



BOND VAN DIE VERMEULEN FAMILIE

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Preface

October is the most beautiful month, according to Louis Leipoldt's poem. Indeed, we see flower splendour and green leaves everywhere. We trust that all our members and non-members do experience the beauty and positivity that nature brings into our lives.



Bond membership and new members

Our membership currently stands at 73 members and 4 friends. Although members sometimes resign, we are pleased to report that our membership remains constant. We thank all our members who faithfully pay their annual membership dues.

We are also sorry to report that we had to cede 2 members to death this year. Jacobus Daniël Vermeulen passed away on 17 July 2023 and he was not only our oldest member, but also a member since the formation of the Bond. Zelma Geldenhuys passed away on 20 August 2023. She was a board member of the Bond from 2017 to 2022. Our deepest condolences to her next of kin.

Facebook Page and Web Paget

Our Facebook page's membership continues to grow and there are currently 759 members. Thank you to our admin members who handle the administration of the Facebook page and those who share with us interesting facts about the Vermeulens. We would like to encourage members to please share information, photos, etc. As you know we have a web page <https://www.vermeulenbond.org> with many new articles and items of interest. We would especially like to request all members to send us photos and information about antiques/souvenirs of Vermeulen ancestors that are in your possession for placement on the website under the heading *Souvenirs*.

The average monthly visit to our website over the past year was 83 persons. For our English-speaking Vermeulens, our website is available in both Afrikaans and English. Except some of the previous editions of Die Meulenaar, all articles have been translated. Click on the homepage of the website on the South African flag for the Afrikaans version and on the British flag for the English version. See illustration below.



The electronic version of the 2019 updated genealogy as well as the commemorative edition (provided free of charge to Bond members) can also be downloaded via our website, if paid for. For all purchases, please visit our webpage.

Genealogy register

No more copies of our genealogy register are available in book form. It is unlikely that the registry will be printed again. If you own these books, look after it well as it will become another sought-after collectible in future.

Management thought it best to briefly report back to our members in our genealogy register.

Johannes Petrus (Johan) VERMEULEN initially began researching his own ancestry in 1989/90. Soon he decided to research the total offspring of his ancestor Jan Willemsz VERMEULEN. Since his retirement in 2001 he has been busy with it full-time, gathering information and verifying its correctness until his death in 2018. His brother Izak Stefanus VERMEULEN started helping him with the research since 1996 and was particularly responsible for consolidating and verifying the information of Dirk Cornelisz. Izak was helpful with this until 2016. The VERMEULEN genealogy therefore consists of the descendants of Dirk Cornelisz and Jan Willemsz.

In 2004, the first printing of the genealogy register appeared and the updated second printing appeared in 2011. In these registries they acknowledge researchers who have provided them with information. Other VERMEULEN progenitors who settled in South Africa were also included. They had little or no descendants. The names of VERMEULENS who settled in our neighbouring countries are also included in the genealogy register and therefore the name of the genealogy

register is "The genealogy of the Vermeulen Family in Southern Africa". In 2019 an electronically updated genealogy register was made available to Bond members who can obtain it for a nominal amount of R50. It is also available on CD.

Since Johan's death in 2018, the research, updating and gathering of information for the genealogy register has not stopped and Hendrik Christoffel (Hennie) VERMEULEN, the brother of Johan and Izak continued with the task. Since 2019, Christoffel Johannes (Stoffel) Vermeulen has been helping him with this.

Where previously it was easy to collect information from state institutions, especially at South African churches, this cannot be done anymore because these institutions are prohibited in terms of Act 4 of 2013 Protection of Personal Information Act (Popi Act) from providing this information. It also doesn't help to gather information from tombstones as deceased people are mostly cremated. Currently we rely on close relatives to provide their information for updating as well as genealogical websites that keep and provide this information such as "FamilySearch". We are currently working through 3 500 VERMEULEN marriages to update the data in our database where necessary. It will take some time. Our database is maintained through the Legacy Family program.

