

RS&P mourns death of Harold Eedes

Harold Eedes, MD of media company Ramsay, Son & Parker for the past nine years and a significant figure in the local publishing industry, died peacefully on Sunday, 20 July 2008, after a long battle with cancer. According to a statement from RS&P, "he will be remembered for his leadership, wisdom and integrity by his fellow directors, colleagues and friends."



The late Harold Eedes, MD of Ramsay, Son & Parker

Eedes joined the company in 1971 and, after taking over as manager of the company's trade magazine division, was appointed to the board in 1973. He was appointed MD of the company in 1999.

In 1993 he launched *Wine* magazine, a publication focusing on a subject close to his heart and of which he was publisher until a few months ago. In 2002 Eedes added a South African edition of America's bestselling *Popular Mechanics* to the RS&P stable.

His service and commitment to the industry also saw him appointed chairman of the MPASA, the Magazine Publishers' Association of South Africa, that same year and to the board of FIPP, the International Federation of the Periodical Press, the following year. He was the first South African to be so honoured. He was awarded Fellowship of Print Media South Africa in 2003.

Eedes stepped down as MD at the end of June 2008. He will be sorely missed by everyone in the company.

He leaves his wife, Anthea, and three children, Christian, Jane and James.

A memorial service will be held at 11am on Friday 25 July at St James' Church in Kenilworth, Cape Town.

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