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**English Translation**



Pieter Henning in the ceremonial uniform of the mounted policemen during the opening of Parliament. Photo taken approximately 1942/43 when Pieter was stationed at the Police College. He later became a competent forensic ballistic expert

## **‘n Henning Mounted Policeman**

**b7.c1.d3.e1.f1.g1. Pieter Hendrik Adriaan Henning \*27-10-1922** attended the Brakpan farm school in the district of Dordrecht. Eight of the twelve children in this school were grand children of Pieter's grandfather — also Pieter Hendrik Adriaan Henning \*7-10-1859. This school was not far from the Henning farm, La France. All of Pieter's Botha and Boucher cousin, as well as his sister, Marie, attended this school.

In 1936 he went to the Dordrecht High School. He matriculated in 1940 and then started with his training at the South African Police College in Pretoria West in 1941.

After basic training he was incorporated in the Mounted Police division. Pieter told several stories about the special relationship between him and his horse. One of these stories was that his horse allowed him

to sleep in his cratch when he was supposed to stand guard. When he rewarded the

horse beforehand with a sweet, the horse always woke him up when the officer on duty did his rounds. One evening he had no sweets and took his sleep in the cratch. The horse did not wake him up that evening and he had to suffer the anger of the officer.

The mounted police division always performed together with several military divisions at State Parades, like the opening of parliament. Members of the mounted police were always called “ticks” — in all probability because they had to cling for life to their saddles.



**Marriage photo of Pieter- en Bets Henning during 1948 at Dordrecht**

We pick up his track again in 1946, when he was transferred to Port Nolloth. Here he rode camels on patrol in the diamond barrier region. He met his future wife, Elizabeth Louisa van Zyl Brooks (Bets), born 13-8-1920 here in Port Nolloth. She was a teacher. They married in 1948 in Dordrecht.

When Pieter was transferred to the South African Criminal Bureau in Pretoria, he and Bets settled in Sunnyside, Pretoria. He was now trained as a fire arms expert. In those years there were only two experts who manned the ballistic unit Pieter and a guy called Cromhout.

Pieter distinguished himself as a very competent scientist. Cromhout and Pieter serviced the whole of the Union of South Africa, South West Africa and the three British Protectorates. Due to the sensitivity of most cases and his professional ethics he never discussed any of these cases at home.

A case in the High Court, Bloemfontein serves as an example. The advocate for the defence took Pieter for more than two hours under cross examination. Pieter quoted from several authoritative handbooks, with special reference to name, author, page, paragraph, etc. and then quoted the applicable section verbatim. This impressed the judge so much that he gave special recognition to Pieter. Even the FBI thanked him in writing for his inputs in a case they handled.

Three prominent cases where he was involved, were:

Duncan Donald Moodie: Moodie shot his wife in 1961. He was apparently the only South African who were tried twice for the same case.

Marthinus Rossouw: Rossouw murdered Baron Dieter Von Schauroth, March 1961.

David Pratt: Pratt attempted to murder Dr Verwoerd in 1961. He never appeared in court for this onslaught on the life of Dr Verwoerd because he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital. Pieter did all the forensic ballistic tests in preparation of the State's case. Colleagues of Pieter remembered him for his exceptional memory for detail, his very neat handwriting and conscientiousness in the execution of his job. He was also exceptionally neat and had several other good characteristics: He painted very well and loved classical music. Pieter was also a good tennis player. He was only thirty nine years old when he died and was buried with full military honours.

# Kosie Henning first Henning candidate for ministry in the Reformed Churches



**Kosie Henning and his wife Carlizé. Kosie is now qualified to be called as preacher in the Reformed Church**

b6.c4.d1.e5.f5.g6.h3.i3. Jacobus Adriaan Gerhardus (Kosie) Henning born 17 July 1993 was named after his father. His father was called Koos, Therefore he became Kosie. Father Koos is a doctoral qualified soil-expert and renders consultation services to flower farmers. He is also an exceptional weight lifting champion and we have reported several times on his achievements at world weightlifting championships. He and his family live in Nylstroom.

Kosie grew up in Nylstroom where he matriculated in 2011. In matric he already had the desire to study for a minister. He, therefore began his studies in theology in 2012 at the Potchefstroom campus of the North West University and completed his studies at the end of 2017. He is now qualified to be called as minister of religion in any Reformed church.

