

In Memoriam

Dr Clive Marwick



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On Friday evening, 25 July 2025, we bade farewell to a giant in veterinary medicine. A man whose life's work shaped not only an industry but countless lives. Dr Clive Marwick was more than a practitioner—he was a pioneer, mentor, visionary, and friend.

Clive's legacy as a rural, large animal practitioner in the Eastern Free State is etched into the pastures and hearts he served. Known as the "father of bovine herd health in SA," he upheld a gold standard of professionalism, compassion, and integrity. His approach transcended treatment—he championed prevention, education, and collaboration, bringing healing not only to animals but to the communities that depended on them.

Messages of condolence have arrived from around the globe, from colleagues and protégés who called him a mentor and described his impact as unforgettable. Their words echo the heart of Clive's legacy: generous in knowledge, patient in teaching, unwavering in support.

Clive het in verskeie nasionale en internasionale professionele organisasies met buitengewone integriteit gedien. Om maar net 'n paar van die organisasies te noem, die Suid Afrikaanse

Veterinêre Vereniging, die Suid Afrikaanse Veterinêre Raad, die Onderstepoort Veterinêre Fakulteitsraad, die World Veterinary Association, en vele meer. Clive was deurentyd deur sy kollegas en andere genomineer om op finansiële komitees van organisasies en instellings te dien.

Daar het hy die organisasies en instellings uitgedaag om die regte ding te doen; en hulle finansiële sake in orde te kry. Onder sy leierskap is vooruitgang gemaak ten beste van toekomstige generasies.

In his leadership of the South African Veterinary Council, Clive transformed vision into reality. As President, he led decisively—with merit, fairness, and faith. His belief in inclusivity, sound decision-making, and always doing the right thing wasn't just spoken—it was lived. He guided the Council to purchase its own building, strengthened its finances, and helped forge it into a highly effective institution. As Registrar of the SA Veterinary Council, I knew and worked with Clive for more than twenty years, and I saw firsthand the ease with which he led—wise, humble, sincere and deeply committed to the greater good.

Clive faced challenges with humour and optimism. He saw possibility in every problem and light in every dark corner. He made people feel seen, heard, and valued. Above all, he lived his life as a man of God—with quiet dignity, grace, and purpose.

His legacy is a living one—found in healthier herds, stronger institutions, and not least of all, the hearts of those he mentored.

Clive wou sien dat sy profesie met dieselfde professionalisme, integriteit, geloof, opregtheid en deernis voortuitgaan.

We salute you Clive! Ons groet jou, Clive, mag jy jou Hemelse reis in Vrede voortsit

Lynette Havinga