The information in our database, as you are aware, consists of the person's full names and surname, his spouse's name, dates of birth, place of birth, date of marriage and place of marriage and children's full names, place and dates of birth. Personal information such as addresses, mobile phone numbers and email addresses are not recorded. The source that personally provides the information and/or where it was located is also recorded. Personal notes can also be added.

It is emphasized that not only new information of new members, but also information that is currently missing such as, for example, marriages, deaths and other information of persons already included in our register is updated. In 2018 the register of Dirk consisted of 18 055 names and currently there are 18 530 names and in the case of Jan in 2018 there were a total of 5 205 and now there are 5 332 names.

I can proudly say that we certainly have one of the most complete genealogy registers available in South Africa and we thank Johan and Izak for what they have achieved in establishing the Vermeulen heritage for posterity. The task of keeping track of the information as fully as possible is cumbersome, but we are still doing it with diligence.

I would like to invite every Bond member to contact me if you would like to obtain your personal VERMEULEN family tree or to check or add information.

Prepared by: Hennie Vermeulen
18 September 2023

Club 80

Unfortunately, we recently had to say goodbye to our oldest member.

Tribute to Jacobus Daniël Vermeulen (Koos) D<8169> who would have turned 89 years old on 19 December this year, passed away on 17 July 2023.



19/12/1934 - 17/07/2023

Koos Vermeulen, former eldest Bond member, was born in De Doorns as the eldest son of Hans and Anna Vermeulen and grew up on the farm Non Pareil. He was head boy of De Doorns High School in the Hex Valley. After school he farmed export grapes and married Sinie Nel in 1958. A keen tennis player, he often played for the first tennis team. In 1964 he bought the Huguenot farm Les Chênes in Franschhoek where he successfully farmed grapes and peaches until his retirement when he moved to Courtrai in Paarl. A son and daughter were born to him from his marriage with three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

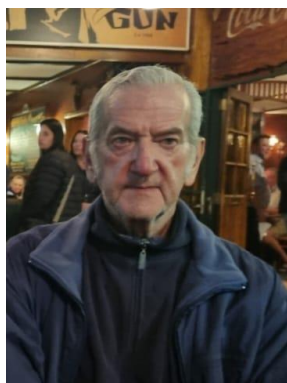
We have previously reported in Die Meulenaar about:

- **Hendrik Johannes Vermeulen D<7051>** Hendrik is 83 years old and he resides in Warmbad Limpopo.
- **Martinus Godfried Drotskie (Tienie) Vermeulen D <11365>** is 82 years old.

The following members entered club 80 this year:

- **WILLEM JACOBUS PETRUS VERMEULEN D<8523> member no. D33** turned 80 on 7 July 2023. William and his wife Margaretha are two Bond members living in Karasburg, Namibia.

- **IZAK STEFANUS VERMEULEN J<78> Member D12**



Izak Stefanus Vermeulen was born on 5 December 1943 at Hermanus and he is the second eldest of seven children. He matriculated at De Villiers Graaff High School in Villiersdorp. He married Patricia Beneke on 29 July 1967 at Bellville. Three daughters were born out of wedlock namely Charmain and twins Tania and Michelle. He has six grandchildren of which 3 are daughters and 3 are sons. His spouse Patricia died on November 24, 2002. He didn't remarry.

After school he held various job positions among others at National Press and SentraBoer which later became Sentrasure. Meanwhile, he studied at Unisa where he obtained the degree B.Com, and obtained the insurance qualifications AC11 and FC 11. He first worked in Bellville and later in Paarl until 1980 after which he moved to Randburg where he still resides. In 1996 he retired as General Manager, Finance and Information Services of Sentrasure after a 25-year term of service.

After his retirement, although reluctantly at first, he became involved in the VERMEULEN research at the insistence of his brother Johan. He later became involved in the Vermeulen research almost full-time until 2016. After receiving information about certain descendants from researcher Hanneljie, it was Izak's job to consolidate Dirk Cornelisz's offspring information. He also serves on the Bond's management from its inception in the year 2000 up to 2021. He was also involved in the compilation and printing of the 2004 and 2011 Vermeulen genealogies as well as the design and registration of our Bond badge. All three of his daughters and his grandson Erich are members of the Bond.