Despite the fact that several Henning families joined the Reformed Churches since its establishment in 1859 in South Africa, Kosie is the first Henning who qualified as minister in these churches. There were several Henning girls who married men who were or are ministers in the Reformed Churches and became parsonage mother, but never a minister itself.

Kosie mentions that during the past six years the Lord worked with him through his studies, his friends, his duties at the Cachet congregation in

Potchefstroom and mostly through his Word and created the desire and zeal to work in the Kingdom of God.

In March 2016 Kosie married Carlizé, the girl he called his girlfriend since they were in Grade 10. At present she is a teacher in Orkney at Western Reefs Primary. She has a special talent with children – especially individually.

Like his father, Kosie is very fond of sport and also does weightlifting in his spare time. He and Carlizé are fond of nature and they regularly go on hiking trails. Both of them look forward to wherever the Lord leads them.

It is clear that the Reformed Church Nylstroom played an important role in the history of the Henning families. Kosie Henning would most probably be the first minister of religion in the Reformed Churches. This congregation, however, had two ministers of religion whose spouses were Henning girls and they were sisters! The next article tells the story of these two sisters.

# The Story of Two devoted Parsonage Mothers

b6.c1.d3.e4. Andries Gerhardus Henning, born 31 October 1959 will always be remembered as the first baby who was baptized at the founding of the first congregation of the Reformed Churches in the Cape Colony on 22 January 1860 on the farm Roosterhoek, in the district of Albert, which became the congregation of Burgersdorp.

He, his wife Hannie (Cecilia Johanna, born Venter) and their eight children lived consecutively on the farms Janspoort, district Burgersdorp and Lemoenkloof, district Fauresmith. Andries served his church for longer than 30 years as member of the church council. Because he was well-read and an experienced man with a clear conception he was well-known at several synodal meetings.



**b6.c1.d3.e4. Andries Gerhardus Henning \*31-10-1859 and his family. The photo was taken at the 50th celebration of their marriage in 1930 at Lemoenkloof, Fauresmith. Front, l.t.r.: Cecilia Johanna Venter (d/o Liberta[f8]), Philopatria(f2.g6.) Johan Yssel (s/o Catharina Maria[e4.f7.]), Cecilia Johanna Yssel (d/o Catharina Maria[e4.f7.]), Elizabeth Margaretha Venter d/o Liberta[f8]). Middle: Jan Yssel and his wife Catharina Maria (f7) with their youngest child on her lap, Joseph Jooste (f2), father Andries Gerhardus and mother Cecilia Johanna (born Venter), Liberta Venter (f8). Back: Andries Gerhardus (f2.g2.), Willem Frederik (f2.g4.) and Cecilia Johanna (f2.g5.)**

All their children followed their parents' example and was involved, in one way or the other, in their church.

This story is about two of the daughters of Andries and Cecilia Henning. Maria Magdalena (Miemie), fifth child, born 8 May 1891 and Liberta, eighth child, born 12 May 1901. Both married ministers of religion of the Reformed Church. Both parsonage couples served successively in the Waterberg

congregation, Nylstroom and had a big influence in this community for more than 50 years.

Miemie married Rev JP (Johannes Petrus) van der Walt in 1910. He was called the year before as minister to the Reformed Church Waterberg (Pietersburg and Nylstroom). They lived in Nylstroom and had three sons and four daughters. Miemie exerted herself for the place of women in the Reformed Churches; the Reformed womens society; the Reformed womens magazine and the Reformed womens study

circle. Her husband died during 1922, but she stayed on in Nylstroom until 1930, when she moved to Potchefstroom for the sake of the studies of her children. After the death of Rev Van der Walt the Waterberg congregation called Rev Hendrik (H J S) Venter who was married to Liberta Henning, the younger sister of Miemie Henning.

b6.c1.d3.e4.f8. Liberta Venter (born Henning) was born 12 May 1901 during the Anglo Boer War in Burgersdorp as the youngest daughter of Andries Henning and his wife Hannie of the farm Janspoort, district Burgersdorp. Andries was an eager Afrikaner patriot, but because he was a citizen of the Cape Colony the British forces during the Anglo Boer War charged him as a rebel. He was imprisoned, but discharged after three months on bail of £9 000. Later he was discharged completely. The eighth child of Andries and Hannie Henning was born during this time, therefore she received this beautiful patriotic name – Liberta.

