



Peter & Elisabeth

Mr & Mrs Anderson

7880

...and
still going
strong

**To Peter and Elisabeth Anderson,
on this celebration
of your 80th and 78th birthdays.**

Your love, your advice, your patience, your loyalty,
your generosity, your faith, your composure,
your kindness, your prowess, your honesty,
your creativity, your values, your foresight,
your presence, your commitment, your rarity,
and your age all make you, by far,
the most valuable antiques today.





Preface

Where does one start to pay tribute and celebrate the larger-than-life characters that the Andersons have become? Beyond seeing through, thousands of learners during their time, they have also built the school from the ground up, with great facilities that were an envy to many. Their accomplishments, therefore, can be measured numerically, by scale and impact.

This book is simply a gesture of appreciation of their foresight and commitment to use education to inspire and uplift a modest Sekhukhuneland and beyond. We thank them for everything they have done and congratulate them on the milestone ages that they have reached.

The same book could never have happened without everyone who was able to take time out of their schedules, celebrate (with) Mr & Mrs Anderson - in their lifetime. And for those who could not get their messages through, for whatever reason, they are fairly represented in here.

More importantly, a special Thank You to the team that did not just think of the idea of expressing gratitude and birthday wishes, but provided a platform for fellow members of The Strength of St. Mark's, to do so. To coordinate, manage and put together this piece was, by no means, an easy feat.

Thank you... thank you... thank you.

DMU Honoran



Peter Levick Anderson has devoted the larger part of his life to education. He was involved in transformation and empowerment long before these became vogue words, and has received appropriate accolades, and support from his students, the community and universities.

After completing his training in 1962 he taught at prestigious schools in Pretoria (Pretoria Boys High School and the Diocesan Preparatory School, Cape Town, as headmaster) and abroad (Fettes College, Edinburgh).

Acutely aware of the need to extend schooling to the historically disadvantaged people of his country, he and his family responded to a request for a school by the community of Jane Furse. This village had started as an Anglican Mission Hospital in the 1920s.

In 1985 he opened St. Mark's College at Jane Furse in Sekhukhuneland, an arid area in the North of South Africa. The initial enrolment was 60 boys and girls, aged 11. The college originally consisted of two derelict buildings, without water and electricity.

His integrity and unremitting dedication to the highest ideal to the highest ideal of his calling ensured the support of the community and alas, the animosity of the government.

At a time when militant young people were protesting against the education system and were closing schools, St. Mark's College was a beacon of hope. It came to symbolise the type of education the youth sought.

The two derelict buildings have been transformed into an attractive campus. This had been made possible by

donations from local people and major funders. It now accommodates 400 students, most of whom board at the college. There are 80 children in the children in the preschool, and 120 in the primary section.

In an area where the average pass rate for school leavers is around 30%, St Mark's students consistently average a pass rate of above 90%.

This year the College was rated among the top 100 schools in South Africa. It is recognised as an institution, which has made an enormous difference to the community it, serves.

Peter Anderson is most worthy of the high regard in which he is held by his community and his profession. It is fitting that his reputation has extended into the academic circles, which now gather to bestow upon him the degree of Honorary Doctor of Education.

Source: De Montfort University // Year: 1997

Mr Anderson was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom in 1997. Furthermore, he was recognised with an Honorary Masters from University of Cape Town.

The Andersons & St. Mark's College in numbers

1985

St. Mark's College opened

12⁺

Years the Andersons spent at St. Mark's

08

Matric generations the Andersons saw through

'90

St. Mark's 1st matric year

3500⁺

Learners that went through during the Andersons' tenure

90⁺

St. Mark's average % matric pass rate from 1990 - 1998

60

The initial enrolment of boys & girls at St. Mark's in 1985

'91

Nelson Mandela visited St. Mark's and stayed with the Andersons

400⁺

St. Mark's average annual intake from 1990 - 1997

'97

Mrs Anderson retired from St. Mark's

1997

Mr Anderson bestowed an Honorary Doctorate

'98

Mr Anderson retired from St. Mark's



Mrs Anderson,
happy 78 years of incredible
love and support...

You were right at the forefront of the background... of course, there could only be one head for St Mark's College. But if it was to be a choice between you and Mr Anderson, it could have really boiled down to a flip of a coin. With either one of you at the helm and another being in the background, St Mark's would have probably turned out the same way. In case you may have thought nobody was noticing or watching all these years... just know that we know you have been the magic behind the magic.

Happy 78th Birthday.



80 and still going...

A walking-talking treasure of experiences and narrations. You could not let anyone pass you by, without a chat ... a personalised chat. Congratulations on your 8 decades of life, love and passion that you have continued to share with us, throughout time. You continuously pushed for our excellence, academically and personally. For all these years that you have kept on keeping on, this heartfelt wish is just for you on this special moment: may God bless you with love, great health and a peace of mind. Enjoy this age, you deserve it that much.

Happy 80th Birthday.

Leading back to the **future you've earned**

I will leave storytelling to great storytellers. May I just say something about you though, the timeless and legendary Anderson couple? May I? ... Thank you!

Although decades have passed since those high school days, you have not faded a bit from our memories. From the dining hall to the library, the bell tower to the dorm, your house to the sports grounds, Sekhukhune Drive to your office... one could never quite slouch or snooze in your presence. Neither could they yawn or just stare into space. The enthusiastic level of energy you put into helping us grasp certain concepts and craft valuable skills, was captivating. To have forgotten anything today, would simply be a choice.

In addition to you being our teachers, counsellors, parents, narrators and artists... you still exhibited an unusual genius for community involvement. The locals in Jane Furse and beyond, benefitted from an immeasurable degree of your big-hearted commitment, loyalty and inspiration.

Ah, when you warned us all, of those weekend nightly activities, you always inferred that you had no business in our business as long as we did our business in the light. Did you mean under lamps or in the know? Either way, it is now clear that what you strived for, was to make each one's little world, an honest place... a wiser place.

Yours was never
about just teaching
knowledge...

...You truly created a space that would make us comprehend the beauty, the wonder of everything we saw and yearn to be better people with each discovery. Personally, you introduced me to Advertising as a career when you advised me to pursue commercial art. 20 years on, guess what...

Mr & Mrs Anderson, today we honour and thank you for all your teachings. You have impacted us in a very special way that one can never, ever, accurately and coherently explain with mere words, 300 nogal ...

Here's to your 158 years of amazing memories and unforgettable stories!

Victor Magagane

Thank you ... for the music, for the laughter, for the arts, for the creativity...

"For our life together, we celebrate. Life that lasts forever, we celebrate. For the joy and for the sorrow, yesterday, today, tomorrow, we celebrate..."

I cannot think of or sing this song and not have sweet memories of the two of you. I remember how I would selfishly say it was written in the stars that Mr Anderson was born on 1st July, Mrs Anderson on the 2nd and of course, me on the 3rd!

When I set foot for the first time at St. Mark's College to write my aptitude tests, I knew already that it was a place I wanted to be in. Making the cut and being accepted at the school changed my life completely. I learnt so much about myself, I made friends and formed bonds that to this day are still stronger than ever. I was part of a family that accepted me for who I was and helped me to be the person I am today. It may sound like I'm talking about myself but it was all you. You took me and the rest of the school in- a bunch of excited and curious kids from all walks of life. You shaped and directed us, instilling principles like love, honesty, unity, humility, kindness, compassion, responsibility,

accountability and many more. We learnt the power of friendships and building relationships.

I have sat and observed how passionate you were about us, how driven you were to see us succeed and how hurt you got when we disappointed you. And yet, you still pushed every single year to see St. Mark's becoming one of the best schools in the country- best marks, great achievers who would lead with excellence in their in various fields. It is all because of you.

Thank you for teaching us life, for equipping and teaching us how to live. Thank you for your selflessness and basically making us your dream project. Thank you for allowing us to be silly, to make mistakes, to learn and to be ourselves. I am who I am because of that. Thank you for the songs, for the music, for the laughter, for the arts, for the creativity, for the sports, for the walks to the koppies, for the breaking of bread- even when it was with dry peanut butter- for everything!

Mr Peter Anderson, thank you for your booming, confident voice that could be heard over everyone's singing even though you were tone deaf. We used to laugh at you but you sang anyway! That taught me not to conform but to

be myself and the world would adjust.

Mrs Elisabeth Anderson, thank you for your love for books and reading. I didn't understand then why you wanted us to read all the time! Whether it was set work or for leisure. I always think that you somehow knew I'd one day become an author and one of the best storytellers in the country. You knew it, right? Is that why you pushed so hard to get us reading?

Thank you for sharing your children with us, who in turn shared you with us. Your existence, your presence in our lives has been one of the best gifts God gave us. And today, I'd like to thank you and celebrate you. 80 years and still going strong. What a life! I thank God for you and for who you've been in my life. My children get to benefit and eat fruit from the seed you planted in my life. May God continue to bless you and order your steps. I thank you and I love you.

"...By His grace we are able to celebrate. Ah, there's a celebration, celebrate the whole of it!"

Happy birthday Peter!

Happy birthday Elisabeth!

Rami Chuene



Without a doubt, **an embodiment of servant leadership**

To the world's most amazing parents:

July 2020 affords the many lives you have touched and impacted a rare opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate you. I am where I am and who I am today because of your generosity and selflessness.

No amount of words can ever be sufficient to express my gratitude for the role you have played in moulding and transforming the boys and girls who were under your guardianship. You are a rare gift to humanity and a special blessing to South Africa.