Izak turns 80 years old on December 5, 2023.

- **LEON VERMEULEN D<4460> Bond member D52**



Born at Postmasburg, Northern Cape, on 19 August 1943 according to my Mother, but wrongly registered and written out as 17 August 1943 by my Father, who was the registration officer. So now I've turned 80 twice.

I am the second eldest of us children: Siegfried Wilhelm, Leon, Anielle Chrisna and Daniël Cornelius Albertus.

My Father was employed by the postal department and was transferred from one town to another, so much so that I was in 9 schools during my school career. Fortunately, I have been in the same school for the last 4 years and 6 months, being the Willem Pretorius High School in Heilbron in the Free State where I also matriculated at the end of 1961.

After matric I did my military service for nine months and then continued as a clerk at the Department of Justice as I wanted to pursue law as a career. After my military training I was transferred to Greytown in Natal where I met my partner, a beautiful English girl, Lorna Margreet Keel. Shortly thereafter I obtained a position as an enrolled clerk at a law firm in Pretoria. I also enrolled as a law student at UNISA where I also obtained my legal qualification.

During my study period, Lorna and I got married and settled in Louis Trichardt for 5 years. Our son, Pierre André was born there. I was then offered a partnership at a law firm in Greytown and we moved back to Greytown where we lived and I practiced there for 27 years. Our daughters Liezl and Rochelle were born in Greytown.

While we lived in Greytown, I converted and as a Christian played an active role in the conversion of one of my clients, being Angus Buchan the Evangelist. Our daughter Rochelle also later married Angus Buchan's eldest son Andrew and currently lives and farms in Zambia. Our daughter Liezl and her English husband live in England and our son Pierre stay in Pretoria.

We have lived in Pretoria for the past 27 years where I also practised as an Attorney and Insolvency Consultant. I retired in 2007 and Lorna and I currently live in a beautiful retirement village called 'The Retreat' located in Pretoria East. We recently celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary and look forward to many more years with the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him all the glory and thanks for a fruitful life.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM was held online on 20 August 2023. It was also pleasant to, for the first time see some new faces at the meeting. We already provided feedback in our annual report and communicated the details of the new committee to you, as well as the financial reports. The new committee members are:



Nicholas Francois (Nico) Vermeulen (Chairman)

Nico was born in Mafikeng where he matriculated. After military service he studied at Stellenbosch and worked at Transnet until 1993, after which he owned several small businesses. Married to Hesta and has two children André and Linda. Active in road races and recently started bowling.



Hendrik Christoffel (Hennie) Vermeulen

Hennie Vermeulen is retired and has been living with his wife Christa in De Kelders near Gansbaai for the past few years. He is still busy researching the Vermeulens and updating the Vermeulen genealogy. He has served on the management of the Bond of the Vermeulen Family since 2018.



Christoffel Johannes (Stoffel) Vermeulen

Stoffel was born in Johannesburg and after his High School training he joined SAPOS later TELKOM SA (Ltd). He was employed in Johannesburg, Vereeniging, Bloemfontein as well as Klerksdorp. In 2016 he retired with his wife Christel, in picturesque Parys (Free State). They have two children, Wynand, Celeste and three grandchildren. Stoffel originally joined the Bond during 2016.



Johannes Lodewicus Matthys (Johan) Vermeulen

Living in Melkbosstrand and my profession is in the Nuclear Power Industry (Koeberg), but at home I am a woodworker, gardener, handyman in general and was a soldier for a long time. To date I have written 16 books and 4 collections of poetry. I have an interest in the art of survival should our current world with its satellites, electronics and electricity no longer exist. A driving force is to leave behind knowledge of the old world's way of thinking, doing and making plans. I do it in written novel story form, it might help someone in the future.



Louise Valerie (Louise) Vermeulen

Lives in Melkbosstrand and is the Personal Assistant for the principal of Seamount in Milnerton's a and head of the school's administration. I am also a gardener and with my husband we maintain a large vegetable garden. I like to read, knit and crochet, often walk along the beach and do woodworking with my husband.

