

Deon du Plessis: a man truly larger than life goes on great sabbatical in sky

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The white hyena, the gun-loving boer, that great newspaper man who gave South Africa's blue-collared hordes news worth reading, is no more. In his place a giant of a legacy - a tabloid every flailing newspaper's trying to copy in a sector where the *Daily Sun* remains unrivaled.



The late Deon du Plessis, founder and publisher of South African tabloid newspaper the *Daily Sun*.

"Everything changes all the time...the one constant of life is that nothing is...constant." Two days before he died of acute bronchitis at his Johannesburg home on Sunday, 11 September 2011, *Daily Sun* publisher [Deon du Plessis'](#) words of farewell to his readers were published on the [tabloid's blog](#). "Your good natured and mostly-cheerful (except in winter) columnist is bailing out of these woods from next week."

Du Plessis was due to take the first sabbatical of his lifetime and was planning to enjoy three months off from the world of news and attention-grabbing headlines, but unfortunately passed away before that became a reality. "I have never had a holiday like this before... so actually I have no idea what I'll do with it," Du Plessis wrote in his column.

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Du Plessis leaves behind his wife Vanessa, daughter Daniella and two grandchildren. Bizcommunity.com extends condolences to family, friends and colleagues.

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