Obituary of the late Provincial Inspector Timothy "Tim" Shane Simpson released by Duma.

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Buried on his birthday, Timothy "Tim" Shane Simpson was born on the 10th of October 1966 and raised with love and discipline by his mother, Dawn Simpson. His siblings Blythe and Shane shared a special bond. He started his formal schooling at Holy Cross Convent and completed his high school education at Ixopo High.

Early Days with Road Traffic Inspectorate

His first love and passion for road safety and traffic law enforcement in general developed in the late 80s. It came as no surprise when he joined the Road Traffic Inspectorate in Kokstad in 1990.

He quickly gained respect as a law enforcement officer who ensured the safety of road users, especially those using the busy transit corridors and transit hubs.

He will forever be credited for being one of the most trusted law enforcement officers who were part of the transformation of RTI from a historically distrusted authority, before 1994, to a community-aligned service steeped in road safety after the democratic dispensation.

In 1995 he moved to Umdoni Local Municipality, where he was part of the introduction of community-aligned and road safety initiatives within the municipality traffic department.

In 2005, he re-joined RTI and distinguished himself as a No-Nonsense RTI Officer. He was stationed at the RTI Park Rynie, which is known throughout the whole country.

#NenzaniLaEzweni Operation

He executed with precision the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation.

We pause to salute "Tim" as a champion of road safety who contributed immensely in ensuring that RTI achieved 99% success in speeding cases and 98% in drunk driving cases.

He was an implementer and follower of a long but meticulous prosecution process involving RTI Park Rynie, the National Prosecuting Authority, and Scottburgh Magistrates Court.

Throughout his years within the Road Traffic Inspectorate, Tim demonstrated reliability, efficiency, and a high level of integrity. This earned him genuine admiration from across all sections of society with young law enforcement officers looking up to him for guidance.

Last year, 2025, Tim was honoured by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma, during the #NenzaniLaEzweni Awards Ceremony. He received the Highest Speed Recorded Award.

This was at the back of another award, the MEC's Service Excellence Award for Bravery, which he received in 2024, which helped solidify his reputation as a leading champion of road safety.

He will be remembered by his grandson, Lachlan, and his children—Lisa Anne and Katie Dawn—as a gentle grandfather and a father who was a good listener. His wife, Violie Simpson, who was always by his side and supported unconditionally, will remember her husband fondly as he moved around the house with a beaming smile.

Today, on his birthday, we bid farewell to a man who loved sport, cricket, and especially rugby. He loved the Springboks, Amabhokobhoko.

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