

# Aunty Patty's husband dies



**BROKE THE NEWS:** Minister Patricia de Lille

**MINISTER** of Public Works and Infrastructure Patricia de Lille took to Twitter yesterday to share the news that her husband of nearly five decades, Edwin, had died.

In the social media post, De Lille said: "It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my husband, Edwin de Lille.

"We were married for 49 years and he was a true partner and supporter, always giving me the freedom to pursue my work in serving the country."

Edwin had previously suffered a stroke on 11 October 2012, and had suffered from hypertension

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and diabetes, reports *IOL*.

Attached to the post was a statement issued by the minister and her son Alistair, and pictures of her husband and their family.

"The De Lille family announces with great sadness the passing of Mr Edwin De Lille ... Mr Edwin De Lille died on Sunday evening, 7 February 2021 after a long illness," the statement read.

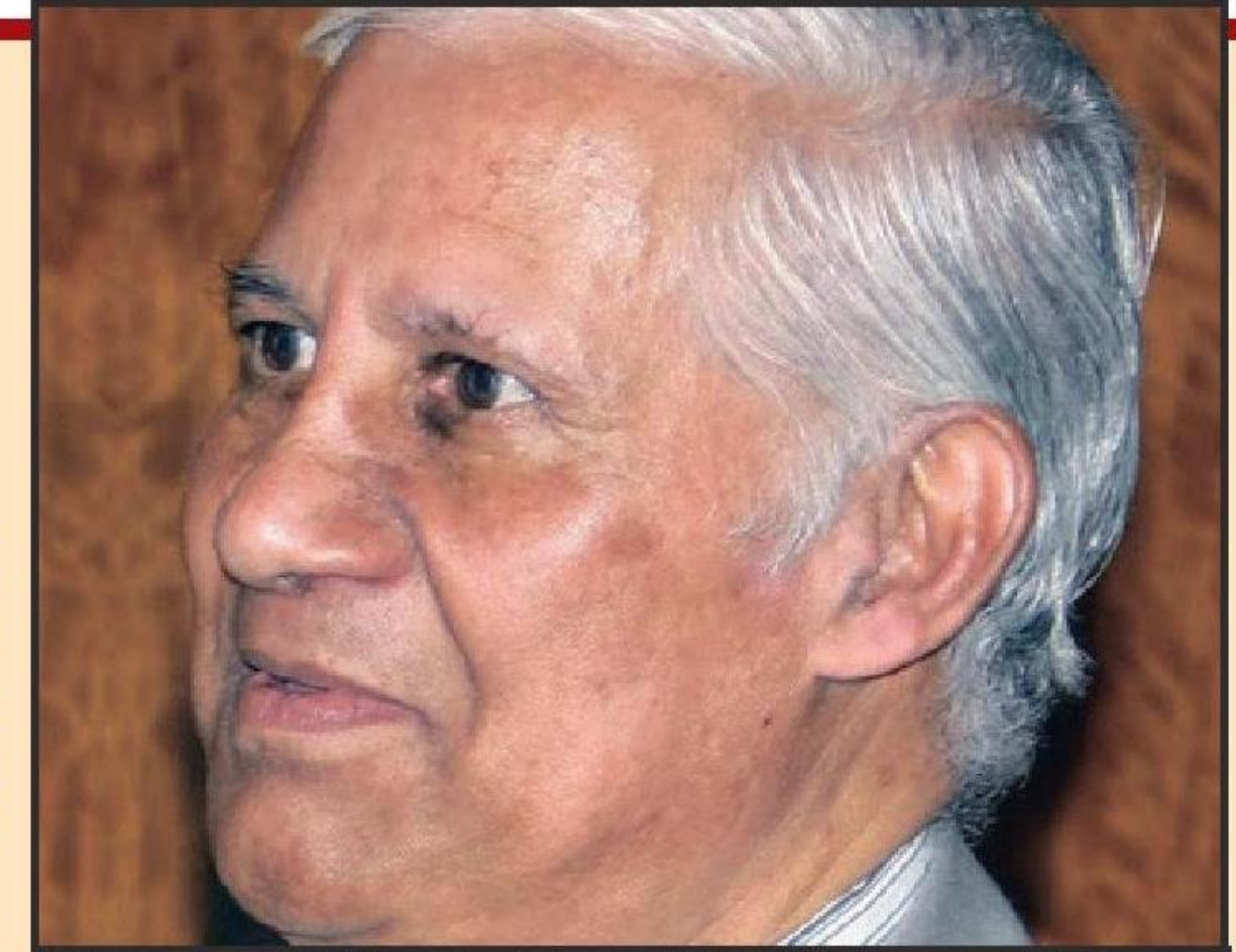
De Lille paid tribute to her husband as a loving father and husband who supported her throughout her political career.

"Our marriage was built on respect. Eddie was a true partner in the sense of the word and never stopped me from following my convictions. There was respect and support until his final days and I will miss him dearly," the GOOD party leader said.

EFF leader Julius Malema was among the first to send his condolences to the minister.

The GOOD party also expressed their condolences.

"Aunty Pat was married to Eddie for 49 years. May she and their son, Alistair, draw strength from the love and support of good people across the nation. They will never walk alone. May Eddie rest in peace," said GOOD secretary-general Brett Herron.



**PARTNER OF 49 YEARS:** Edwin de Lille