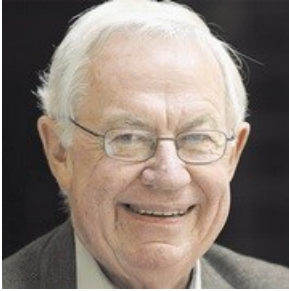


SA media man Allister Sparks passes away

Veteran journalist Allister Sparks passed away in Johannesburg on Monday at the age of 83.



Sparks, former editor of the *Rand Daily Mail* and internationally acclaimed author, suffered a heart attack while in the Morningside Clinic.

[Media24](#) reports that a memorial is being planned for Friday, 14 October at 11am at the Braamfontein Crematorium.

The local media industry shared their condolences in the social media space:

“ [#AllisterSparks](#) A pen of the finest pedigree draws in its ink. To rest after bearing witness then. And now. A journalist's journalist.— Ferial Haffajee (@ferialhaffajee) [September 20, 2016](#) ”

“ Last night spoke to [@helenzille](#) on the late [#AllisterSparks](#) "he was my mentor" <https://t.co/DjzeLvowWn>— Koketso R Sachane (@KoketsoSachane) [September 20, 2016](#) ”

“ A great [#Journalist](#) who "inculcated a spirit of robustness in SA civil society" bc "journalism comes w/ responsibility" RIP [#AllisterSparks](#) pic.twitter.com/QksEVzn9H7— sofia moreira sousa (@sofiamoreir) [September 19, 2016](#) ”

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