A few years after the Anglo Boer War the parents of Liberta moved to the Orange Free State and settled on the farm Lemoenkloof in the district of Fauresmith, where she grew up. She received her high school training at the local high school but studied music, singing and art needlework privately. She was the organist of the local congregation of their church, the Reformed Church of Fauresmith and gave lessons in the abovementioned art subjects. She also was the secretary of the sisterhood of the congregation. Because this congregation did not have a full time minister and due to this family's special knowledge and talents, they played an important role in the congregation of Fauresmith — builders of the Reformed Churches.

Liberta married Rev H J Venter (1889 – 1964) newly appointed minister at the Waterberg congregation on 29 August 1923. He was the successor of Rev J.P. van der Walt, who was married to Miemie, the older sister of Liberta, but who died in 1922 due to cancer. In Waterberg the Venters was not only involved in the Reformed congregation for decades, but also in the community as a whole. Since his confirmation as minister at Nylstroom on 28 September 1923, Rev Venter served this congregation uninterrupted. Later Nylstroom became the magistrate districts of Waterberg (Nylstroom) and Potgietersrus, plus sections of districts to the south, east and west where new congregations at Potgietersrus, Magol, Warmbad, Naboomspruit and Vaalwater was established.

During the years 1926 – 1938 Rev Venter was the general correspondent and relieving minister for South- and North Rhodesia, where he often had to go by train and later by motorcar. Every time he had to leave his congregation and family for three months at a time. His wife accompanied him once, but most of the time he went alone: He in the faith of his mission; she in the faith of her calling as wife and mother, as well as mother of the parsonage. During this time there were no second preacher North of Pretoria and Rustenburg.

Liberta was a wife par excellence of a Reformed Minister of Religion and leader of the women of their church. In the broad community of Nylstroom she also played a huge role. In the pioneering days she was chairwoman of the South African Womens Federation (SAWF) in Nylstroom and the heart of everything which led to the founding of the Moedershulp maternity home. On the political front she served for many years on the regional management team of the National Party and served as convener of the ladies during party rally's.



Rev. Venter took his superannuation in 1960 after he only served one congregation. From their marriage three daughters and one son were born. Liberta died on 12 August 1990 at Nylstroom.

These two Henning sisters had a huge influence over more than 50 years on the congregation of Nylstroom and today the first Henning candidate for ministry in the Reformed Churches is also a native of this town.

## Avocado thieves cornered



**One of the pick-up vans with stolen avocado pears Pieter Henning caught on his farm**

We read in the local Tzaneen newspaper of 11 September 2017 of a group of avocado thieves who have been caught in the orchards of mr. Pieter Henning of the farm, Cashumi in the Georges Valley division of the Tzaneen district. This Pieter Henning is b7.c8.d8.e5.f3 Pieter Naude Henning \* 4-11-1957. We have reported on him several times in the past. Pieter is well-known farmer involved in forestry and several other branches of farming.

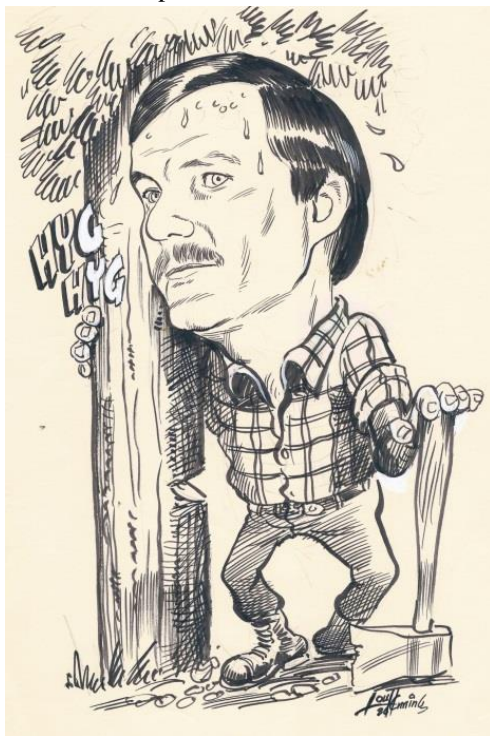
Well organised gangs of thieves with pick-up vans and lorries are busy stealing a big percentage of the crops of farmers in the Tzaneen district

