



SAIMENA

Dear Fellows, Members, Associates and Friends of SAIMENA

It is with regret that we have to advise you that Dick Jenkins our college, Honorary Secretary for many years and dear friend of many, passed away at home on Thursday morning the 18th August.

He reached the wonderful age of 4 days short of his 91st birthday and remained an active member of SAIMENA right till the end.

We pass on our sympathy and support to Dick' family. He will always be remembered.

Regards to all

Kevin Watson
Jnr Vice President SAIMENA

Below find an extract from an article published last year to celebrate Dick Jenkins' 90th Birthday.

RICHARD J. 'DICK' JENKINS ACHIEVEMENT OF 90 YEARS

A luncheon was held on 22 August 2010, the 90th birthday, of Dick Jenkins, as a celebration in his honour. The venue was Royal Durban Golf club, where 31 SAIMENA members and other guests, who had been particularly associated with Dick during his career, attended. Also attending were members of Dick's family, son Tim with his wife Mary and their daughter Siobhan, and son Chris from Switzerland.

Durban Branch chairman, Louis Gontier, commenced proceedings with a welcome, introduction of Dick's family present and spoke of Dick's achievements in shipbuilding and ship repair in Durban. Louis presented Dick with a plaque, inscribed as follows: "This award is presented to RICHARD J. JENKINS on 22nd August 2010 to celebrate the occasion of his 90th birthday and in recognition of his service to the maritime industry in peace and in war over the past 75 years. It also recognises his unstinted service to the Institute from its founding in 1974. The plaque has been mounted in SAIMENA House.

Ian Lloyd continued the tribute to Dick, with earlier history of his apprenticeship, service as sea-going engineer during the War years, management positions in industry ashore; and as a founder member of SAIMENA and serving the Institute continually in various office bearing capacities, including President; and to date as National Honorary Secretary. Also presented to Dick was a framed photographic collage of numerous of the vessels built under his management.

Dick replied ably to the speeches made and proposed a toast to the Institute. This was followed by cutting of birthday cake — Dick being assisted by his lovely granddaughter and a resounding toast to 'R.J.J.!'