Excerpts from our genealogy register

During my recent update to our genealogy, I came across the following interesting information as recorded about Vermeulen descendants:

We have already reported in detail in several previous articles on Johannes Urbanus Vermeulen <J1461> He had the most Vermeulen children, namely 26 with three women. He was closely involved in the establishment of Hopetown.

Portrait of Johannes Urbanus



A Remarkable Woman

Johannes was also an elder in the church and had to teach the catechists. In his class there was a blonde girl with blue eyes. His wish was for one of his sons to marry her. Apparently they did not share Johannes's interest. On 18 April 1860 Johannes married the catechist - Clasina Fredrica Grabe <J1473> (born 12 December 1842) at Colesberg. She was 17 and John 44. The age difference was seemingly not relevant - the couple had 17 children. The youngest child was born on 4 August 1883 when John was already 67 years old. Johannes died 4 months later on 21 December 1883.

Portrait of Jan and Clasina



Clasina remarried on 9 January 1885 to the widower, Johannes Petrus (Jan) DU TOIT.

Regarding Jan DU TOIT and Clasina the following information was provided to us by Bennie and Stienie PIETERS. A draft of the last few pages of the DU TOIT chapter of their planned family album states:

Jan DU TOIT was good friends with the VERMEULENS of Elandsdraai. He lived on the adjoining farm Doornbult. Jan had been married twice before and from his marriage to Clasina he had ten more children in their house and Clasina another thirteen children. With 23 children in the house, according to tradition, a sheep was slaughtered every day and several loaves of bread had to be baked every day. The children slept on bull sacks (soft feather mattresses) in every open place in the house.

At Orange River Station, on Doornbult was an Anglo-Boer War concentration camp. By road the concentration camp was seven kilometres from the Du Toits' residence, shortcut through the field only two kilometres.

A good friend of Clasina, with her children was in the concentration camp. Clasina visited her regularly and provided her and the children with milk, soup, cooked food and also clothes, blankets, soap and medicine. She also regularly sent some of their children to take to the friend and the children food, fruits, vegetables and sometimes flowers.

In the Volksblad several years ago a photograph appeared with the inscription; "WHO KNOWS THESE PEOPLE".

It was posted by a Mr. van den Berg and reads as follows:

"Mr JG van den Berg, Schoongesicjht, Bloemfontein, has in his possession this portrait taken by a British soldier from a house at Modderrivier during the Boer War. The soldier asked Mr. van den Berg to return the portrait to the owner. Information to be returned to Mr. van Berg"

The portrait is that of Clasina and her second husband Jan DU TOIT, of which we have an imprint.

The original is believed to have been stolen from the residence of Clasina's girlfriend before their residence was burned down by the British soldiers.

Clasina was also known for her medicine box. At Hopetown and Doornbult, she helped many people with her medicines, home remedies and knowledge of diseases and ailments. Especially at the time when there wasn't a physician at Hopetown. Even in Dr O'Reilly's time, she helped many women who were too embarrassed to visit the doctor.

During her final years she lived with her youngest DU TOIT daughter Jacoba Helena (Kotie), married to Hubert MONTGOMERY in Queen Street, Hopetown.

The epitaph shows her details as: Clasina Fredrika Du Toit, born Grabe.1843 – 1929."

Britstown's Vermeulen sextons

Christoffel Johannes Vermeulen <D1546> was commonly known as Uncle Tollie. He was a well-known transport contractor from Britstown and transported all goods from the station and back. Christoffel was sexton of the Dutch Reformed Church, Britstown from 1944 until his death. Before him there were three other VERMEULEN sextons, (PH VERMEULEN, 1884 - 1885, PA VERMEULEN, 1893 - 1901 and Wynand VERMEULEN, 1906 - 1926). During the funeral service for Christoffel, one of the speakers noted that: "If the cubicle with the rope with which the bell was rung had a soft floor, these VERMEULEN sextons' knees in prayer before each ringing, would have left deep marks ".