Pieter said that during September 2017 between

four and five pick-up van loads of avocado's were stolen from his orchards. Earlier, one of his orchards was picked empty. His estimate was that it was at least five tons of fruit, and that is only what he is aware of. One Sunday morning Pieter caught a group of thieves in an orchard. The pick-up truck was loaded with 80kg flowerbags full of avocados. "If such a bag filled with avocados also weigh 80kg, avocados to the value of R29 000 were on that pick-up van. However, Pieter is of the opinion that such a flowerbag full of avocados would weigh more than 80kg".

Pieter said that although farmers were of the opinion that the police and the courts did not take enough rigorous action against these thieves in the past, it appears that they investigate the new cases thoroughly. The police confiscated the vehicles which were used and the alleged thieves will appear in court soon.

It is not only avocados which are stolen in the vicinity. Forestry farmers recently established a forum to discuss thefts from their plantations. During the night thieves enter the plantations with motor lorries and cut down lots of young trees.



**A Sketch the late Lou Henning, cartoonist of the newspaper, Rapport made years ago for our newsletter of the forestry farmer Pieter Henning**

Pieter said, “Our forum started making the police aware of the problem. We work together with the police and liaisons on a regular basis with the State Prosecutor to bring the value of the products which have been stolen and the extent of the damage under their attention. We are investigating extending the forum to other agricultural commodities.”

He said that it is important that law enforcement officials realise that farmers do not complain about single fruits that are stolen to eat, but these are huge and organized thefts.

“These people rob our profits and some of the farmers can no longer keep on farming, because their profit have become too small due to the small amount of fruit that have stayed in their orchards.”

Dr. Theo de Jager, new President of the World Agricultural Organization, who also farms in the Tzaneen district confirms that theft to the value of millions of Rands takes place in this district and that hundreds of job opportunities are lost.

Pieter called on all his fellow farmers to keep a good heart and work together to find a solution. “We cannot allow these criminals to destroy our future”.

## **A New Medical Practitioner**

Anina Henning, born 22 October 1993 is the oldest child of b7.c2.d3.e4.f3.g2. Marthinus Christoffel (Marthinus) Henning and his wife Henesia of Welkom. She passed matric in 2011 with seven distinctions. Thereafter she started with her studies in Medicine at the University of the Free State. At the end of 2017 she successfully completed her studies and obtained the degree, MB CHB and qualified as a medical practitioner. The graduation ceremony was held on 7 December 2017 in Bloemfontein. Anina has now started with her two year compulsory term as house doctor at the Bethlehem State Hospital.



In the meantime, Anina entered in matrimony with Georg Frederik Kleynhans on 23 September 2017. He was born on 6 October 1990 at Bloemfontein. He is the son of Theo en Annelie Kleynhans of Bethlehem.

The marriage was consummated at the Emoya Estate in Bloemfontein by Dr Wollie Grobler of the NG Klipkerk congregation, Bloemfontein. The reception was also held here.

Henesia, wife of Marthinus, was also born Kleynhans and now their daughter also married a Kleynhans. The father of Georg, Theo was adopted by a Kleynhans couple of Bultfontein. He, however, carry the Kleynhans family name – Theodorus Philippus.

**(The editor cannot resist the temptation to mention that his wife, Charlotte was also born Kleynhans)**

**Anina Kleynhans (born Henning) who qualified in 2017 as medical practitioner**

## Tappe Henning's stepson excel



**Luhann Kotze, stepson of Tappe Henning, in action for the Under-18 team of the Biggar-rugbyclub in Scotland**

b9.c1.d2.e7.f1.g3.h3. Willem Taljaard Stopforth Henning born 6 June 1961 is the well known former test rugby referee Tappe Henning. We have reported on him several times. It is known that Tappe was appointed by the Scottish Rugby Union as manager of referee affairs during November 2013, where he is responsible for the training of referees.

In 2010 Tappe married Elana Kotze. Her first husband died when Elana was three months pregnant with her son Luhann. She and her



two children stayed behind in South Africa when Tappe moved to Scotland in November 2013. They joined him in January 2014.