You taught us about non-racialism before it became topical. You afforded us an opportunity to choose two subjects before it became a policy in the country. You taught us that leadership and ethics are intertwined. You instilled in us a sense of responsibility. How can I forget the fact that you made me to control a budget of over R10 000 in 1996 for sports committee.

You are without a doubt an embodiment of servant leadership, an epitome of educationists, and of course pioneers of empowerment.

If many of us were to be a quarter of Mr and Mrs Anderson,
South Africa would be a better country.

I thank God for the privilege and honour of having you as my parents.

Happy 80th Birthday Dear Father!

Happy 78th Birthday Dear Mother!

Khutšo Ramontja, Class of 96

Time has indeed flown and we congratulate you...

It is now the beginning of July 2020 and Peter and Elisabeth Anderson have just reached 80 and 78.

This is a glorious achievement in a most remarkable and unconventional life.

I first met Peter in 1970 when he arrived in Cape Town to take over the reins of Bishops Prep from Pieter van der Bijl. I was only just 12 years old and he was very concerned that Bishops boys were unable to name and draw more than three indigenous birds. That was before Pippin was born. He continued to lead Bishops Prep in a way that drew the admiration of teachers and parents alike. My Father's sister was head of Kildare nursery school in Newlands and many of her charges ended up at Bishops. She often spoke about how excellently Peter was leading Bishop's Prep.

Peter's foundations in the Christian faith were strengthened at Wits University where he was active in various Christian societies along with Steve Hayes and John Greg both of whom accepted the call to ordination

in the Anglican Church. John Greg later became a Chaplain at Bishops. I mention this Christian foundation as Peter's commitment to serve other people has deep roots in his faith. He has always taken the Eucharist very seriously and he would make sure that he was dressed in a suit on Sundays to receive Christ at the morning service.

When he and Elisabeth arrived in Jane Furse in April 1985, there was very little infrastructure present but they took the challenge to mould their staff and to get buildings built that would give the local children an education that would not disappoint.

Peter junior had just finished his matric at Bishops and would go on to win a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford. His sisters were the ones who really had to carry the cross of their parents' altruism in leaving Cape Town and coming to Ga-Sekhukhune. They had to forgo a close family life to go and study as boarders at DSG in Pretoria. Pippin eventually said no and she said that she would come and study under her parents' direction at St Mark's. This

was a wonderful sign that St Mark's, under the Anglican Church, and under Peter and Elisabeth's leadership, was aspiring to give all learners a truly world class education at a time when Apartheid was denying many people this.

Peter and Elisabeth
always looked on the
bright side of things
and tried to bring out
the best in people...

Using a system of committees at the school they established a culture of trust and responsibility that enabled learners to develop that self confidence which is so necessary to make a success out of life.

Time has indeed flown and we congratulate you, Peter and Elisabeth for all that you have done to allow people to make their contribution to the coming of God's Kingdom here on earth.

May your 78th and 80th birthdays be a truly happy occasion and may there be many more birthday celebrations to come.

Mr Phillip Pare

You were well-rounded teachers
whose lessons went beyond the
sound of the bell.

Mrs Anderson, to this day, I'm not
threatened by any big or small English
word whatsoever. You armed me
with a key lesson: I don't have to
look up the dictionary to understand
a meaning of each word that I
don't know. You taught me to just
read through the passage to get its
meaning from the context. That has
enhanced my reading skills and the
love for books.

Mr Anderson on the other hand, you
have insisted that one needs to build
things that will stand the test of time.
And on this,
you lead from the front as attested
through St Mark's College.

I'm right on your footsteps, busy
building an industrial copper business
empire that will outlive me... the one
that will really stand the test of time.

I wish both of you, Happy Birthdays
full of great health.

Mohlomi Matlala

Your love for all of us, **taught us how to love others**

Happy Birthday to the selfless,
impactful and exemplary at leading
a purpose-led-life couple. This
birthday, I would like to thank
you for shaping our characters.
You strengthened and grew our
Christian faith. You taught us how
to be healthy, competitive sport
participants. Your love for all of us,
taught us how to love others. You
laid the foundation for us, on how to
serve others.

On a personal level, thanks for
believing in me, being my first
mentors in leadership. Wishing you
many more to come. Keep well, stay
blessed and stay safe.

Molefi Moloantoa



In awe of how much you achieved in a relatively short space of time...

Dear Mr PL & Ms E Anderson,

As I grew older, I understood better the sacrifice you made and a pleasurable sight that must have been to God. I wish to also please God like you did. Your detour to Saint Mark's College has made you very rich in blessings. I am in awe of how much you achieved in a relatively short space of time – 15 if not 14 years. As you complete eight decades of God's preservation, I hope you find the decade and a half at St Mark's a very fulfilling one.

I, and I am certain many others amongst the Strengths of St Mark's, are eternally grateful for the role you played in our lives. Our parents are too. I am grateful that through you I met another legend of my life - Bruno Kateule! I'll request that you write to me with a story of how he got to join St Mark's. How did you know his legendary ways?

I was hunted within the then Lebowa over a two-year period and declared one of the top three most gifted in our primary

school year. I am equally eternally grateful to the team Dr Mohale Mahanyele led in this mission. This team handed their most promising minds to you. Your inspirational leadership and your team of educators is second to none if one judges by the quality produced. The power of the learning model you implemented encourages me to keep trying to unlock potential in others.

Parents always expect more from their children – I suspect at times you may expect more. Be proud! I chuckle with fond memories of how Mr Anderson expected me to hit it out the park with leading people, managing team dynamics as well as not to consider material things reflective of a quality life. I was pulling your leg at times. I recall one of our chats in your office where you reprimanded me for keeping about R12 000 (in 1997 money-terms) in a trunk underneath my bed in the dormitory. There was no anger or disappointment from you, but a clear, loving concern for what could have happened. I hope you remember my cheeky response

that there was no teacher that wanted to keep the money, so I had to. I remember my imitation for your love for pens - the fountain pen.

God's request to mankind is a simple one – to love fully. This is best reflected when such abundance of love is given outside family and friends, for no promise of reward, for no fear of punishment and at sacrifice of comfort. Your time in Jane Furse remains a shining example to a me of how to live the life Christ taught about. It is an emphasis of how God depends on us to fulfil his promise to His people.

I wish you abundant blessings on your birthday and more than anything, I thank you for teaching me. I wish that the occasion of your 80th birthday brings about renewed strength to the Strength of St Mark's. I still think we can own and run that school to preserve a rich legacy and heritage. My heartfelt appreciation to the team that compiled these messages. Well done!

Ranti Mothapo (Class of 1998)

Your impact in all of our lives **will forever be imprinted**

Dear Mr & Mrs Anderson, we would like to wish you both, wonderful birthdays as you turn an incredible 80 and 78 years in your life journeys. May God continue to bless you both as you have blessed us. Your impact in all of our lives will forever be imprinted in our hearts. As Mr Peter Anderson often said "in life you must complete your race like how you sign your signature".

Love

Mr. Thibedi & Mrs Khutso Mogoba
(Both Alumni of St. Mark's)

To Our Former Principal and His Dear Wife

I would like to take this wonderful opportunity to wish you happy happy birthdays. May our good Lord richly bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and your family we thank Him for keeping you thus far ... May he continue to shower you with many more blessings and grow your territory.

Thank you for your selflessness and leadership you gave us while we were under your leadership - it has shaped us to who we are today ... Stay safe and blessed and do enjoy your days.

Best wishes

Margaret Thebyane.




You lead from the heart

To Mr and Mrs Anderson


May the Lord's blessings be bestowed upon you on these special days and your star continue to shine. You made a lasting impact on my life with your guidance and mentorship that equipped me with much needed life skills to navigate the uncertain world that we live in. Happy birthday!

Tumi Bapela



Your leadership and guidance had a huge impact in the man that I have become. You lead from the heart and made me believe that I can achieve anything that I set my mind to. Here's to many more years of being a great leader!

Khutšo Masha



A birthday wish in a special way to special people. The two of you have been our parents and have managed to guide us from a little grade. We are all where we are because have been great leaders.

Happy 80th birthday and my the good God Bless always.

Molebogeng Molepo





“The boys learn a lot here.
Because at home, the girls
do all the donkeywork
and the boys, in fact, sit
back and have fine times...”

*Peter Anderson, on the commitment of the school
to teaching responsibility and self-reliance*

Thank you for taking **a chance on us...**

To sum up your legacy and its impact on my life as well as every student that has walked through the doors of our school would be too great a task.

Your lessons went beyond the classroom and curriculum. I fondly remember the robust debates on real issues that affected broader society and helped form the foundation in building us to be meaningful members of society.

You went beyond the role of educators... you became parents. You touched the heart and mind... beyond the intellect.

I am filled with gratitude as I remember the conversations that shaped the man I am today. The lessons on patience and resilience that carry me even to this day.

Thank you for taking a chance on us. You could have taught anywhere, but you chose our community. Thank you for opening our minds and showing us a world further than our eyes

could see at the time. We are able to walk tall among giants thanks to the environment you created that enabled it.

Thanks to your vision, diligence and heart for this nation the world is benefiting from game changers in all spheres of human excellence- we are doctors, lawyers, marketers, engineers, entertainers and so much more thanks to your belief in the validity of our dreams.

You carried out your work with compassion and love all the way through, my sincere hope is that our words of appreciation fill you with as much love and joy as it does us.

May you always know that you made the world a far better place and your influence lives on in boardrooms, churches, courts, stages and living rooms across the world.