Finance

The League's finances are core sound and we had the amount of R41 123 in our savings and bank accounts on 28 February 2023. We would like to thank Nico Vermeulen who, as treasurer, handled the League's financials over the past year.

Vermeulen-Day Celebration

This year we celebrated VERMEULEN DAY again on 9 August and many Vermeulens responded positively on our Facebook page. Thank you so much for everyone's positive contribution. All the Vermeulen descendants are encouraged to stage and participate on that day.

VERMEULEN PRIDE (1)

Go Vermeulens Go!

Two Vermeulens were involved in the rugby test between the Springboks and the Wallabies on 8 **July** 2023 at Loftus in Pretoria, namely captain Duane Vermeulen and captain Henco Vermeulen. Duane's name is Daniël Johannes Vermeulen and he was born on 03 **July** 1986 in Nelspruit. His name appears under RIN No. D <12736 in the Bond register. Henco Leopold RIN No. J<3111>. j1 was born on 20 **July** 1973 in Pretoria.

The life passion of both peaked on 8 July 2023. Duane Vermeulen was the Springboks' first captain for 2023 and led South Africa's national team to victory over Australia at Loftus Versfeld. The former Stormers and Bulls' No 8 is the third oldest Springbok captain (37 years) who, after Victor Matfield and Schalk Brits (both aged 38), captained a Springbok team.



Captain Henco Vermeulen was a member of the flight crew of one of the two FlySafair 737-800 Boeing aircraft that made flybys over Loftus Versfeld before the game. FlySafair made a double FlySafair flight over Loftus on the day in support of the Springboks ahead of the kick-off of their participation in the 2023 Rugby Championship tournament.

Similar flybys were carried out in 2017 and 2022 with a single FlySafair 737 Boeing aircraft. With the 2017 flight, Safair announced its association with the Springboks and confirmed that the airline is a sponsor of the Springboks. FlySafair's flyby on 22 August 2022 was aimed at affirming the slogan "GO BOKKE" to the Springbok supporters as well as strengthening national pride and confidence in aviation.

The two FlySafair 737-800 Boeing aircraft that made flybys over Loftus Versfeld before the game on 8 July 2023, were manned by six of FlySafair's pilots. The crew in each aircraft consisted of two pilots and one safety pilot. All six of the crew were jet captains and instructors with decades of flying experience. The approval for and the planning and rehearsals of the flyby required more than two months of intensive preparation. Thorough flight planning and rehearsal in a flight simulator was a high priority to ensure a vivid and safe fly-by with two B737 jet aircraft in a 'nose to tail' formation.



Captain Steve van der Merwe, B737 Fleet Captain at FlySafair, was the safety pilot on ZS-ZWO and Captain Henco Vermeulen, B737 Test (Check) Captain at FlySafair, was the safety pilot on ZS-FGZ. Henco stands on the left in the photo of the flying team from ZS-FGZ. His big smile endorsed his satisfaction with the safe, efficient and vivid fly-by of the two Boeing jets.



Henco Vermeulen has been a captain in both the Boeing 737-400 and the 737-800 fleet of Safair since 2015 and is predominantly involved in transporting passengers, nationally and internationally on various routes of FlySafair. In 2021 he conducted and successfully completed Safair and Civil Aviation's outcomes-based course in the Evaluation, Control and Inspection of pilots' flying proficiency. Since 2022 he has been a Line Test Captain Level 1 as well as a member of FlySafair's elite group of pilots who flew more than 820 hours in 2022. These days he spends much of his flying time evaluating FlySafair's B737 pilots.

His position as Senior Line Test Captain requires Henco, in addition to his normal flying program, to be involved in assessing pilots' flight competency, their flight safety actions and flying skills. Among other things, he assesses the extent to which the B737 fleet's pilots meet the nine (9) competency standards of FlySafair and he provides feedback on this to the Flight Training Division as well as the Fleet Captain. The assessment and feedback take place during the process of pilot training as well as when he evaluates flight crew during operational line flying activities.