It has now been reported that Luhann (17) was included in the Scottish Under-18 rugby practice group. Luhann was one of 37 players who joined the squad on 28 and 29 December 2017 at Murryfield. The big prize would be a place in the Scottish Under-18 team to play Wales in March and in the six-nations tournament in April.

Tappe is very proud of the achievements of this stepson. He says that Ruhann did not arrive in Scotland with a reputation as rugby player. Everything he achieved, was with hard work and determination. Ruhann plays scrumhalf. He completed his primary school career at the Primary School Constantiapark, but never made it to the Blue Bulls under-13 Craven Week team. In Scotland he plays for a small school, Biggar High in a small village (about the size of Delmas in Mpumalanga). To achieve this in a foreign language and alien circumstances, is exceptional.

Tappe said Ruhann also represented the Scottish Under-16 team and has a junior contract with the Scottish Rugby Union. Ruhann will be completing his school career in June 2018, where-after he hopes to study Sport Management in Glasgow.

## Death of Hennings



**Lourens Henning and his wife Irma who died in a car accident on 13 October 2017 when they returned home from a holiday at their children in the Western Cape**

**Dina Maria Henning (born Britz) \*3-7-1955 (known as Irma) wife of b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g3.h3. Gerhardus Lourens Henning** (known as Lourens) of Potchefstroom died on 13 October 2017. They went to visit their son, Jopie and his wife, Marnice in the Western Cape. Early the morning of 13 October 2017 they flew back to the Oliver Tambo Airport and arrived safe. On the way from the airport to their home in Potchefstroom, Lourens stopped at a traffic light, which was out of order. When it was safe he pulled away, but another car ignored the traffic light and drove straight into them.

Due to the collision, the air bags came out, but this caused serious burn wounds to Lourens, and he had to get treatment for this at a hospital. Irma was admitted to hospital for several injuries – her spectacles broke in her face and

caused several cuts. In spite of all the treatment, she died in hospital.



**Isabella Henning (born Snyman), wife of  
Koos Henning of Uniondale who died on  
20 October 2017**



**Sally Posthumus (born Henning) who  
died on 9 December 2017**

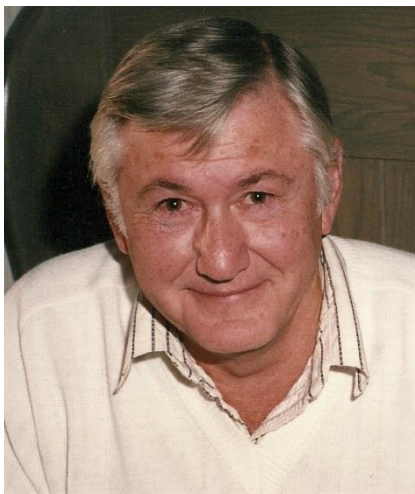
**Isabella Elizabeth Henning (born Snyman) \* 21-7-1942**, wife of b6.c1.d5.e1.f2.g1.h7. Jacobus Alwyn (Koos) Henning \*6-3-1941 of Uniondale in die Little-Karoo died on 20 October 2017. Sy was born at Frankfort as the daughter of John Henry Snyman and his wife Isabella Elizabeth Alberts. Isabella passed matric at the Frankfort High School and thereafter studied Education at the well-known Teachers College in Pretoria (Normaalkollege Pretoria -NKP).

After college she taught at the Dr Verwoerd Primary School in Meyerton for three years. She then taught at the Japie Greyling Primary School at Daleside for twenty five years after which she then retired.

She was very proud of her occupation and primarily looked after the interests of the children first. She educated to her own two children, as well as all the children of her husband's brothers and sisters. She was very popular amongst the children. The number of old scholars attending her funeral testified to this. She also gave private lessons in piano and organ at her home to children and she was involved at their church.

**b6.c4.d2.e6.f3.g3. Susara Wilhelmina Posthumus (born Henning) \*13-7-1934 (known as Sally)** died on 9 December 2017 in Durban. Her body was transported to Johannesburg and she was buried on 15 December in Centurion.

During her career she was a bus driver for the South African Airways. When her husband died, she went to live with her son in Olifantsfontein but she spent the last few weeks of her life with her daughter in Durban.