God abundantly bless you both

Mmatshipi Matebane, Class of 96

From strength to strength driven by your vision and **inspirational leadership**

Dear beloved Mr. and Mrs. Anderson,

It is surreal when I think of the pioneering, discipleship like journey you embarked on in 1984 to a semi-arid deep rural Sekhukhuneland with a sole purpose of starting a Christian school that will provide excellent education to innocent children who largely had no alternative but Bantu education. The dream of our parents for a return of an Anglican school taken over by the Apartheid government in 1953 was made a reality by the generosity of the Anglican Church.

Your first step on the dusty soil of Sekhukhuneland was the beginning of a long and quiet revolutionary journey that has transformed and transcended Jane Furse's dream. Scarlet fever cut short her life before she could become a doctor to fulfil her dream of serving the people of Sekhukhuneland. Tent by tent, brick by brick you built a school that produced many doctors that continue to serve the people of Sekhukhuneland with distinction.

In 1985, the founding pupils of St Mark's Comprehensive College commenced their academic careers in difficult circumstances. The school continued to grow from strength to strength driven largely by your vision and inspirational leadership. In midst of Apartheid, the school was utopia of equal opportunity.

The diverse extra curricula made the school an oasis of globally competitive, well-rounded education. The principles and values with which you led the school has invariably become our personal values and principles.

My personal experience of your legacy is that I received my excellent education at a Christian school based in a semi-arid deep rural Sekhukhuneland but my children are receiving their private education at St Mary's School in the green and leafy suburb of Johannesburg. This is the consequences of your first step on the dusty soil of Sekhukhuneland. Jane must be smiling. God bless.

Maunatlala Mahlare, Class of 95

May you be blessed in **abundance on your special days**

Where do I even begin? We're who we are today, because of you. Thank you for the love you have shown us, for the knowledge you've instilled in us.

Wishing you both super awesome 80th and 78th birthdays and may you be blessed in abundance on your special days, respectively, and may Our good Lord Almighty grant you all that which your hearts desire.

Much love,
Lotanang Makgabo

Wishing you a birthday filled with blessings beyond measure. Thank you for being great parents in our troublesome years. I'm grateful for all the life lessons you imparted beyond the classroom. Your kind deeds, great conversations and life lessons are treasured forever. I was privileged to have a great relationship with you during those years; I hope to see you soon. Stay blessed and may you celebrate many, many more years of happiness.

Ngwana wa lena, Mava Mothiba.

Happy birthday to you, our leaders. You might be growing older but your teachings and guidance are new every day. We have grown to be responsible adults because of the seed that you planted in us. I salute you. Happy birthday.

Felix Mashifane, Class of 1990



But it must have been love, right? IT IS LOVE... **you loved us, we felt it, we lived it...**

My evocative memory of St. Mark's, back in '92 as I walked into St Agnes East wing, is Bellah, leading Mr Anderson...

I remember thinking to myself, "at least I will be safe, there's a dog." Little did I know that I would be safe because the White House had crafted a safe environment for the short people on campus.

I have two specific incidences where I experienced your real presence and made me feel like in the whole entire 400+ of us, I mattered.

1. I walked into the library foyer and as a norm, there was staff tea and Mr Anderson said to me, "You are Tebogo Mahlo" or was it an ask? I nodded. From that moment on, I knew that my light shines, even amongst the many of us... and there is always someone who knows you and you best put your best foot forward. Always!

2. I wore a blouse to school instead of a white shirt and Mr Anderson said to me after chapel, "nice blouse". I knew that reprimand also dresses up in a blouse.

My most treasured memory and lesson in parenting was when one of the girls went missing (I'm not snitching) and Mr Anderson drove with the four of us in his white Toyota conquest, at night, looking for the missing girl. From Jane Furse to Glen Cowie and back... cops and all. While it was action-packed for us, the little people of Queens, it was a matter of life and death for Peter. He told one of the dangerous guys in the village that he's not going anywhere without his little girl! We came back with the girl back to dorm. She was safe again, we could sleep.

Mr Anderson, you fought for us, even though our biological fathers were not there, you remained a father figure, you did not take lightly the responsibility that came with the task at hand... but it must have been love, right? IT IS LOVE... you loved us, we felt it, we lived it even through detention.

As we celebrate you, I would like you to stay knowing that... I AM because you were or are in my life. I learnt to pray, I recite the prayer book with deeper meaning and with a purpose because I said the Apostles creed daily.

I have a sense of community, I know how to extend a hand to someone who needs help and not do it for the cameras but because I know that to be a great leader, you need to be an even greater servant.

Mrs Anderson, thank you for allowing Mr Anderson to be a father figure to us all. In my big age, I now know that he was to us, because you are the solid entourage behind him! Oh! By the way, I chose to do History, hoping to be taught by you in my matric year... I never got to but one thing I know is I loooove History and read better.

If I were to keep writing, I would fill up this book. Oops, before I sign off, I just realised that I still have so much life in me, because I just drank from your cup all over again. I hope you know the effect you have in our lives, that your encouragements and discipline (detention) are all palatable...

Should by some miracle, I hope you don't, ever doubt the impact you've had on our lives, your purpose, no matter how insignificant you may think... read this and know your 80 years on this earth, was not a space filler but rather heavily impactful.

Tebogo Mahlo



I would be
nothing without
**your endless
faith in me**

One can't quite find the right words to describe the good that you've done in my life and the lives of many. I would be nothing without your endless faith in me. As another year is added to you may God continue to bless you - for your kindness, compassion & love. Happy birthday.

Sophie Malope Mahlangu

To have had the foresight back **in the 1980s...**

To Mr & Mrs Anderson

As you celebrate your birthday, may the knowledge that you have had an influence in shaping the life of some of South Africa's most productive people, make you realize how special your birthday is.

Saint Mark's College alumni can now be found among well established professionals/business-leaders and are a legacy of the work you have put-in during your days at Saint Mark's College.

To have had the foresight back in the 1980s to be part of creating what will become an important establishment, in providing quality education in the heart of rural Ga-Sekhukhune, is truly inspiring.

The success of many of Saint Mark's former scholars can be traced back to the solid grounding they received under your tutelage at Saint Mark's College. The school you helped create in Jane Furse became a positive turning point for me and created a springboard for future achievements, because of that I would like to wish you all the blessings on your birthday.

Happy 80th Birthday, may it be the best yet

Theo Komane

...You cannot teach or love **the learner if you don't know them by name...**

I tried to think back about my life at St. Mark's College with Peter and Elizabeth Anderson, only one word comes to mind - 'Home'. That's what Peter and Elizabeth made me feel during my stay. They've created a homely atmosphere for both the staff and learners. I always remember the way staff meetings were held, taking interest in learners individually.

I remember at one time when Peter told us that you cannot teach or love the learner if you don't know them by name. That has stayed with me and has been my weapon all through my years of teaching. One other thing which was a gesture of Love and Care for me personally was the support I got from them, was when my second son, Ditiro, was prematurely born. With all these Sweet Memories,
I'll like to wish you both, a very Happy Birthday.
May God Bless and keep you safe.
May He Grant you your heart's desires.

Happy Birthday

Audrey Rankapole

Dear Andersons

Words that bring a profound description of joy and best wishes on your birthday may never be enough. That emotional touch of hugging and singing is what fills my heart to you during this time of your lives. God has granted you life, and we now ask Him to grant you good health.

I wish you a happy birthday

Tseke Masemola



“I am watching you...
don't cheat yourself”

Elizabeth Anderson

So blessed and grateful to have met **parents like you**

Happy Birthday

I remember very clearly when I came to St. Mark's College in 1985. I was this tiny little girl who could not even express herself in English. Just in the midst of not being able to speak English, I fell ill from stomach-cramps. The Anderson and Manaswe families had to rush me to the old Jane Furse Hospital, using an old car (ha! Ha! Haaa!!!!!!).

When we had a matric dinner in 1991, our parents were invited. Mr Anderson talked about how tiny, fragile and sickly I was when I came to the college. Guess what Mr and Mrs Anderson, I am now a grown married woman and blessed with two kids (Grade 11 and Grade 7).

I am so blessed and grateful to have met parents like you, giving us 100% love and warmth, not only to Pippa, your daughter.

Thank you so much and hope your birthdays are blessed ones.

Linky Makgoka-Mabitsela (1985 Standard 5 student)

Happy Birthday Mr & Mrs Anderson. Today, I am because of all your teachings. No amount of gifts can surpass the gifts of knowledge that you gave me, for that I am forever thankful.

May GOD continue to protect and give you more life

Tebogo Diale

Time has indeed flown and we congratulate you..

It is an honor and privilege for the request made to me, to pen this special message to the Andersons on their special day. Celebrating an anniversary of this nature, under the context of the corona virus, has its own constraints. However, our hearts go out for you on this special day.

I regard myself as a first generation educator at the college and the memories I am sharing are based on my limited years at the college (and perhaps not representative). These are memories of love, appreciation and dedication shown for the boys and girls and staff who were at the college in the 1980s and beyond for the incredible service rendered to them and society.

When the Andersons landed in Sekhukhuneland, in the middle of the 1980s, the college had just started from a humble beginning with some dilapidated buildings which needed some renovation and, of course, a vision to transform the college into what it became in the coming years. You assembled a team of dedicated educators: Philip Pare, Binang

Virginia Modishane, Andrea Badham (Klopper), Peter and Elizabeth, and the support staff, Rosina Mampuru, Rev Father and Norah Tsebe. More joined in the subsequent years. This team was able to impart knowledge to a youth that was thirsty for education.