On 8 July 2023 Duane Vermeulen and Henco Vermeulen embodied and lived up to the Bond of the Vermeulen Family's motto "Non Pareil" (Nothing Better).

Article supplied by Bond member Leopold Vermeulen, residing in Australia.

VERMEULEN PRIDE (2)

The Vermeulens of Stanford descends from Johannes Petrus Hendricus (Jan) Vermeulen <35>, a descendant of the progenitor Jan Willemz Vermeulen. Jan moved from the Napier/Bredasdorp district in about 1858 to the farm Hartebeeskloof in the Stanford area. Many of his descendants resided at Stanford for the next four generations, a period of more than 150 years. Some of the last generation of Vermeulens who grew up and attended school at Stanford descended from Jan's grandson, Hendrik Johannes Hermanus (Hendrik) Vermeulen <58>, born at Stanford in 1888. Hendrik, like his father, established himself as a builder, and many of Stanford's historic houses were built by him. His residence on Queen Victoria Street in the sixties housed the municipal offices, and today is used as a post office and library. Hendrik was married to Elizabeth (Bet) Gertruida Carse, daughter of George Fairbairn Carse and Susanna Margaretha Magdalena de Villiers. Bet was the great-granddaughter of George Fairbairn Carse, of Scottish descent, who was brought to the farm De Kleine Riviers by Robert Stanford as a harness maker. The town of Stanford was established on the farm and named after Robert Stanford.



Grandfather Hendrik (b 1888) Father Johnnie (born 1929)

Hendrik and Bet had 6 children who received their schooling at Stanford. Only the second eldest son Johannes Petrus (Johnnie) Vermeulen continued his stay at Stanford. Johnnie's descendants were the last Vermeulens to grow up and receive schooling at Stanford. This is a brief overview of this family's history and where they find themselves in later life.

Johnnie, or Johnnie the Gong as he liked to introduce himself, was known as a jovial character and storyteller in the Strandveld. He started his career as a mounted policeman in Heidelberg in the Western Cape, and later worked as a clerk for the Department of Forestry in Riversdale. He moved to Stanford around 1960 where, among other things, he was involved in the construction of the first tarmac between Hermanus and Gansbaai, and later worked as a real estate agent. He also worked in the bamboo industry with his older brother, George Fairbairn Carse Vermeulen <2765>. Johnnie was married to Anna Susanna (Annetjie) Fourie, originally from the Overberg farm Hout Bay near Van Brakel's storage. Annetjie was related on the mother's side to the De Villiers family from the Overberg and Stanford. Four children were born from that marriage, namely Hendrik Johannes (Johan) <2776>, Wessel Johannes (Wessel) <2777>, Petrus Johannes (Piet) <2778> and Sophia Margaretha (Marieta) <2779>. Everyone attended school at

Okkie Smuts School in Stanford, before completing matric at Overberg High School in Caledon. All three boys completed their national service in the Air Force.



In the photo from left to right:
Prof Johan, Wessel, Marieta,
Annatjie (Mother), Piet and Johnie
(Father)

After military service, Johan studied electrical engineering at Stellenbosch University. After three years at Eskom, he joined Stellenbosch University as lecturer in electrical and electronic engineering, where he studied further and obtained M.Eng. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering. One of Johan's hobbies is music, and he became so involved in the Department of Music where he also taught undergraduate and postgraduate classes in music technology for a number of years, and later obtained an M.Phil. degree in music technology. Johan retired as associate professor of engineering at Stellenbosch in 2022. In addition to his continued involvement with postgraduate students in engineering, he keeps himself busy with music technology in his home studio, as well as radio amateur activities.

Johan is married to Georgine Blignault, who hails from Plettenberg Bay. They have two daughters, Vicki-Mari and Liezl Mari. Vicki follows in her father's footsteps and obtained B.Eng. and M.Eng degrees in electrical engineering from Stellenbosch University. Liezl chose a career in geoinformatics and obtained B.Sc., B.Sc. Hons and M.Sc. degrees in the discipline at Stellenbosch University. She is currently a doctoral student in geoinformatics and climate change at Leuven University in Belgium.