**Derek Marcus Henning \*13-11-1934  
wat op 4 Desember 2017 te sterwe  
kom**

**b6.c3.d11.e8.f1.g3. Derek Marcus Henning  
\* 13-11-1934**

The passing of b6.c3.d11.e8.f1.g3.Derek Marcus Henning on the 4th December 2017 at the age of 83 years has been met with great sadness.

He is survived by Margaret his wife, his children of his first marriage to Joan (née Regan): Moira Elaine Cunningham (née Henning), Derek Rudd Henning, Lesley May Henning and Alicyn Vye van Maanen (née Henning). His step children, Sandra Steyn (née Rambert), Louise Rambert and step daughter in law Emma Rambert (née Hollingworth), seven grandchildren, six step grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Derek was born on the 13th November 1934 in Johannesburg. In 1935 his family moved to the then Southern Rhodesia to the Fort Victoria Province where his father pioneered the virgin bushveld in cattle ranching and cropping. He spent his childhood in this area attending boarding school from the tender age of 5 years old, at Fort Victoria Primary and Junior Schools and on to Chaplin High School in Gwelo in the Midlands area where he excelled academically and in all sports.

Having finished his education, he moved to Salisbury in Mashonaland where he worked for the Government, played in the rugby league and competed in diving. He then went to Marondellas where he joined his brother Rex in farming, and later to the Lowveld of Rhodesia where he spent most of his life.

He ranched cattle, ran irrigated crops and took an active part in the development of the Lowveld in all spheres.

He made a considerable contribution to the Chiredzi and Nyika Town Councils, and represented the Lowveld in the Commercial Farmers Union, Grain Producers Executive, Cotton Producers Executive, and was Chairman of The Cattle Producers Association. Derek was also the President of the Lions Club of Triangle.

He took an active part as a Police Reservist during the turbulence of the Rhodesian Liberation war, surviving attacks on his homestead and finally lost his Ranch due to the pressure. He moved to Mkwesine Sugar Estate in the Lowveld where he successfully began from scratch to restore himself in cropping cotton and wheat.

He continued to participate actively in the community development and assisted in the management and the running of large numbers of cattle on the large privately owned Devuli Ranch which he and Margaret moved to in 1982.

After two crippling droughts and the collapse of the cattle industry Derek subdivided the Ranch into smaller ranches at the request of the Owners of Devuli, and sold them on behalf of the Company, one of which he purchased.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Save Valley Conservancy, incorporating these ranches together with neighbouring ranches, where all internal fences were taken down and a perimeter game fence built around an area of approximately 400 000 hectares. All cattle were removed. Varieties of game, from the smallest species to entire families of elephant were translocated from outlying drought stricken areas to the Conservancy which is still, to this day, up and running.

He took on the challenge of constructing a magnificent dam on his ranch. A dream he had for many years. The construction was carried out with picks, shovels, wheelbarrows and tractors. The dam which covers some kilometres has now transformed the entire Lowveld bush veld in the surrounding area. A *fait accompli* which was met with high commend and the fishing enjoyed by all.



**Derek Marcus Henning and his family.**  
**Back l.t.r:** Derek Rudd Henning; Mandy Henning (nee Stainer); Alicyn Vye Van Maanen (nee Henning); Robert Cunningham; Moira Elaine Cunningham (nee Henning); Cecile Van Maanen; Lesley May Henning; Paul Van Maanen  
**Front l.t.r:** Grand children Kate Van Maanen and Jonjo Coleman; Derek Marcus Henning; Margaret Henning

It was at this time that Derek developed Diabetes Type 2, he retired and moved with Margaret to a small farm in the Vumba Mountains in the Eastern Manicaland Province of the now Zimbabwe. Here he grew the Australian Waratah Protea very successfully for export to Holland until political changes made him decide to move, to join Margaret's late son Shaun Rambert, in Kimberley, Northern Cape in South Africa in his Wildlife Translocation Venture.

Sadly, Shaun was killed whilst translocating rhino, and after 3 years of staying in Kimberley, Derek and Margaret moved up to Louis Trichardt in Limpopo Province where he

bought a small holding of 21 hectares.