The interest in the College grew beyond the borders of Sekhukhuneland to include the whole of former Lebowa homeland, Gauteng, Free State etc. The turbulence that had hit the country in the late 1980s, saw the college moving with the times. Peter was invited to address funeral services of comrade that were killed in the course of the struggle. After Nelson Mandela's release from prison and during his visit to Sekhukhuneland in 1991, he stayed at the college with the Andersons. A great political recognition.

Under your leadership, God and Education were platforms through which the college made a name for itself. Having matured to matric level, the college excelled beyond its humble beginnings. Interest in the college

grew beyond measure. Remember the strings of parents lining up to have their kids admitted. On the one hand, the relationship with the Diocese and Mr Don MacRobert in fundraising for infrastructure development, took the college to a different level. The facility became modernized and conducive for what it was meant for.

Your leadership qualities were and continue to be felt even today, despite your absence. You have left a monument for generations to come: an excellent facility, a pre-primary and secondary school. The challenge is to take this legacy forward.

As you celebrate your special day in the context of the youth month, we are happy to say that you contributed immensely, in equipping the youth with the appropriate skills for a changing world. We are proud of you for the legacy you have left behind. May the almighty God give you strength and happiness in your old age.

Le goleng le fete tlou - Grow bigger than the Elephant. Thobela (Thanks).

Professor Rachidi Richard Molapo



Thank you for providing **quality leadership**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth

This is for you, our amazing parents who touched our lives in numerous ways. Thank you for dedicating your lives and ensuring that we get the best education, love and care. Surely parenting so many of us, was challenging but also fulfilling.

As you are reaching this beautiful milestone, I would love to express my sincere gratitude. May it be a moment of reflection on the many beautiful lives that you touched. Yours was a long and meaningful life. I wish you both good health and many happier years...happy birthday!!!

When you look back at your life at St. Mark's College, it should be with a big smile, sense of accomplishment and gratitude for having raised so many boys and girls, who are now responsible men and women, not only that but great leaders in different industries within the country.

These are the results of good academic environment we were exposed to and various leadership roles that we took part in, at St Mark's College. Thank you for providing quality leadership to the community of St Mark's College. We are truly blessed to have been at St Mark's College during your tenure and we cherish the memories.

Many thanks and God bless

Mmatlou Selepe, Class of '97







The roster for doing dishes and **doing our laundry ourselves are classic examples**

My fondest memory of Mr Anderson was back in 1988, my first year at St. Mark's College. The toilet in the ablutions facility at Stone House was blocked. As you'd expect of us teens, we debated amongst ourselves who did it and refused to take responsibility. He just came around, folded his sleeves and did it himself. That left an everlasting impression on me. He taught us responsibility without being imposing and abrasive. The roster for doing dishes and doing our laundry ourselves are classic examples. I will always remember him as a kind selfless gentleman. He could have easily opted for a post at a fancy private school with a big pay cheque but he chose to give off himself. Salute!

Skoko Sebola

As we celebrate your 80th and 78th birthdays, only now the worldwide movement recognizing that BlackLivesMatter is gaining momentum. You invested your lives early on to the development and education of thousands of African children who have now grown into captains of industries and are themselves shaping the broader society and communities they live in. I have always wondered where my very strong sense of independence, accountability and drive, balanced with a deep sense of responsibility to my community and compassion, came from. I now realized, that it is the way you raised us. The entire college community was a family. May God continue to bless you. Happy birthday.

Mabule L Setoaba

Mr and Mrs Anderson, you've learned so much in 80 years – the important thing now is to try remembering it all! You put a perfect foundation in our lives, thank you and Happy Birthday to both of you.

Michael Marishane 87-89

A superb year filled with
**love, laughter,
great memories**

Greetings to you, my parents. May God the almighty bless
you both more abundantly and give you a long life.

Thank you for raising me in the right direction.

God bless.

Lucas Tolamo

Happy 78th and 80th Birthdays to Elizabeth and Peter.
Wishing you both a superb year filled with love, laughter,
great memories and good health

Hope you will celebrate this milestone with your loved ones!

Love and Light - Always

Hazel

Hip hip hooray Mr and Mrs Anderson

You are older than yesterday and younger than tomorrow.
I wish you an awesome day with good health and happiness.

Samson Phoshoko

Your teachings, beyond the classroom, have **influenced and moulded a generation of learners**

Great people who live their lives to nurture, grow and take care of others often downplay or do not fully appreciate their contributions to people's lives. I guess this stands to reason because, by their very nature, they tend not to focus on themselves. The quintessence of selflessness.

To Peter and Elizabeth Anderson. You came into our lives over 30 years ago, sacrificing the life that you had built for your family in Cape Town and your roles at one the country's most prominent and prestigious schools. In return, you took up the calling to help build a new school, with little to no resources in the dowdy plains of rural Limpopo. Your sacrifice has changed the lives of many. Your teachings, beyond the classroom, have influenced and moulded a generation of learners.

If you had not lived to achieve anything else in your lives after St. Mark's College, your legacy, your greatness would remain unscathed. We thank you for your selflessness; for your guidance; for the unforgettable experience of our coming of age; for your love; for the values that you have instilled in us.

We love you with a love supreme.

Thank you.

Happy Birthday

Tso and Snoekie Naka.

A community and school **with such a strong sense of identity and education**

I reflect on my time at St. Mark's College as the best years of my life. These are the days that shaped who I am today. My confidence, sense of self, sense of morality and my work ethic is all due to what I learnt from Mr and Mrs Anderson and Father Tsebe. The vision to create a community and school with such a strong sense of identity and education at the time in our South African history is unsurpassed. I would like to thank them for being a great beacon of light in my life.

Professor Refiloe Masekela

Happy 78th and 80th birthdays to you, the parentals. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for us, the teachings, the love...greatly appreciated. On your birthdays, I pray God bless you with more beautiful years of good life, good health and happiness. I love you.

Ouma Mkhabela

Dear Mr & Mrs Anderson

Wishing you both, wonderful birthdays and a blessed year ahead.
Thank you for everything and much appreciated. #MuchLuv

Motlagae Lekgetha Samuel Makgabo

Thanks for
shaping futures
**of so many
generations**

I would like to wish you happy birthdays and thank you for the contribution and impact you had on my life.

Your positive contribution would be felt by my next generations to come and other Strengths as well. Wishing you many many happy returns.

Dennis Ledimo Marodi

To the best teachers ever, thank you for your devotion, your teachings and love. May God grant you your heart's desires. **Happy birthday.**

Ledile Mphasha, Class of 2001

Dear Mr and Mrs Anderson, wishing you God's richest blessings on your 78th and 80th birthdays. Thanks for shaping futures of so many generations who, today, form The Strength of St. Mark's College. You have really been a blessing to many of us.

Karabo Makofane

Wishing you a happy birthday Mr Anderson...
May you have many more years.

Azania Mahlako Lebotsa

Thank you **for anchoring me**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth Anderson

A happiest 80th birthday to you. How do I even start to congratulate the most awesome couple that shaped the woman I am? You have lived a rich life and have built a long term legacy through the lives of all of us and what we have in turn contributed to South Africa.

MR Anderson - thank you for the career guidance and for telling me that with my mix of Mathematics and passion for connecting with people I should become a chartered accountant. Well, I followed the advice and am currently running a corporate finance and investment company I founded in 2013 Moshe Capital - which has offices in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Thank you for anchoring me and thank you for the most beautiful letter to comfort my parents when my sister passed away. My mom still talks about those words and holds on to them.

We love you and are wishing you many; many more years of health; love and happiness

Mametja Moshe





GLORY OF GOD
COMMEMORATES THE FOUNDATION
OF
COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE
TO
TO THE COMING OF HIS KINGDOM.
STONE WAS LAID
ON
7TH MAY 1988
BY
REVEREND JOHN RUSHTON.
WILSON PETRETTA WOODS

We still wonder: **what would Peter and Elizabeth do?**

Blessed birthday wishes to the perfect role models a black child could have ever asked for, at a young age. You have touched my life and your lessons are still a part of my daily living. May God continue to hold you close to His bosom and guard you jealously.

Lots of love,

Maud Kgomo neè Montjane

Dear Peter and Elizabeth,

We celebrate with you your reaching your 78th and 80th birthdays. None of us knows the impact that we have on others; please know that you are loved and appreciated by many. We have no greater role models than you: to this day when faced by challenging circumstances we still wonder: what would Peter and Elizabeth do?

With much love,

Laurence and Debbie

I wish Mr and Mrs Anderson happy 80th and 78th birthday celebrations, respectively.

You have lived an inspiring and very courageous life, we shall forever be indebted to you for the wisdom you imparted to us. Enjoy your special moment, stay blessed and may the Almighty God continue to bless you with vast wealth of knowledge and love!

Malope Motswaledi

These “boys and girls” are **movers and shakers**

We thank God for the breathe of life! We are truly grateful for His grace that was graciously lavished on both of you over the 80 years that you have traversed this earth.

Eighty years is indeed a significant milestone. It is even more so, when it is being celebrated by a smart couple such as yourselves, Peter and Elizabeth. You are indeed a smart couple Mr and Mrs Anderson, and your smartness was aptly epitomized by not only what you did for the community of Sekhukhuneland with St. Mark's College, but also by inspiring, over the years, the millions of “boys and girls” that have quenched their educational thirst at this fountain of learning called St. Mark's College, particularly during your tenure at the school. Today, these “boys and girls” are movers and shakers of the economies of South Africa and the world!

