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**English Translation**

## A Henning turns 100 years old



**a2.b5.c5.d8.e2.f5.g1.h1. Ingar Henning  
\*1968 with his grandmother, Pearl  
Henning on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018**

It has only been a few times, in the forty years that the Henning Family League has been issuing a newsletter, that we have been in the privileged position of being able to congratulate a Henning, or a related person, with their hundredth birthday.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 Pearl Sybil Zelda Henning (born Fisher) experienced this memorable event, when she celebrated her hundredth birthday. She was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1919. Pearl now lives in the sickbay of Esperanza old-age-home in Strand.

When we tried to get a little bit more information about Pearl, we realised that her husband, Gert Frans Henning born 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1916 (a2.b5.c5.d8.e2.f5.), as well as her three children have already died. She suffers from dementia and cannot even remember the names of her parents.

Fortunately, her grandson, Ingar Ian Henning (son of Leonard George Henning a2.b5.c5.d8.e2.f5.g1. whose death is also reported in this newsletter)

was able to fill us in with a little bit of information about her. Pearl's father was from British descent, but divorced her mother when she was still very young. After school she worked at several places and after she and Gert married, she became a housewife.

Particulars of 12,753 people are included in the Henning Family Chronicle of which only five reached a century:

- Amelia Zurich (103) born 1882, died 1985, daughter of Hermanus Zurich and his wife Martha Johanna Elizabeth Henning (\*1857) (a2.b7.c8.d1)
- Herman Evers Zurich (102) born 1889, died 1991, son of Hermanus Zurich and Martha Johanna Elizabeth Henning (\*1857) (a2.b7.c8.d1)
- Gertruida Susanna Henning (101) born 1906, died 2007, a2.b5.c4.d7.e1.f1.
- Johannes Stephanus Henning (101) born 1871, died 1972, a2.b1.c6.d6.e1.
- Fredrika Wilhelmina Henning (100) born 1913, died 2013, a2.b9.c1.d4.e6.f1.

Two people reached ninety-nine years:

- Jan Hendrik Henning born 12-3-1870 (a2.b1.c3.d10.e3.)
- Wilhelmina Catharina Zurich born 23-10-1880, daughter of Hermanus Zurich and his wife Martha Johanna Elizabeth Henning (\*1857) (a2.b7.c8.d1)

Two people reached ninety-eight years:

- Charel George Weitz Henning born 6-1-1892 (a2.b1.c3.d2.e4.f3.)
- Pieter Hermanus Steyn Henning born 27-6-1907 (a2.b1.c3.d7.e9.f2.)

## Unlikely, Unsung Hero

Emeritus Professor Frans-Johan Pretorius, well-known historian of the University of Pretoria, is responsible for a series of interesting articles on the Anglo-Boer-War in the Beeld newspaper. One of his articles about an eighty year-old Boer (unfortunately we do not know his name) who kept the British forces busy for a while in the *Brandwaterkom*, near Fouriesburg, drew my attention as I knew that several Hennings also participated. In this battle approximately 4,000 Boers under command of Genl Marthinus Prinsloo surrendered, were taken prisoner-of-war and kept in the Diyatalawa prisoner-of-war camp in Ceylon.

We translated this article by Prof. Pretorius that was published in the Beeld. After the article we mention the particulars of those who surrendered at the battle in the *Brandwaterkom*, Fouriesburg and were sent to Ceylon as prisoners of war.

“A story which elicits a smile of admiration, comes from *The Star* of 30 October 1930 – of an old Boer who was the superior of the British. Adam Kennedy, a member of the Highland Light Infantry Battalion during the Anglo Boer War describes a touching story with the following caption: “*Outstanding incident of South African War*”. Kennedy relates that their battalion, as well as an English battalion (it must have been the Lovat’s Scouts), were part of the British forces surrounding the Free State force under command of Genl Marthinus Prinsloo in the *Brandwaterkom* towards the end of July 1900. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July they conquered a foothold on the lower offshoot of *Retiefsnek* – the mountain pass connecting Bethlehem and the *Brandwaterkom*.

