

Hilda Bernstein

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Subject: Message from Walter Sisulu

Dear Hilda,

Albertina joins me in sending you, your children and grandchildren our deepest sympathy and condolences on your loss.

WALTER SISULU

We were shocked to learn that Rusty had so suddenly passed away, but consoled by the fact that his death was painless and peaceful.

Rusty was my old trusted friend and comrade. He had a brilliant, creative and original mind and used his knowledge to educate cadres of our movement, thus arming them with political understanding which was finally to help bring us our freedom and democracy. His input into the Freedom Charter was a cornerstone of our struggle. We grieve for you Hilda, knowing how difficult it will be after all your trials and tribulations together, to live on without him - but you too are an old stalwart, strong and resilient and can always be proud of Rusty and his life.

I am in hospital having just been returned to my ward after acute care and feeling much better and hoping to be home at the weekend. Rica is writing this letter for me.

Love and best wishes from Albertina and me

Walter.