Indeed who can dispute the fact that the names “Andersons” and “St. Mark's College” are intricably linked and synonymous. I myself can attest to the fact that your selflessness and leadership qualities have left an indelible mark on my mind and I believe, on the minds of so many others who have come into contact with both of you, individually and collectively as a couple. Isn't that being smart?

Therefore, as you celebrate your 80th birthday, I am sure you can reflect back with pride to (I hope you will both agree with me) especially your years that you spent at St. Mark's College and proclaim: “We have done the deed!”

In conclusion therefore, I wish you both everything of the best with your celebration. I am also acutely aware that you are reaching this 80th year milestone during this difficult period of the coronavirus pandemic in our country and globally, but I speak peace to your bodies and declare that God will protect you as you receive many more years to your lives!

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY!

Motopi Rampedi - Former Teacher at St. Mark's College, 1994 - 2004

You both loved us as your children and brought **the world to Jane Furse**

I left my hometown of Soweto kicking and screaming, thinking that I was being banished to a small village of Jane Furse in Limpopo. Little did I know how I would make some of my most meaningful relationships and how this place would contribute in shaping me to the person I am today. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson you played a big role in this as St. Mark's was under your leadership.

Mrs. Anderson - For the first time in my life, I took out a library book (at the age of 12!). You ran the library and cared that we regularly took books out and read. You nurtured and fostered that culture of reading, something that has continued to be a part of my life and gives me a lot of pleasure and has broadened my mind. As I am writing this, I also credit your typing classes. I can still hear you say, "I'm watching you, don't cheat yourselves (when we wanted to look at our fingers on the typewriter)!"

Mr. Anderson- You made us pickup litter before going to classes if the school grounds were littered, always encouraged us to be physically active and have that balance even during exams.

You both loved us as your children, and brought the world to Jane Furse with all the different activities and the eclectic lot of teachers you had, who each brought something different that I have taken with me. You encouraged us to be the best we can be, and most of all, you believed in us.

Thank you so much. Happy 80th birthday and all of the best to you and the rest of your family. To many more years!

Dr Mahlodi Tau





To 80 years of **inspiration and mentorship**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth,

Ultimate Couples in mind...Leah and Desmond Tutu, John and Norah Tsebe, Peter and Elizabeth Anderson. Congratulations! My 1st encounter with Peter was to sign off 100 lines punishment and if I did not wet my pants that day I knew I was destined to survive anything. I grew to love, admire and respect Peter to this day. What a legend! Elizabeth on the other hand, your motivation to inspire us to read books has not stopped. I still cherish the prize I won for the most books read in a term. Thank you.
To 80 years of inspiration and mentorship. Happy birthday.

Lephatse (aka Johnny) Motshana

To Peter And Elizabeth Anderson,

Wishing you a Happy 80th born day and may the Lord Bless You.
Thanks for all the years you walked with me .
The Class of 1990.

Zenzele Seleka

Happiest birthday to matured love icons, partners in progress, our other set of parents... your birthdays give us an opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to you for our firm foundations in most spheres of our lives. May you see many more years of happiness and good health.

Phuki Sebake

Happy birthday to both of you. I'm delighted to have experienced your love as you took over the role of parents for the duration of my studies at St. Mark's. Together with the staff members at the school, you took care of me, my siblings and many other children who grew up and flourished in your care. Many blessings on your Birthday(s); may the Lord sustain and take care of you all the days of your lives. You are, and you will ALWAYS be in my heart.

Love you TOO MUCH!

Yvonne Mahlape Maserumule



Still in awe as to how you made sure that you **knew each and everyone of us by name**

Dear Mr and Mrs Anderson

The Oxford dictionary defines a hero as a person who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievement, or noble qualities. Despite having completed my matric at the school almost 30 years ago, you both always come to mind whenever I reflect on people who have been inspirational in my life. Your selfless nature and leadership qualities continue to radiate long after you had left the school. I am still in awe as to how you made sure that you knew each and everyone of us by name, this always made me feel that I mattered.

May you both be blessed with never-ending joy, love and good memories. Indeed, not all heroes wear capes. May you continue to impact on the lives around you.

Lots of love,

Mahlatse Lesese (née Makgabo)
Class Of 1992

To my parents, mentors and the wind beneath my wings. I know I have not contacted you or kept up to date with you for sometime now. But not a single day goes by without me wondering where I will be in life without your supernatural intervention. I'm middle aged, educated and a family woman. I have a good life (not perfect). Thanks to you. Happy birthday and all the best. Love you forever. God bless

Molebogeng Ditsele

Don't count the candles, just enjoy the glow!!!

Happy Birthday Mr. & Mrs Anderson.

Mrs M (aka Lerato Kgasago)

Thanks for being our mentors, parents and teachers at our most troubled years of our lives. We are what we are because of your steadfast guidance and for that will eternally be grateful. Wishing you the best of both worlds in all your endeavours and praying that you be blessed abundantly for your selflessness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, THE ANDERSONS.

Phashamakgwale Charles Maditsi.

...and for
that will
**eternally
be grateful.**



Your leadership created a **world almost impossible anywhere else**

Dear Mr and Mrs Anderson,

I am writing to wish you well on the great age milestone you have reached. I also write not sure how to articulate what your contributions to my life at a critical early age should be put and summarized. Very few people have an opportunity to be inspired and challenged at a young age like I did. You both created an environment which taught me that nothing is impossible. You fostered amongst us an ability to think for ourselves and make choices that have surely led us to where we are.

The sight of both of you or singularly walking through the school while I studied on the weekends in a lone class room, always gave me comfort. Sometimes, you would come in and chat briefly. It left in me a motivation

that what I was doing was good. As principal, Mr Anderson you had an amazing way of addressing (culturally taboo) topics with ease and care and yet make lasting sense to this day.

I will never forget the following memory:

When an attacker in the night stabbed me with an object on my head while sleeping after arriving a day early from home. How you jumped into the role of parents has left a lasting impact. Mr Anderson taking me to the police station etc. and managing the unexplained fainting spells in the weeks that followed. I always felt safe that you would know what to say so i can just be. Indeed, you knew what to do. The Lord had given you enough wisdom to do so as I recovered just fine.

I am so blessed to have been to such a special school. I received amazing world class education and exposed to so many cultures and international teachers who all under your leadership created a world almost impossible anywhere else in those times before 1992.

Today I feel just fine in any country I visit because of the special world you helped to create. I matriculated in 1992 and went on study Agricultural Science at former University of Natal, now UKZN where I am now Associate Professor. My two children love the stories from St. Mark's that I tell them as I try to impart the lessons I use to parent.

May the Lord Bless you richly as you celebrate this age milestone,

Joyce Thamaga-Chitja

Much happiness and **many wonderful memories.**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth

The Ntwampe family wishes you the happiest 80th birthday celebrations. May the good Lord bless you and give you strength.

Karabo-on behalf of the rest of the family

Happy births to Mr and Mrs Anderson, wishing you a happy 80th and 78th birthday respectively! You have a new year of life ahead of you that will hopefully bring you much happiness and many wonderful memories. "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."

— Rosalynn Carter

Happy birthday and thank you for sharing part of your life with us.

Thabo Nkadimeng

Dear Mr & Mrs Anderson

Thank you for being, not only teachers but parents at the appropriate time in our lives. You inspired order, discipline and leadership to me personally.

May God honour your legacy for the efforts made in us as St. Mark's students and strength.

Tshepho Langa, TLH Group CEO

Happy birthdays, **Mahlako and Phaahla**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth,

St Mark's College became home away from home, family away from family for most of us if not all. You became more than the Headmaster and mistress and we looked up to you as the father and mother away from our fathers and mothers; and you never disappointed.

I remember the special assembly you called about the expulsion of Reuben Masoga. You mentioned that, that was the most difficult decision you had to make. We could not contemplate until later years, when we learned about his fate. You knew that, that was the crossing of the Rubicon for Reuben. You personally drove him to his family under a very difficult political climate in the country at that time. You surely cared for him and the rest of us like one of yours.

If I have to choose another family and home away from home and family, there is no contest. If I have to choose another father and mother away from mother and father, there is no contest. If I have to choose another Headmaster and Mistress, there is no contest. I really feel privileged for being part of St Mark's, I really feel privileged for being part of the ugly boys and girls.

And thank you, for coming into our lives
Happy 80th birthday Mr and 78th, Mrs Anderson

Happy birthdays Mahlako and Phaahla as my people of Kgoši
Sekhukhune call you

May God continue to bless you

Love Tshepo Thobejane Enoch

What beautiful moments those were

My tenure at St Mark's Comprehensive College was a very fulfilling one. I have a very fond fresh memory of my first few weeks on the grounds of our School. If my memory is not failing me, the year was 1995. My parents had found me a new educational home and it happened to be a school buried in the heartland of Sekhukhuneland. I may not necessarily be a scholar of history as such but yes, Jane Furse was to be my home. The journey like any other was filled with anxiety, fear and I don't know what else but hey, it had a touch of excitement in it. I didn't know much about this part of the world, but I knew I had to make my mark and occupy my space. I had to claim my space. I had my first every conversation with the Headmaster, Mr Peter Anderson.