At 03:00 the next morning two companies of the Highland Light Infantry received an order to take position on the left side of the mountain pass to force passage through the mountain pass. By daybreak they reached the foot of the mountain pass and began climbing the cliff.



**The eighty years old Boer sniper was a member of the Boer forces under command of Gen Marthinus Prinsloo – the only one who did not surrender**

Halfway up the cliff a sniper targeted them from behind. This was surprising since there were British troops on all sides from which the shots came. From the sound of the shots it was a Martini Henri rifle.

Several soldiers were hit, and they had to be removed with great difficulty. Reaching the top of the mountain, the Highland Light Infantry were instructed to find cover and determine the position of the sniper.

Due to the echo of his shots between the rocks, they could not determine his position. Despite heavy fire in his direction, the sniper continued with his annoying fire. Every now and then another Brit was hit.

A corporal and three privates, including Kennedy, received instruction to silence the sniper. Under huge danger they reached the area of the man and were able to hear where his shots came from, trace him, surround him and take him prisoner-of-war.

To their big surprise an old man of in his eighties stood in front of them. His Martini Henry was of the oldest type. He used almost half of his 300 home-made bullets on the Brits. Kennedy confiscated his bandoleer “*of the Voortrekker type, home made from buck skin*”. Later he donated it to F W FitzSimons, director of the Port Elizabeth museum.

The four soldiers that took him captive were full of admiration for the old man’s actions, for his decision to stay in his position, surrounded by the enemy, rather than joining the Boers to go to the inside of Retiefsnek. He must have been there for more than two days. He did not have a water bottle; only dry maize in a knapsack. In the preceding week there were heavy snowfalls; he was without a coat or a blanket. With admiration Kennedy concluded: He was a real warrior who would not receive a Victoria Cross. His actions were undocumented in Boer reports. Indeed, the superior of the British!

Thirty-one Hennings were part of the fighting-formation of approximately 4,000 men under command of Genl Marthinus Prinsloo who were forced to surrender in the Brandwaterkom, near Fouriesburg on 30 July 1900, taken prisoner of war and kept in the Diyatalawa Concentration Camp in Ceylon. We are aware of a few Hennings who were also

members of this force, but were not taken as prisoners of war. One can speculate why they were not on the battlefield that day; were they on leave or did they escape?

To surrender was the logical outcome of this battle. Unfortunately this is the reason that there was only one hero in the group of 4,000 Boer warriors – an eighty year old man!

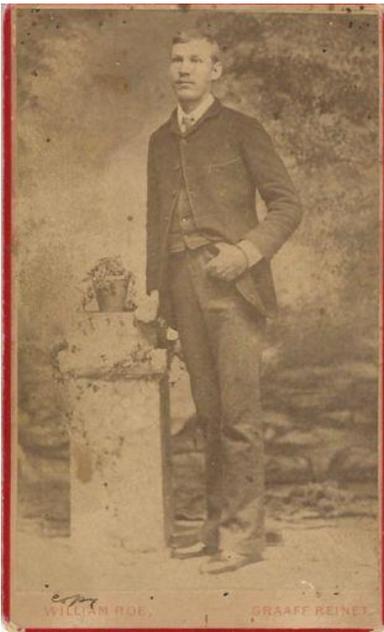
The thirty-one Hennings who surrendered were the following:

