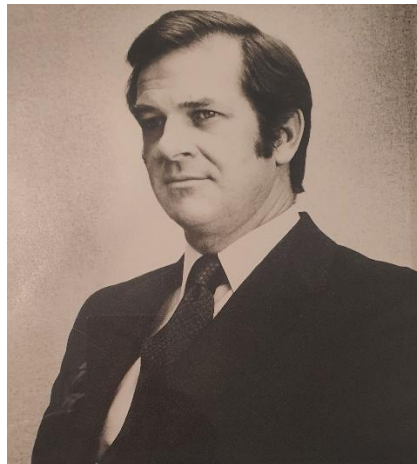




BANK OF BOTSWANA

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NOTICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND TRIBUTE



CHRISTOPHER H. L. HERMANS

BANK OF BOTSWANA FORMER GOVERNOR

1976-1977; 1987-1997

The Bank of Botswana Board, Management and entire staff, both current and retired, join the Hermans family and the nation of Botswana at large in celebrating the life of a legend, former Governor of the Bank of Botswana, Mr Christopher Lamb ("Quill") Hermans, who passed away on 28 October 2024.

Quill, as he was affectionately known, was the founding Governor of the Bank of Botswana (the Bank) from 1976 to 1977. He rejoined the Bank as a Governor on 1 July 1987, and his tenure lasted ten years until his retirement on 30 June 1997.

Mr Quill Hermans was not only a pioneer in Botswana's central banking journey but also contributed immensely to the development of the country. His dedication to public service extended beyond his role at the Central Bank. In addition to being a financial professional and banker, he was a well-rounded civil servant. He served in various capacities in Botswana, including Senior positions at the World Bank as follows:

- as Assistant Secretary, Development, Bechuanaland Protectorate Administration under the then British protectorate Botswana, from 1961–1965;
- Senior Executive Officer, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, 1965-1967;
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, 1967-1975;
- Senior Planning Advisory Officer, World Bank, 1977-1981;
- Senior Loans Officer, World Bank, 1981-1982; and
- Chief World Bank Regional Mission, Bangkok, 1982-1987.

He was also involved in various national committees, including Air Botswana Board of Directors, Economic Committee of Cabinet, National Employment Manpower and Incomes Council and Salaries Commission. He was listed as a noteworthy Bank Executive by the Marquis Who's Who, a standard for reliable and comprehensive biographical data.

Mr Quill Hermans, a fellow and Honorary Life Member of the Botswana Institute of Bankers, held three Master of Arts qualifications, in Geography; African Studies (Sociology) and Development Economics acquired from Trinity College, Oxford; Howard University, Washington; and Nashville University, Tennessee in 1959; 1961 and 1967, respectively. He also held a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Geography and Diploma in Economic, Social and Industrial Development from Trinity College and University of Pittsburg in 1959 and 1960, respectively.

His dedication and service significantly contributed to the financial stability and economic growth of Botswana. His leadership, integrity, and commitment to excellence have left an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. Quill Hermans' contributions to our financial system were invaluable, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of working with him.

The Board, Management and entire staff extend deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as we honor the memory of a remarkable individual who made a lasting impact on our nation.

Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life and achievements of former Governor, Mr Christopher Lamb ("Quill") Hermans.