See, my other name is Peter, so I figured it shouldn't be too difficult to convince someone I shared a name with. I left my room at Brick House to visit Mr Anderson in his office. For those who no longer a digital geographic map of St Mark's College, there's a learner's

residential block which is named Brick House. How the place got the name is a story for another day. My journey to Mr Anderson's office included me requesting to use the school phone to call an aunt of mine in Johannesburg; Gauteng Maboneng ntwanas, heheheh!!!

He obviously let me have my way, I don't remember who else or where else did I call. For some stupid reason, I wanted to tell my Aunt that "ek is binnekant". But I think I wasn't thinking straight. I had a good command of the English language, after I had concluded my business Mr Anderson asked, "Where did you learn English?" to which I replied extensively. It was at this very moment that a sterling relationship with this man who would be my Educational Father for years to come.

I've got fond memories of driving Mr Anderson to one of his many assignments in the City of Polokwane in recent years in my Dakar Yellow BMW 318is, oh what a joy.

Oh my Darling Elizabeth Anderson. Thank you so much for sacrificing your Muntuza (Sweetheart/Lover/Husband/Man and Father of your Children) so we could multiply. It is because of your overall support that we stand amongst men and women of our Country South Africa. Being at St Mark's has opened me up to so many things, relationships of all kinds. Some with kisses and some with tears but I cherish all of them. I once proposed a concert like we use to have in our times. It was all so beautiful, you would literally feel the love in the air. Oh what beautiful moments those were! A few broken hearts as we tried to worm our way into this "Adulting" things of lovers. We all grew through it but those relationships are now more solid and they worth more than gold.

You guys are LEGENDS and you've created LEGENDS. You've built FAMILIES. Dedication: MaXriah Carey – I wanna know what love is. You guys and the collective including teachers, cleaners, nurses, security and everyone were Leading us To The Future.

Mr Meodi Mothapo

Founder: #ImAVillager – a Corporate Social Investment (CSI) vehicle for other Villagers in the Global Community.
Media Liaison Officer & Spokesperson | Limpopo Legislature Communications and Branding Specialist | Meodi Media Humanitarian | #ImAVillager



Your
astounding
legacy
lives on in
Sekhukhune,
**and it will
continue to
live on**

Mr Peter & Mrs Elisabeth Anderson,

You have truly left a beautiful mark on our hearts and in our lives, one that will never be erased, one sealed with love, one that will live to tell a story to the many generations to come.

Honestly, Words may not be enough to express my gratitude to have met you and become a part of the wonderful work that you have done for the community of Sekhukhune and the country at large, through your dedication and hard work to building and shaping up St Mark's College. The many icons and influential people today, who were once a part of the community of St Mark's College as learners, are a resounding affirmation of your remarkable efforts; And for that, WE SAY THANK YOU.

The life filled with purpose and love that you lived out, still to this day remains an inspiration to the many of us. You brought so much hope to many young people, particularly the young people of Sekhukhune, through educating and mentoring their young capable minds.

Your astounding legacy lives on in Sekhukhune, and it will continue to live on, because of the wonderful purpose you served. May you forever be celebrated. And may the good Lord continue to richly bless you and your family.

Happy, Happy 80th Birthday to you Hlabirwa and Mahlako

Mrs Rosina Mampuru

I remember my days at St Mark's College like it was yesterday. To this day I can still hear Elizabeth's voice encouraging us to read saying "I am watching you don't cheat yourself". This was a start of my love affair with books and reading. The impact that both of you have had in my life in the 3 years I spent at the school have played a big role in the person I am today. I remember how sad Peter was when I left the school for St Martin's. Your visionary leadership and your genuine love for us was and still is unparalleled. I pray the Lord's blessings upon you as you celebrate 80 years of His grace.

Honey Mamabolo (nee Mailwane) 1988- 1990.
MD, South African Mint Company.

I would like to wish you both a happy 80th birthday. May God bless you abundantly with great health and peace that surpasses any understanding.

Thank you for sharing most of your lives with us at St. Mark's College. Thank you for helping us to realise our true potential. I'm a bold and ambitious woman because you laid that foundation through the principles that you taught us at St. Mark's. Your selflessness is truly amazing and I'm forever grateful for having known both of you.

I love you Mr and Mrs Anderson.

Bella Mphahlele

Your
selflessness
**is truly
amazing**

Prepare for many more to come **while continuing to touch lives**

Happy birthday to our beloved octogenarians.

You have touched our lives in the most remarkable way Mr and Mrs Anderson. I feel privileged to have had my career journey under your leadership. I came to the school being young and fragile with only a teacher's diploma. Under your leadership one broadened repertoire, grew curiosity to know more and developed emotional intelligence.

It was because of my experience under your leadership that I felt I should learn more, and I believe that today I am where I am because of your contributions.


Enjoy this special day and prepare for many more to come while continuing to touch lives around you.

Ivy Thulare

All that I have for the Andersons is gratitude. I'm grateful for them being my parents away from my parents, during my formative years. Teaching me the right values and principles to live by. Values and principles that have made it possible for me to deal with the world and face it head-on. Whatever life has thrown at me I have been able to deal with because you have set a strong base for me. Thank you Mama and Papa Anderson. May God bless you abundantly.

Tebogo Langa





“ ... the school has always
seen itself as invited here
by the community... and
is very very much rooted
in the community... and is
part of the community...”

Elizabeth Anderson,
*on St Mark's College's importance to the local
community and the sharing of the school's facilities*

Your conduct was more **beneficial than any preaching.**

As a child, I was oblivious to the advantages that the Andersons were prepared gift me (and the other members of the then “under class”) with.

As an adult, I am confused as to why someone would forego their privileges and exile themselves to the most remote part of apartheid South Africa. May the universe reward you generously for your efforts.

Tshepo Marokane

Happy and blessed 80th birthday to you both. May you see many more healthy and joyful years ahead.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your teachings and sacrifices which I’ve carried into my own adulthood.

Stay blessed and many happy returns.

Dawn Matlejoane, Class of 1991

For six years from 1986 till 1991 you were our parents. We learnt much from you about selflessness and perseverance. You really lived the gospel because your conduct was more beneficial than any preaching. You never once showed us that you had favourites amongst us.

May the good Lord reward you with health, peace and joy until your last days. May each day of retirement be blissful and a blessed fellowship with your family and our God who died for us. May you retain faith until your eternal rewards.

Happy 80th birthday! Wow.

Patrick Mazwi, Class of 91

Happy Birthdays!

Mentors to many. Thank you

Grant Jardine

You have contributed significantly to the character and careers

Dear Mr Peter and Mrs Elizabeth Anderson

I trust this note finds you both well.

You are celebrating a massive milestone birthday at a very interesting time in history and living in a province most adversely affected by COVID-19 virus! Please be safe and safeguard yourselves, we still want you around for many more years to come, God willing!

I am delighted to be a part of this celebratory moment: Happy 80th birthday!! God has been very good and it is my wish that you continue to enjoy extended healthy life filled with much fulfillment, purpose and plentiful joy and laughter!!

It is remarkable when I recall just how far we come from your remarkable leadership at St. Mark's at the beginning of our secondary education to now being properly middle aged ourselves! Please know that you have contributed significantly to the character and careers we have enjoyed as a result of the quality of education, leadership and exposure we were afforded. I'm especially grateful for the Form 6 at St Stithians which was an eye opening experience for me and really opened a world and possibilities that one would not have realized possible.

You have made an indelible mark and significant contribution to many generations of St. Mark's alumni, their children and many

others that have benefited from being in our ecosystem. Thank you so very much for your character building, your unwavering commitment to quality education and high standards you set for us, and for ensuring we build wholistic lives including sports, arts and culture participation which was fantastic. I can't believe we did Science and Maths Olympiads!! From dusty unknown village in Limpopo, who did we think we were? And yet how strong we shone and what confidence that built in many of us that, we can hold our own in the world!!

Thank you once more. May God's Grace abound in your lives and know that you will forever live in history because of the legacy that you have build in many of us. St. Mark's has punched well above its weight in Leadership roles across South Africa! We proud to be associated with you both and your remarkable legacy!

How do you say Thank you To Giants in your life?

"The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace"

Numbers 6:24-26

All I can say is **"Keep in Keeping On"** as Father Tsebe would say!

Mamongae Mahlare, Class of 1990

You mentored me both **professionally and personally.**

Dear Peter and Elizabeth

Happy, happy 80th birthday! Gosh, I have so many amazing memories of my time at St Mark's in the late 80's. At a time when South Africa was so volatile, the future so uncertain, your leadership at St Mark's was brave and steady.

St Mark's was my very first teaching post and I will never forget the challenges, the collegiality, the incredible buzz of working in an environment that was truly inspirational. I so appreciated your wise counsel, hospitality, commitment to a non-racial, democratic South Africa, generosity of spirit, stimulating conversation, sense of humour. You mentored me both professionally and personally. You allowed me to spread my teaching wings and for that I am grateful.

To be honest, I have been hard-pressed to beat the heady St Mark's days where every day was an adventure! I feel so very privileged to have been part of your team in those early days of the school's development.

Thank you for all that you have done, not only for me but for all the students and teachers that you have influenced, encouraged and shaped over so many decades. An 80th birthday is not to be sneezed at! May you have heaps of fun remembering all the interesting things that you have done in your life to date, as well as looking forward to many new adventures and challenges. You have both truly touched so many people in a positive way.

Happy birthday! Hip hip hooray

(channelling Father John Tsebe!).

Alison McMurtrie

Going out into the world **was never a shock**

Dear Mr & Mrs Anderson

What does one say to another in June 2020 with all that is currently happening around us? I thank you that you showed us a glimpse into social justice.