- a2.b1.c3.d4.e8. Jan Hendrik Henning \*13-7-1868. He farmed on the farm Tygerhoek, Rouxville district and served in the Rouxville Commando - Lower Caledon Fieldcornecy.
- a2.b1.c3.d5.e6. Andreas Stephanus Henning \*Rouxville 27-12-1870. He and his brother Johannes (e7.) were twins and both served in the Rouxville commando. He died from camp-fever in the prisoner-of-war camp. He farmed on the farm, Luckhoff, Rouxville district.
- a2.b1.c3.d5.e7. Johannes Izak Frederik Henning \*Rouxville 27-12-1870. He and his brother Andreas (e6.) were twins. He served in the Rouxville commando and farmed on the farm Strydfontein, district Aliwal North.
- a2.b1.c3.d7.e2. Jan Hendrik Henning \*16-11-1863. He served in the Rouxville Commando - Slikspruit Field Cornecy and lived on the farm Pelgrimsrust, Smithfield district.
- a2.b1.c3.d8.e1. Jan Hendrik Henning \*12-12-1862. He served in the Rouxville Commando - Vechtkop Field Cornecy and lived on their farm Sondagsfontein, Zastron district.
- a2.b1.c3.d8.e5. Alwyn Louis Henning \*1875. He served in the Rouxville Commando, Lower Caledon Field Cornecy and lived on the farm Boschberg, district Rouxville.
- a2.b1.c3.d8.e7. Pieter Hendrik Barend Henning \*Rouxville 26-3-1883. He served in the Rouxville Commando, Vechtkop Field Cornecy. He farmed on the farms Elandskloof and Boschberg, Zastron district.
- a2.b1.c3.d10.e4. Olof Abraham Henning \*30-3-1872. He served in the Rouxville Commando - Vechtkop Field Cornecy.
- a2.b1.c3.d10.e7. Christiaan Rudolf Henning \*Rouxville 3-8-1877. He served in the Rouxville Commando, Vechtkop Field Cornecy. During the battle in Fouriesburg he was wounded in the leg and taken prisoner-of-war. Due to his injuries he was left cripple for life and got the nickname Chrisjan Houtbeen (Christian-wooden-leg). He was the choir leader of the Diyatalawa-prisoner-of-war choir, which often held concerts together with other artists in the camp as well as elsewhere on the island. He farmed on the farm Bronkhorstfontein, Rouxville district.
- a2.b1.c3.d10.e8. Johannes Gerhardus Henning \*Zastron 23-5-1880. He served in the Rouxville Commando, Vechtkop Field Cornecy. He farmed on the farm Glenwater, district Zastron, but during the war he lived on the farm Bronkhorstfontein.
- a2.b1.c3.d10.e9. Johannes Hendrik Henning \*Bronkhorstfontein, Zastron 21-1-1882. He served in the Rouxville Commando - Vechtkop Field Cornecy and lived with his parents on the farm Bronkhorstfontein, Rouxville district.
- a2.b1.c6.d11.e4. Johan Andries Henning \*Rouxville 12-2-1884. When the Anglo-Boer-war started during October 1899 he was only 16 years old and lived with his

parents on the farm, Uitzicht, Smithfield district. He joined the Rouxville Commando and was incorporated with the Slikspruit Field Cornecy.

