

Obituary

Guy Goodwin Coke Norris (Espin 1953)

Guy, also known as “Nollies” and “Farmer” was born in Umtali, Rhodesia. He attended Ruzawi Junior School and later St Andrews College in Grahamstown where he matriculated. He then returned to Old Umtali to learn farming on a neighboring farm before working the soil on his own farm Nyatso.

He became a successful dairy farmer selling milk in Umtali. Later on he diversified into field crops growing everything that could be from Barley to exotic fresh cut flowers for export. He became one of the first farmers in the valley to have overhead irrigation and to master email and computers. He was a prominent member of the local farmers association and cotton congress. He was an expert, self taught mechanic and engineer that could fix almost anything. He also supported the local police reserve and assisted in difficult field operations. He was well known for his cotton drying shed which ingeniously converted into a squash court and rustic pub where many communal festivities were held.

He was forcibly removed from his farm in late 2006 after being wrongfully arrested for occupying his own farm. He moved to Somerset West to be with family however his heart remained with his farm which he always yearned to return to.

He had a passion for new technologies, unusual, motor cars with a unique character, music, people and hats. He was a honorable man with a strong will to help others where he could.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl, his three children, Louise, Wendy and Gavin and his grandchildren Sophie, Kieran and Tara.