Even as we fight racism in the workplace, in our society and in the world at large, we are also cognisant of those who fought alongside us in a silent manner.

I have seen what change a combination of privilege and humanity can bring to a rural community. The difference it can make to talented black children at the dawn of our democracy. We thank and salute you both. Your service is indirectly benefiting not only Jane Furse, but all major industries across the country and beyond.

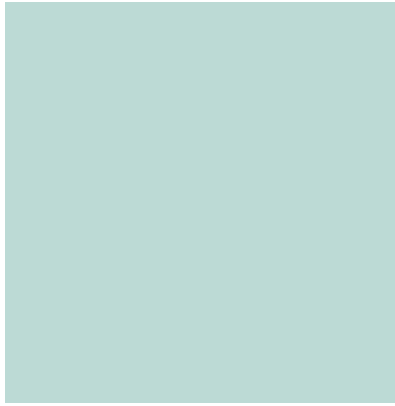
We are because you gave us of your best!
I cannot even begin to explain how going out into the world was never a shock to my system because of the systems you put in place at St Mark's which prepared our minds for the future. Indeed you led for the future.

May the Lord keep you both safe, and we look forward to seeing you post the Covid-19 era.

Happy Birthday!!!

Lotsa love and hugs

Mabalemi





Thank you
for the many
**happy and
enriching
experiences**

To Peter and Elisabeth

Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone! I am sorry that I will not be able to wish you both a very happy 80th birthday, in person, but you will be in my thoughts this week.

I want to thank you for the many happy and enriching experiences which I had at St Mark's between 1987 and July 1989 – two and a half precious, life-changing years!

Teaching at St Mark's was tremendously rewarding. We were encouraged to try new things and develop new skills – a wonderful learning and growing experience. And, in the background, you were always there: taking an interest in what we were doing and encouraging us to do even more.


One of my earliest memories of Peter was from my first term at the school. A group of Grade 7 and 8 boys were clearing the long grass growing up all over the school as a punishment for some misdemeanours during the week.

On my way home after school, I noticed Peter among the group of boys, working as hard as any of them. This example of a leader who was also willing to serve has stayed in my mind. I always thought of Peter as a visionary leader, able to inspire both his staff and his pupils.

Peter and Elisabeth worked together as a team, sharing their love of the people and place in a tangible way.

Thank you for all you did, over so many years, and the legacy which you left us!

Penny Dichmont (English teacher, 1987 – 9)



The legacy left for us will always **be remembered and uplifted**

*Happy Birthday Mr. & Mrs. Anderson
(Peter & Elizabeth)*

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, we wish you a happy and blessed birthday. You are the luckiest couple on earth to be born on nearly the same day. We used to call you TWO LOVE BIRDS OF THE SAME AGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson you have been the pillars, the inspiration to all, the mentors, father and mother of this world and the community at large, especially JANE FURSE and the surroundings.

You created uncountable opportunities for our brothers and sisters... you moulded up the future of all who had opportunities to meet you.

We all achieved our goals due to your mentorship. The legacy left for us will always be remembered and uplifted. We thank you so much. Always remember these when you celebrate your birthday.

Even though you are older than you think, you are still butter and bread/gold and silver to the entire community. We LOVE you so much.

MAY OUR ALMIGHTY GOD NUMBERS YOUR DAYS OF LIFE

You managed to serve the community as the best exemplar, expertise and the future digger in your field of work. You managed to achieve the impossible. Our future is BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL because of your efforts and initiatives.



You are so special, so bright

You are brighter than the sunshine

And calmer than the moon

Your kindness cannot be measured

And yet is hard to find

You brightened our mornings and afternoons i.e. our future

You make us happy all the times

May you always go around and spread your cheers

May the almighty GOD bless you with many more years to come. We love you

HAPPY BIRTH DAY DAD AND MOM

From: St Mark's Primary Principal and Staff

Mr and Mrs Anderson, thank you for being such a significant part of my formative years. I was fortunate that my parents had the foresight and the means to uproot me from the 'fastpaced' city. St Mark's was a much needed paradigm shift for me. The work ethic, the importance of prayer and being content with what you have are some of the things the school gave me under your leadership.

As a parent, I'm appreciative of how important it is to encourage my kids to explore and grow their talents, thank you for providing a space that allowed me to hone mine. Thank you Mrs Anderson for your passion for history, you went an extra mile to immerse us in the era.

I draw from that zeal as a homeschooling mom. The most precious gifts of all are the memories and the enduring friendships that came out of a safe and healthy environment that you created for us. I am who I am because of you. You have my eternal gratitude.

Happy happy birthday

Refiloe Mphahlele, Class of '97

The work ethic,
the importance
**of prayer and
being content
with what
you have...**



Dear My Parents

Your presence has touched and brought a lot of changes to us, your children. You are valued and appreciated. Thank you for your unconditional love, solid teachings and caring nature. Here's to another year of being wiser. May the coming years bring you happiness good health prosperity and more love that you carry

Happy Birthday my parents

Tshepo Seromo

Dear Mr and Mrs Anderson.

Birthday blessings are send your way today. As you celebrate this special day my wish for you is acknowledgement and appreciation of the contribution you made in the lives of many when you where at St Mark's College in Jane Furse, Limpopo. I personally appreciate the contribution you made in my life and will forever cherish your teachings.

I pray for God to bless you with many more years of good health, love, peace and joy.

Happy Birthday

Keabetswe Mpuru, Class of '91

Appreciation
of the
contribution
**you made
in the lives
of many**

Your advice and wisdom **didn't fall on deaf ears**

Sir & Madam Anderson,

Today I celebrate with you on these special birthdays...
Not as a past student of St. Mark's College but as a Son,
to both of you my parents.. May you reach and see many
more years to come, just as my Village of Jane Furse is
doing... I thank you for taking me under your arms since
1994 to 1998...I'm still a proud alumni of your nurturing...

May the Good Lord Almighty keep blessing you again
and again, forever...

Stay Blessed Sir & Madam...

Reginald Thotse



Happy birthday to you Mr & Mrs Anderson

When I was still a student at St Mark's your advice
and wisdom didn't fall on deaf ears. Now that I am
older, I know just how right and wise your words were.

You are certainly special, loved,
cherished and appreciated

Have wonderful 78th and 80th birthdays

Kgomotso Makhambeni

You were more than **teachers, parents, grandparents...**

Dear Peter & Elizabeth Anderson

The Lord has blessed all of us at St. Mark's by ensuring that our paths meet.

You have offered the most precious gift to the most disadvantaged community in SA. The type of Education you offered us has opened doors that we never thought possible.

We are where we are today because we listened and obeyed.

I for one will be forever grateful to you and I wish that the Good Lord bless you with more great years to come.

Happy Birthday to you two... you were more than teachers, parents, grandparents...to the whole school.

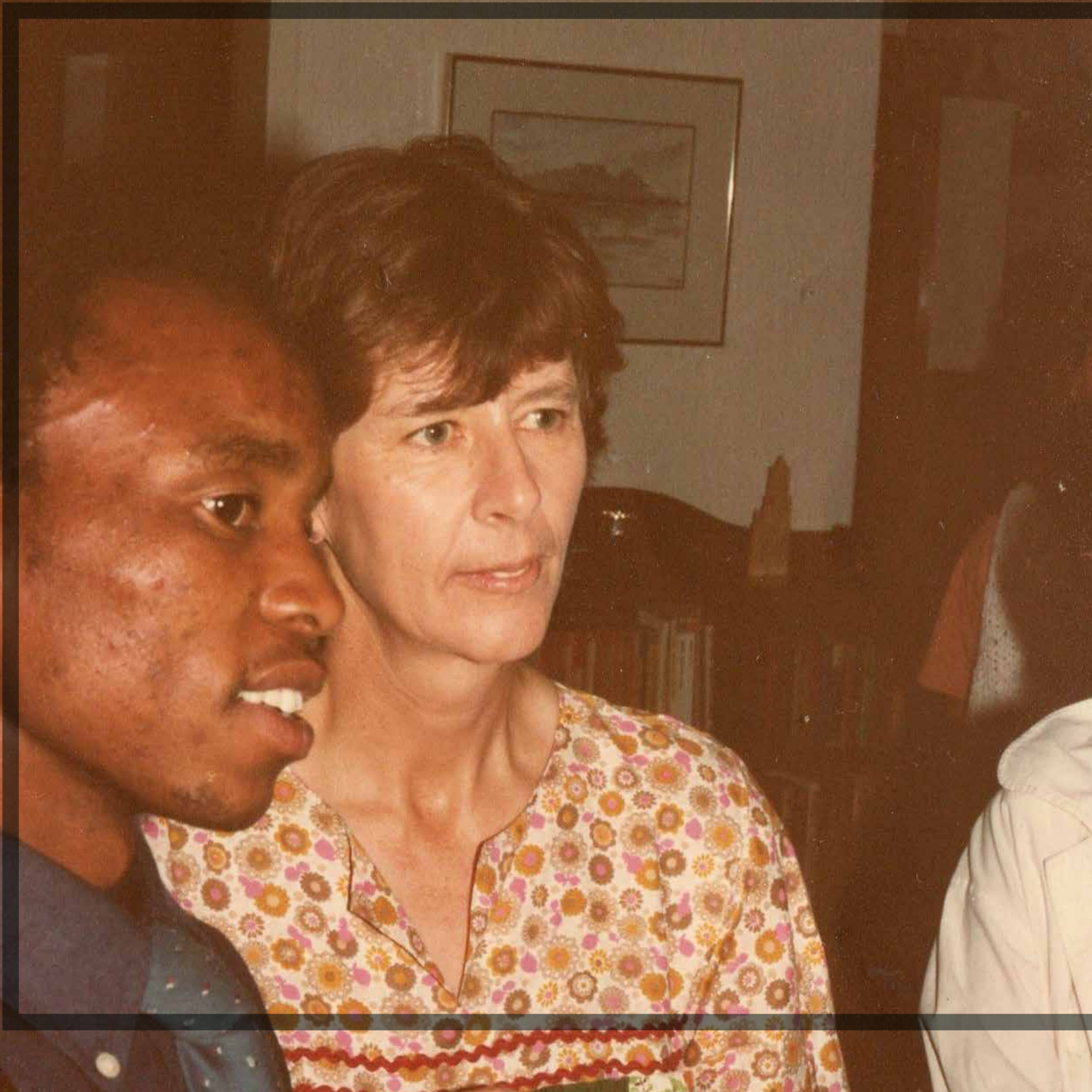
1988 was the year my life changed... for the better as I entered the gates of St. Mark's College with my parents.