- a2.b1.c8.d6. Pieter Hendrik Henning \*18-7-1847. He and his oldest two sons participated in the battle of Magersfontein under Genl Cronje. When Cronje surrendered on 27 February 1900 at Paardeberg, they escaped and joined the forces of Genl Prinsloo. Before the war he farmed on the farm Rus-en-Vrede, Rouxville.
- a2.b1.c8.d6.e5. Johannes Petrus Jonker Henning \*Rouxville 5-12-1881. Initially he farmed with his father on the farm Rus-en-Vrede. Before his eighteenth birthday the Anglo-Boer-war broke out and the three of them served under Genl Cronje. When Cronje surrendered, they fled and joined Genl Prinsloo. His brother was not one of those who surrendered at Fouriesburg and taken prisoner-of-war.
- a2.b5.c1.d1.e1. Jan Andries Henning \*Over de Grens 17-6-1845. He and his sons Jacobus Cornelis (f4), Pieter Hendrik (f5) en Jan Andries (f6.) served in the Bethulie Commando (Grootrivier Field Cornecy).
- a2.b5.c1.d1.e1.f4. Jacobus Cornelis Henning \*Bethulie 10-11-1874. He lived at Vaalbank, Bethulie and served in the Bethulie commando.
- a2.b5.c1.d1.e1.f5. Pieter Hendrik Henning \*Bethulie Sept 1880. He lived on the farm, Droogfontein, district Bethulie and served in the Bethulie Commando – Field Cornecy Grootrivier.
- a2.b5.c1.d1.e1.f6. Jan Andries Henning \*Bethulie 6-11-1882. He was a member of the Bethulie Commando (Grootrivier Field Cornecy).
- a2.b5.c1.d1.e2.f2. Jacobus Cornelis Henning \*Bethulie 12-12-1876. He and his family farmed on the farm, Swartfontein, Bethulie.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e1. Jan Andries Henning \*Colesberg 1-3-1854. He farmed on the farm, Bulskop, district Dewetsdorp. On 6 August 1900, after the battle in the Brandwaterkom, at Witsieshoek, he and his two oldest sons, Jozeph Johannes Philippus and Johannes Lodewikus, as well as his four brothers and his brother-in-law, Gert Grobler, were taken prisoner-of-war by the British forces.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e1.f1. Jozeph Johannes Phillipus Henning \*Dewetsdorp 20-3-1879. He served in the Wepener commando under Cmdt Fouché. He farmed on their farm, Bulskop, district Dewetsdorp.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e1.f2. Johannes Lodewikus Henning \*Bethulie 7-6-1880. He farmed on the farm, Echodale, Wepener district and served in the Wepener Commando.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e6. Joseph Johannes Philippus Henning \*25-10-1862. He served in the commando of Cmdt F Du Plooy under command of Fieldcornet W Robinson.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e8. Albertus Johannes Henning \*7-10-1865. He farmed on the farm, Winkelhoek, district Bethulie.
- a2.b5.c1.d3.e11. Jacobus Cornelis Henning \*Dewetsdorp 15-2-1874. He lived on the farm, Droogfontein, district Bethulie and served in the Bethulie Commando (Grootrivier Field Cornecy)
- a2.b5.c1.d5.e3. Barend Johannes Henning \*5-1-1860. He farmed on the farm, Kraanvogelvlei, Bloemfontein district and served in the Bloemfontein Commando (Boven Modder Field Cornecy).

- a2.b5.c1.d5.e5. Jan Andries Henning \*Kransvoëlvlei, Dewetsdorp 21-7-1866. He farmed on the farm, Kraanvogelvlei, Bloemfontein district and served in the Bloemfontein Commando (Boven Modder Field Cornecy).
- a2.b5.c4.d7.e1. Jacobus Cornelis Stephanus Henning \*19-7-1872. He lived in the town, Winburg and served in the Winburg Commando (Senekal Field Cornecy).
- a2.b5.c5.d4.e1. Gert Frans Henning \*Feb 1866. He farmed on the farm, Yzervarkfontein, Smithfield district and served in the Smithfield Commando.
- a2.b5.c5.d7.e1. Gert Frans Henning \*Smithfield Des 1869. He served in the Bloemfontein Commando (Boven Modder Field Cornecy).
- a2.b5.c5.d7.e6. Johannes Philippus Henning \*Strydfontein, Smithfield 29-10-1881. He lived on the farm, Lorensa, Smithfield district and served in the Smithfield Commando - Slikspruit Field Cornecy.



**a2.b7.c8.d7. John Brown Henning \*24-12-1867, who died when he was 21 years old**

## Photograph of John Brown Henning \*24-12-1867

When we disassembled the Henning exhibition in the Church Squire museum, Aliwal-North early in 2019, we took all the recovered artefacts to my home, until we could decide what to do with everything. One of these items was the photo-album of my great-grand-father, Olivier Henning \*1834 and his wife Cornelia (born Kotze) \*1839. When the museum was erected I donated the album to it. In the previous newsletter – no 140 of November 2019 – we had an article about this album. All the photographs in this album were taken between approximately 1860 and 1895.

As with most photo-albums, this album also did not have any captions, therefore we had to rely on the memories of later generations to recognise the people on the photographs. Identifying people who died before our parents were born, are therefore forever impossible. At my home I could study every photo, taking my time, with a magnifying glass. This time I

looked carefully at a photo of a young man (whom we thought was Olivier Henning, born 1869) and in one corner on the back of the photo was written in pencil, very small and very faint, the name John Brown. It occurred to me that this must be a photo of a2.b7.c8.d7. John Brown Henning, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1867, who died on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1889. He was only 21-years and seven months old when he died. It seems that the photo was taken shortly before his death.