Derek at the age of 76 developed Parkinson's and his health slowly started to deteriorate despite his determination to continue being active with daily walks of five to six kilometers and continuing with the development of the small holding. During this time, influenced by Angus Buchan, he became a Born Again Christian and devoted his time to the Lord.

In August 2017, the family decided to move Derek and Margaret back to Zimbabwe where they were settled in the beautiful Dandaro Retirement Village in Harare.

Sadly, the move was too great and he succumbed to the complications of Parkinson's and Dementia and after putting up a brave fight, passed away peacefully on 4th December 2017.



The imprint he has left behind on the land and on all the hearts he touched, of those who knew him and of those who loved him dearly, will remain for ever.

He had the heart of a giant, was a larger than life, dynamic person, who bestrode the Zimbabwean Lowveld for half a century. No obstacle was too big for him to leave unchallenged. His memory will continue for ever.

**Martha Maria Petrosina (Makkie) Henning (born Venter) \*20-12-1934 died on New Yearsday, 1 January 2018 in the age of 83 years.** She was the wife of b6.c4.d1.e5.f5.g7. Philippus Johannes Petrus Henning, who died in 1995.

Makkie Henning was born as the first child of Prins Willem Venter and his wife Johanna Maria (born Welmans) –she was only a few hours older than her twin sister, Hettie. Later a brother, Koos and sister, Ria followed. She grew up on their farm, Kleinklipput in the Groblersdal district.



**Martha Maria Petrosina (Makkie) Henning (born Venter) \*20-12-1934 died on New Yearsday, 1 January 2018**

She went to school at the Ben Viljoen High School, which only had classes up to St 8 at that stage. She, therefore, had to end her school career and start working. She got a job as an assistant at a pharmacy in Groblersdal and lodged at Rev L S Kruger and his wife. With the help of Rev Kruger she met Flip Henning (Philippus Johannes Petrus). He just finished his studies as teacher at Potchefstroom and was posted as teacher at the local high school. They got married on 17 December 1955 and four children was born from this marriage: Hannatjie, Jannie, Annatjie and Marietjie.

Their marriage was characterized by love and harmony. Makkie's devotion to her husband and children was complete. While her husband was boarding-house father at the boarding-house for girls at Groblersdal, she was the mother for many boarding school children. The same happened when he later became house-father for the boarding-house for boys at the Potchefstroom Gimnasium.

It was not easy to raise four children on a teacher's salary. Makkie was not one to be idle. She used her talents to assist her

husband in maintaining their family. She did catering and used her talents in needlework to create wedding – and matric farewell dresses. This talent started in Groblersdal, where she hardly ever bought clothing for her and her daughters in shops. She usually bought a roll of material and made dresses for herself and her three

daughters ... no wonder this family looked a little bit like the well-known family Von Trapp from the musical: Sound of Music on their way to church on Sundays.



**Makkie Henning on her 80th birthday in Krugersdorp with her four children: Anna Catharina Smit (Annatjie), Johanna Maria Harris (Hannatjie), Martha Maria Petrosina van Schaik (Marietjie) and at the back, Jan Sarel Marthinus Henning (Jan)**

She assisted her husband in everything he had to do. While he was a lecturer at the University at Potchefstroom, they bought a plot, with a farm shop, near Potchefstroom. The functioning and mangement of this shop was entirely handled by Makkie.

After Flip's death in 1995, she lived with her youngest daughter, Marietjie, and her husband, Rev Joop van Schaik, for many years.. Here Makkie assumed a new role as parsonage grandmother. We believe the three Van Schaik-grand children, Hanno, Marteli and Philip-Johan, can look back with gratitude to the privileged time when granny Makkie taught them to sing, say poems and prayers or just joined them in laughing. She also made the most delicious milk food!

After years of happy living with the Van Schaik family – Joop, Marietjie and children Makkie entered the last phase of her life's journey at the Luipaardsvlei Old Age Home.

During this time Makkie had a few setbacks in her health. One of these was when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was a strong woman. Her daughter, Hannatjie accompanied her the

day she had to go to hospital for a mastectomy. It was six o'clock in the morning and both were hurried and bewildered, and above all there were alterations at the entrance to the hospital. At that time Makkie's hip already started with problems. While struggling through the alterations at the hospital, her hip gave way and she fell right in front of the hospital Her daughter, Hanna, was in shock and tried to help her mother, but typical Makkie, she got back to her feet on her own and regained her dignity. She went for the operation, chemo and radiation and at the end conquered the cancer.

