all who knew him. The profession has lost one of its stalwarts and there are not any who can fill his boots.

Farewell Philip