Wessel chose a career in natural sciences and obtained a B.Sc. degree in forest science nature conservation at the University of Stellenbosch. He married a fellow student, Cobri Bosman. After completing their undergraduate studies, they worked for the Department of Forestry and the Research Institute of Botany in Pretoria respectively. Wessel studied further, obtaining B.Sc. Hons and M.Sc. degrees in plant ecology from Pretoria University. In 1989 they moved to Knysna and engaged in planning and research work in the indigenous forests of the Southern Cape and Tsitsikamma. Wessel joined South African National Parks (SANParks) in 2005 as a researcher and obtained a Ph.D. in conservation ecology from Stellenbosch University in 2009. He retired at Knysna in 2019. Wessel's interests focus on nature and travel, and he travels widely in Southern Africa, including Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana, Angola, Zambia and Namibia. His work as a researcher in indigenous forests also takes him to countries such as Cameroon and the Central African Republic. Wessel and Cobri have no children, but are closely involved in animal welfare in Knysna, where Cobri is currently the chairman of the Knysna Animal Welfare Society and Wessel has qualified as an animal behaviour specialist.

After completing conscription, Piet obtained a National Diploma in surveying. He worked for the Surveyor General in Bloemfontein and Cape Town, the private sector on Hermanus, for several years and is currently employed at Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality. Piet is married to Marietjie Truter, originally from Koringberg, and the couple have two sons, Divan and Jacques. Both Divan and Jacques choose careers in geoinformatics. Divan obtained B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in geoinformatics from Stellenbosch University, while Jacques obtained a National Diploma in cartography.

After matric, Marieta went to work as an administrative officer at Goodwood municipality. She married Steven Terhoven, and the couple have two sons, Theo and Emil. Theo initially pursued a career in catering and qualified himself as a chef. Emil earned a B.Com degree in marketing from Unisa and today is employed as a music instructor in guitar and percussion. Marieta shares Wessel's love of travel and nature and joins him regularly on his travels in Southern Africa.

Thank you to Prof HJ (Johan) Vermeulen PhD(Eng), MEng, MPhil, BEng | CMVP CEM for the most interesting article of the Stanford Vermeulen families.

Other information

Vermeulen Family Rally which has been taking place annually for 49 years.

This article was also recently featured on our webpage. Those who missed it can feel free to go and read it under the heading "Heritage... Unique Rallying Together" on our webpage.

The articles that fully portray the commitment to the Vermeulen rally are found on our web page and in the Commemorative edition.

In closing

A beautiful short story and poem by committee member, Johan Vermeulen:

A Ghost Story

They say: "Write a story" I ask: "About what?" They say: "A ghost story but only one page" I only have one page! That will be difficult. A ghost story has a looonng run-in and only a small piece of ghost. It's actually a puff story that you have to make it sound really bad, but to have a ghost and someone to scare the ghost you have to have a type of separation. The ghost on that side and you on this side or maybe it's the other way around. You on that side and the ghost on this side. Now wait, wait now, slowly first. Which side is actually your side and which is the ghost's side or is there ever a side? You see, ghost storytellers' mouths can be very smooth. They don't explain, just tell. The cracks and hollows you just have to fill in yourself so between the maybe possible and maybe impossible and soon you're left with a drudgery of a ghost story you've actually created yourself. Give the ghost a chance, too. The ghost also has a say.

*The morning I woke up dead
And in horror ripped open the sheet
But the sheet remains lying
You're dead I say*

*Not dead, I am here then
Only in spirit are you here
There lies your flesh
Expansive and unhealed*

*Your time has passed
But still a little while you can stay
Just look around
Except you, all are healthy*

The Ghost



Vermeulen-toast

Glasses held chest-high and everyone present says together:

On those that were

On us that are

On those that are to come

*(Glass is raised above head)(exclamation) **NON PAREIL!!** Glass contents are swallowed
(Acknowledgement to Johan (JLM) Vermeulen)*

NON PAREIL