As a young girl, Makkie was a good athlete and netball player. After her accident in front of the hospital, she had to undergo several operations on her knee and hips. Unfortunately none of these operations really helped and she lost her mobility and freedom of movement.

The last three years of her life she was bed or confined to wheelchair. Her living world suddenly became drastic smaller. The nursing staff of the old age home had to care for her. Her deterioration in the last year was noticeable. In spite of this her

children remember how she, right up until the end, kept her sense for humour, even when it was only a mischievous twinkle in the eye. Makkie's son in law, Rev Joop van Schaik of the Reformed Church Krugersdorp handled the burial service and she was buried in the Potchefstroom cemetery.



## Money Matters

We again want to thank all those well-meaning Hennings who made donations to the Family League over the past three months. This fine gesture is appreciated immensely and shows that the Henning Family League is important for many and on the right way.

We want to give the insurance that every cent we receive, will be spent for the benefit of the Henning family and more specific, the Henning Family League.

First of all we thank the seven members who contribute regularly on a monthly basis, by means of a debit order.

This is invaluable for the family league.

- Jan Andries Henning and his wife Cornelia of Leraatsfontein, Witbank
- Jan Hendrik Henning and his wife Nicolina of Glenstantia, Pretoria
- Past Antonie Henning and his wife Nellie of Wonderboom South, Pretoria
- Pieter Hendrik Henning and his wife Anna of Durbanville
- Runa and Sauer van Straaten of Doringkloof, Centurion
- Gesina and Mathys Spangenberg of Swakopmund, Namibië
- Pieter Jacobus Stephanus Henning of Ramsgate

We also want to thank the following members who made contributions over the past three months:

- Dr J A G (Koos) Henning and his wife, Stephanie of Nylstroom - R250.00
- J (Ockert) Henning of Durbanville – R500.00
- Johan (Jay) Henning of Constantia, Cape Town – R200.00
- J G (Gerhard) Henning and his wife Dorie of Mmabatho – R500.00
- Lizelle Henning and her mother, Ena (widow of Herman Henning) of Rietfontein, Pretoria – R1 000.00
- Mrs Linda van Tonder of Ferndale - R100.00
- Mrs Hanneljie (J A D) Henning (widow of Pieter Henning) of Doornpoort – R150.00

We appeal to all Hennings to consider a donation from time tot time to the Family League. You decide yourself how much you can afford.

**The particulars of the current account of the Family League are as follows:**

**FNB Villiersdorp (Branch 200 712); Account name – Henning Family League; Account number – 6265 7601 483. Please use your initials and surname, and if possible your member number, as reference who made the donation.**

## **Henning Souvenir**

We still have the following Henning souvenirs available. You can order telephonically (028 840 0113 or by E Mail – [olie4@henning.org](mailto:olie4@henning.org). Unfortunately postage according to the weight of the parcel must be added on. We will therefore have to calculate the postage before you can deposit the money into the account of the Family League. Account particulars are as follows: **FNB Villiersdorp branch 200 712, Account name – Henning Family League; Account number 6265 7601 483. Please use your member number or initials and surname as reference.**

- Teaspoons (gold plated) –R50.00 each. **Very nice as a set of six with a sugar spoon**
- Sugar spoons (gold plated) – R54.00 each
- Collar badges – R30.00 each
- Cuff Links — R100.00 set. **Really very nice! Can be worn with pride or displayed in a show case. Will also become a nice heirloom**
- Writing pads (50 pages) – R30.00
- Henning CD – R125.00 each (postage R10.00).
- Determine postage cost before ordering. If you want us to send the parcel by registered post, this will add an extra R30.00 to the postage. Unless you want to place a really big order, postage would most probably be R10.00. Delivery by Postnet will be R99.00 for a parcel weighing 1 Kg.
- Please support the Family League!



- 1.Henning CD – R125.00
- 2.Writing pad (50 bl) – R30.00
- 3.Sugar spoon –R54.00
- 4.Collar badge – R30.00
- 5.Teaspoon – R50.00
- 6.Cuff links – R100.00