After we identified John Brown, we could also identify him on another photograph with his sister, Jannetta, born 26-6-1866, who was slightly older than him. She also died at the age of 21 in 1887. Initially we thought that that the young man in the photo was their younger brother Olivier \*1869. We have several photographs of Olivier, born 1869, at different ages. Now we can see clearly the resemblance between the two brothers.

**a2.b7.c8.d7. John Brown Henning \*1867 and his sister Jannetta \*1866. She died in 1887 in the age of 21 years and he died during 1889, also in the age of 21 years**

## **Ernst Henning and the stoking of brandy**

The positive story of the partnership between Jeffrey Nong, grape farmer of Ventersdorp and a local distiller Ernst Henning, is an example of hope for South Africa. Thanks to their co-operation, a brandy - Nong Brandy - has been successfully stoked with grapes grown by Nong and his workers.

Nong was a victim of government empowerment projects which failed due to mismanagement and disappearing funds.

Although Ernst Henning does not fit in with any of the well-known Henning clans in South Africa, we reported in the Haantjie no. 114 of May 2013 about the struggle the farmer and businessman Ernst Henning of Ventersdorp had with criminals who used the church building of the old Lutheran Mission Station in Ventersdorp as the basis for their criminal activities.

Ernst Henning's grandfather came from Germany as the first Lutheran missionary in the 1920s to establish a mission station at Ventersdorp. Ernst played, as a little boy, at this mission church and his father was buried from this church during the 1990s.

At that time we reported that Ernst, as part of his farming and business operations, also operated a distilling business.

Almost all the newspapers recently reported on the new brandy which was produced and bottled over the past seven years by the emerging black farmer Jeffrey Nong, under the guidance of Ernst Henning. We translated one of the articles that appeared in Beeld.

### **Farmer and Businessman taste brandy success**

Farming is not for sissies! This is how Jeffrey Nong, an emerging black farmer of Ventersdorp describe the long road of seven years he and a local businessman had to walk, producing brandy.



**Ernst Henning and Jeffrey Nong with the Nong Brandy they bottled after seven years of hard work. They sit in the vineyard near Ventersdorp where the grapes for the brandy are grown**

A proud Nong showed the bottles brandy, which was named after him. The plan is to offer the brandy to a few smaller liquor groups within the next month or two.

Ernst Henning, owner of Totpak & Schoonspruit Distillery, near Ventersdorp said that he is going to send Nong to Cape Town to try and introduce his brandy in the Cape.

As a distiller, Henning is already more than 20 years in the liquor producing industry. His and Nong's roads crossed in 2012 when the Kenneth Kaunda-district municipality started with a project to

alleviate poverty by means of agriculture. The plan was to get private partners.

At that stage Nong lost his job at a local mine and decided that he wanted to try farming. He was the son of a farmworker in the Ventersdorp district.

As part of the project, Henning offered to make, without compensation, a piece of land available to Nong where he could grow grapes. He then had to deliver his grapes to Henning's distillery to produce brandy.

According to Henning and Nong the district municipality initially assisted, but then the money dried up. They had to carefully consider continuing, because a lot of money was needed. According to Nong the vineyards only had enough grapes after the third year to deliver to the distillery. The process of distilling wine from the grapes and maturation of the brandy mixture in wooden barrels, takes another three years. Making a profit, therefore, only comes after a long time.

"I asked Ian Sieg of Griqualand West Corporate (GWK) to give guidance to Nong how to grow grapes", Henning said. Nong grows villard blanc- en colombard grapes, which do well in the Ventersdorp region. Henning provide Nond with housing, a salary, a vehicle and workers. The vineyard of 10 ha is irrigated from a dam on Hennings' farm nearby.

Over the past few years Henning spent a few hundred thousand Rand on this project out of his own pocket.

