

Ex-deputy judge president Fagan dies

FORMER Western Cape deputy judge president and inspecting judge of prisons Hannes Fagan died in his Cape Town home yesterday. He was 87, his widow, Sheila, said.

"He was just old and had been ill for a long time. His health had been deteriorating for a while. He died of natural causes," she said last night.

The family was in mourning and would start preparations for his funeral soon, she said.

Fagan was born in Pretoria. He studied law at UCT and Oxford University and in 1952 began his practice as an advocate. He was appointed to the Bench in 1977. In 1992 he was appointed Cape deputy judge president. Later, he became inspecting judge of prisons.

In 2004 Fagan called for a large-scale release of prisoners, or an amnesty to reduce crime because at the time far too many people were unnecessarily incarcerated and thousands could safely be released. — Staff Writer