Mrs Anderson... my love for reading has grown to such a great level, thanks to you.

We love and appreciate you both more than you can imagine

Have a great birthday...

Felicia Moropa, Class of 1993



Wish you love, **joy and longevity**

Thank you for dedicating your lives to education in Jane Furse for so many years. We received good education and also made life-long Friendships. When I count special moments in my life, St. Mark's and the two of you feature in it, easily so. As you both turn 78 and 80 this year, I wish you love, joy and longevity. Happy birthday to you Mr & Mrs Anderson. We continue to love and miss you both. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Agnes Matebane

Happy 80th birthday Mr & Mrs Anderson

Thank you for having said "yes" to a call and a purpose which required you to venture where many would have said "no" to. Your love for education and seeing what it can do for transforming young minds (and thus their futures), regardless of their race and background, has impacted not only the students (now men and women) you know by name or have some acquaintance with...but continues to impact many lives of whom whose faces you will never know.

Us you had the privilege to have been at St. Mark's College when you were there, count it as an honour...and we know that because of your passion and acting on that passion, we too are and will be able to positively impact more lives beyond just ourselves and our families.

I thank our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus for you, and from a grateful heart wish you a happy birthday. (Numbers 6: 24 - 26)

Shalom, Moleboge Setoaba - Class of 1999

Thank you for your warmth and humour and hospitality

Dearest Peter and Elisabeth

What a wonderful age to reach! It has been such a long time since I last saw you both, but I have such happy memories of working with you at St Mark's and have thought of you often. You've both had such a positive impact on so many lives. It must be wonderful to reflect on that.

Thank you for your warmth and humour and hospitality that made working at St Mark's such a lovely experience. I remember lovely meals and conversations with you both and Pippin, and Janet, Megan and Peter when they were around, and of course, there was the exuberant Kisser, the dog!

You made the school feel like a home for those of us who taught there. I wish you both lots of happiness for the years to come with your lovely family.

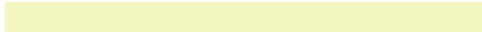
All my love

Pippa Davies

I hope your 78th and 80th birthdays are filled with love from family and friends, unforgettable moments, never-ending joy, and happy, happy memories. St Mark's was the best of times in many of our childhoods and that is a credit to the joy in learning you practiced.

Happy Birthday

Lesetja Botabota, Class of '98



Even today, we still **cherish that moment**

Dear Mr & Mrs Anderson

We wish you a blessed and happy 80th birthday.
I remember how you warmly welcomed me in 1991, when I came to St Mark's College, from a different school culture in Moletjie. Your fatherly and motherly guidance helped me to mature into a much better professional being.

There is something I still can't forget about your thoughtfulness and generosity. In 1994, when I declined an offer to go to USA because I had just gotten married, Mr Anderson engaged me further by suggesting to include my wife in the package. This was not a norm at the time, I think. I then accepted the offer. This meant a lot to me and my wife. Even today, we still cherish that moment. Look, the list is endless.

Phuti and Philliah Makgoka

Thobela The Andersons.

As you both grow beyond Sassa constituency, re leboga your time invested on our growth, wisdom shared, paths made and promise to cherish and take all that to better our lives daily.

Our tomorrows are well nurtured and brighter because we were crafted with your hands of art.

Thank you, re a leboga and blessed years ahead.

Mashupye Masemola

These are good innings

*Dear Principal Peter Anderson
and Mrs Elizabeth Anderson*

I would like to wish you and Mrs Anderson, Happy Birthday wishes. The day you walked into St. Marks College, you transformed many lives and for me, my fond memories are your readings and your story telling under tree. Your drawings were remarkable and they have stuck in my head forever. I hope you still haven't stopped, I would kill to have one of the memorable pictures on my wall, one day.

Mr Peter Anderson may you enjoy your 80th Birthday and Mrs Elizabeth Anderson may you enjoy 78th Birthday... these are good innings.

May the universe bless you with many more years to come.

Retlafenya Ramphenyane

To the world's most amazing parents:

July 2020 affords the many lives you have touched and impacted a rare opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate you. I am where I am and who I am today because of your generosity and selflessness.

You are without a doubt a rare gift to humanity.

If many of us were to be a quarter of Mr and Mrs Anderson, South Africa would be a better country.

Happy 80th Birthday my Dear Father and Dear Mother!

We are forever **grateful for the lessons**

To Peter and Elizabeth:

Wishing you many more years, good health and joy. We are forever grateful for the lessons learned - both within and outside the classroom. We are who and what we are today because of the foundation laid by you and the team.

Leboke Mphela

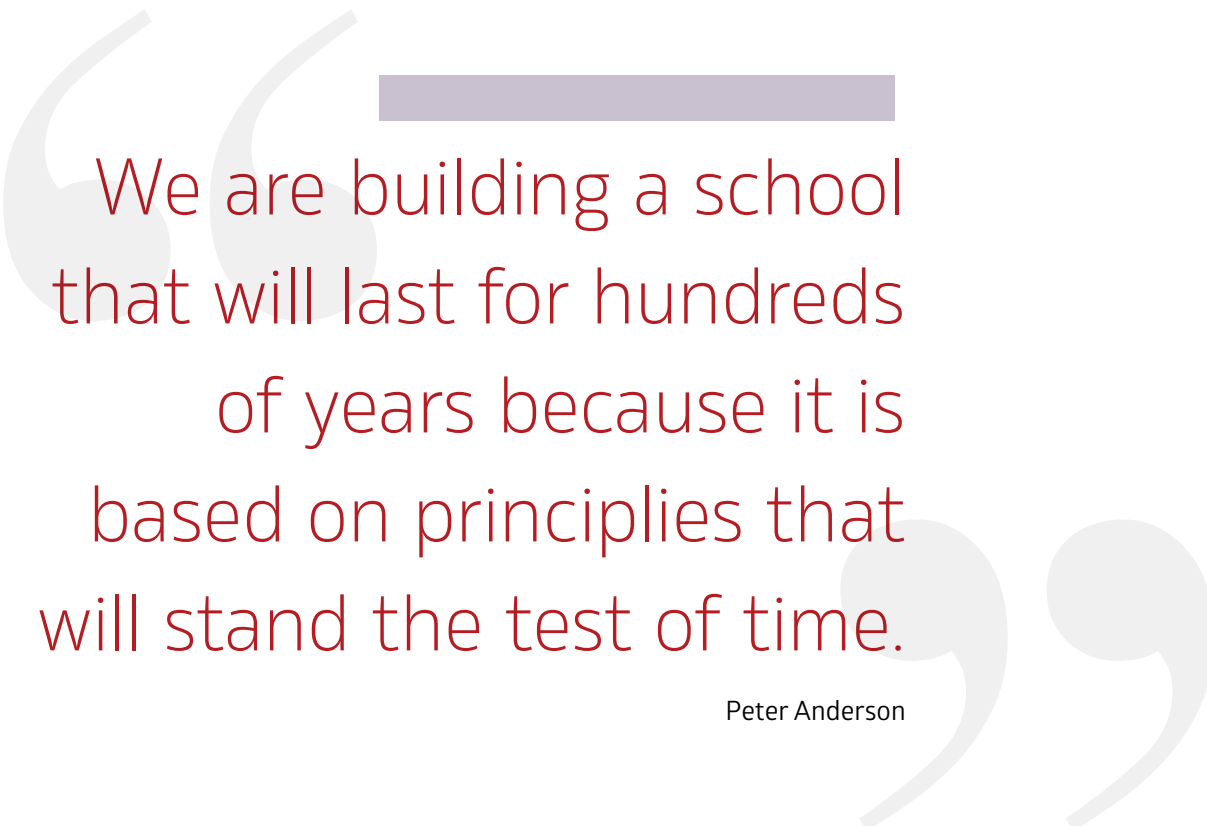
Mr & Mrs Anderson, thank you for all your labour of love you have invested in us. We regard you as our parents and salute you for your bravery. May God bless you richly.

Obed Phahlane

Former students and staff of St Mark's are unique from their peers. This has been noticed by lecturers from different institutions, chairmans and directors of companies, men and women on the street. We are proud of discipline and respect that you taught us. Happy birthday, may God bless u!!

Nathaniel Pantso Maleswena





We are building a school
that will last for hundreds
of years because it is
based on principles that
will stand the test of time.

Peter Anderson



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