"I am proud of what I have done here", said Nong. According to him there are people who reproached him for accepting help from a white man. "What is wrong with that?" What do we do different as (the businessman) Patrick Motsepe, who also received guidance from white men? We are both entrepreneurs – people who saw opportunities, are focussed and pursue success with perseverance.

Nong say that he is thankful for Henning's assistance. "Somebody who cannot be thankful, can never be happy."



**Francois Henning (Snotkop) and Ricus Nel who walked away with the price of “Best song of the year” for 2019 of the Bok-Radio broadcasting station with their song “Boerepompie”**

## Bok-Radio song of the year

On several occasions we have reported on the Ghoema music awards which have been made to Francois Henning (a2.b5.c4.d4.e1.f7.g1.h2.) under his stage-name “Snotkop”. The last report was in Newsletter 139 of August 2019, when Francois won three awards.

During October 2019 it came to our attention that Francois Henning, alias Snotkop, received another award. Every year during October, Bok-Radio, which broadcast in the Western Cape, make

awards in several categories to artists performing in Afrikaans. For 2019 Snotkop was nominated in two categories, Album of the year, and National song of the year.

In the latter category Francois Henning was nominated together with Ricus Nel and in the end they won the category for their song “Boerepompie”

Congratulations Francois! All Hennings are proud of you and glad that you have settled as one of the big favoured artists in the country.

## Photo at grave of Pieter Hendrik Henning \*17-9-1884



Recently we received a good photograph of Maria Petronella Elizabeth Henning (born Weitz) \*21-5-1893 wife of a2.b1.c6.d6.e8. Pieter Hendrik Henning \* 17-9-1884 and their six children standing at his grave in 1934. F.l.t.r: f4 Charel George Weitz Henning \*1922, f3 Pieter Hendrik Henning \*1920, f1 Jan Hendrik Henning (Hennie)

\*1918, f2 Jan Christiaan Henning \*1918 (Jan), mother Maria Petronella Elizabeth Henning (Weitz), f5 Anna Johanna Snyman (born Henning) \*1925 and f6. Theodorus Ernst Henning \* 1929



## Grand Number Plates

It is well-known that one can get a personal number plate for your vehicle if you want to spend something extra on your vehicle.

Somebody recently sent us this photograph of a fancy vehicle with number-plate HENNING GP which he saw at a filling station.

One would immediately think that it must be one of our Hennings, who is so proud of his surname. After a simple investigation we found out that the vehicle belongs to a man, Henning van Aswegen of Alberton. Henning is of course a popular and well-known family name of the Van Aswegen family in South Africa.

This could, however, be a good and grand plan for a few Hennings in the other eight provinces to register their vehicles with this grand name.



**Pieter Henning of Marble Hall, Chairman of the Unimog Freunde Club with his orange Cheetah supporters jersey**

## Interesting SA Unimog history

a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f2.g4.h1.i2. Petrus Francois Joubert (Pieter) Henning, born 16-2-1972 not only have a Doctor's degree in Engineering, but was also a lecturer at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). A year or two ago he resigned and is now a full-time farmer in the Marble Hall district.

Pieter developed a special interest in the legendary Unimog vehicles of Mercedes Benz. The moment he got the opportunity to acquire one of these very scarce vehicles he bought one. His Unimog was not one of the Army Buffel conversions, but a real civilian Orange Unimog, which belonged to a farmer in the Boshof district – Unimog 416.153 of 1982.

Since March 2019 Pieter became the Chairman of the Unimog Freunde Club of South Africa.

It is interesting that Gert Grobler, husband of a2.b7.c8.d8.e3.f6. Sylvia Grobler (born Henning), who is also a

member of the Henning Family League, is known as the *“father of the Unimog of South Africa”*. Gert has a long and interesting history with this legendary vehicle.



**Buffel mine resistant troop carrier fitted with Unimog components**



**The most modern proto type Unimog**

This South African produced cross-country vehicle was introduced in 1971 for the first time to the SA Defence Force. The original Unimogs were used as Ambulances, Troop Carriers and special cross-country vehicles.

The Defence Force also started to use Unimog chassis and components for the very famous Buffel mine-resistant troop-carriers. Approximately 7,000 sets of Unimog chassis and components were imported for military use.

