



In memory of Lieutenant Colonel Lourens Christiaan Botha

Lieutenant Colonel Lourens Botha was a graduate from Grey College in Bloemfontein in 1962. He was a farmer by occupation from 1968 to 1988. He then worked as a freelance agent at Greenlands from 1989 until his death on 4 June 2017. He served in the SADF and later in the SANDF in various positions in command and staff appointments. He did his basic military training at Tempe Military Base in 1964 where after he was posted to 5 SAI in Ladysmith. He served in Regiment De Wet from 1965 to 1971. He then served in Sandrivier Commando from 1971 to 2005. With the closing down of the Commandos, Lieutenant Colonel Botha joined the SA Army Artillery Formation and he commanded Vrystaat Artillery Regiment from 2005 to 2008. He acted as the SSO Reserves for the SA Army Artillery Formation from 2008 to 2012. Lieutenant Colonel Botha also served on the Free State Reserve Force Council from 1995 to 2015 and he served as the Chairmen of the Free State Combat Rifle shooting.

Lieutenant Colonel Lourens Botha passed away on 4 June 2017 after complications from a operation. He is survived by his wife Francis, children Fransa, Adel and Lourinda and nine grand children.

May his soul rest in peace