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Judge Ngoepe's son dies from diabetes

JUDGE Bernard Ngoepe, the South African Tax Ombud and former Judge President of the Gauteng High Court, Pretoria, and Johannesburg, has lost his son.

Shalele Bernard Ngoepe died on Saturday due to sudden diabetic complications.

Shalele, who has been living with diabetes since the age of 2, would have turned 40 in November.

About seven years ago, Judge Ngoepe lost his eldest daughter, Joan Kwena Matlala, also to complications from diabetes. She was 41 at the time. She was the mother of 4-year-old Makgabo Matlala who was found murdered in her parents' Lenasia home in 2006.

The funeral service for Shalele will start at 8am this Saturday at the Akasia Civic Hall, Wonderpark.

The Ngoepe family has requested that instead of flowers, mourners make donations to the Diabetic Society of South Africa. | Staff Reporter