After a few years Mercedes Benz Germany stopped producing Unimogs, but many members of the Defence Force, agriculture, fire-brigades, forestry and especially companies from Namibia who knew the Unimog, enquired regularly when the vehicle would be available again. Complete support with components

and repair work was still available in South Africa.

With clever planning, Gert Grobler paved the way for production of the Unimog to be restarted in South Africa after fifteen years of no production. In the beginning MBSA top management did not like Gert was busy with and his involvement even placed his job in danger. But, in the end he succeeded and MBSA again started producing Unimogs. Top management smiled broadly of course, because the money is rolling in.

And now the father of Unimog in South Africa, Gert Grobler and the chairman of the Unimog Freunde Club, Pieter Henning are both members of the Henning family League.

## Deaths



**Louis Henning \*1951 and his wife Maria (born Hamer)**

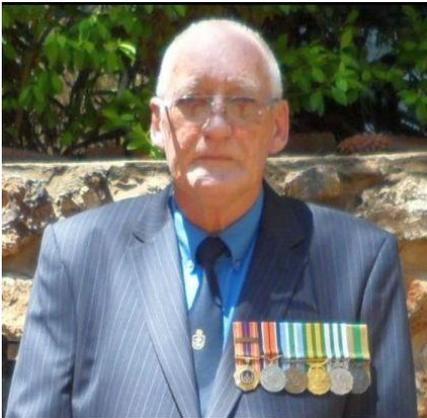
**a2.b6.c4.d7.e8.f1.g1.Louis Johannes Henning**, born on the 5th August 1951, died on September 8th 2019. Louis was born in Johannesburg and attended the Fakkell High School. Thereafter he did his national service in the Defence Force. After completion of his service he obtained a diploma in Communication at the Pretoria Technicon.

Louis was a loyal employee at Telkom for forty-five years and retired in 2010. He was an Optical Fibre specialist.

In his late twenties he moved to Pretoria where he lived for the rest of his life.

Louis was married, for more than thirty years, to Maria Hamer. He survived three heart attacks, but then died of blood cancer.

His legacy lives on with his wife, three sons, Divan, Morné and Tjaart and two grandsons, Camden and Matthew.



**Leonard George Henning \*1945 who died on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**a2.b5.c5.d8.e2.f5.g1. Leonard George Henning**, born on the 9th January 1945, died on 14 June 2019. He joined the Navy in the 1960's. After his basic training, he started as a radar operator on submarines and then progressed onto frigates. He left the Navy for a short while and was in the Police force in Johannesburg and then King Williams town. He returned to the Navy where he joined the Counter Intelligence Unit and took early retirement in 2006 as a Warrant Officer Class 1.

His hobbies were all mediums of painting and drawing. He also enjoyed radio-controlled model aircraft since his 30's. For the last 12 years his main passion was Flight simulation on the PC and he was a member

of a British virtual flying club. While in the Navy he represented South Africa in Shooting, Sailing and Fishing.

We also report in this newsletter about Leonard's mother who celebrated her hundredth birthday on the 10th December 2019.



**Pieter Henning \*1957 who died on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. Here he is standing on the beach at Margate**



**Beyers Henning \*1947 who died on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**b6.c4.d1.e5.f3.g6.h3. Pieter Jacobus Stefanus Henning**, born 22nd September 1957, died on 30 October 2019 at the Shelly Beach Hospital. He was born in Benoni but grew up in Pretoria. He was a Master Electrician and worked for more than twenty-five years for Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa (Necsa) at Pelindaba.

In 2007 he was diagnosed with lung cancer, but later he contracted COPD (a lung disease).

Pieter was divorced from his first wife and married a second time in 2002 to Fransiska (born Hougaard). He has one son, Harold from his first marriage.

**a2.b6.c3.d3.e4.f2.g6.h3. Beyers Henning**, \*21-11-1947 died on the 11th November 2019. Beyers was a clever child, because at the beginning of 1953 at the age of five years and two months he was allowed to start with grade one at the Newlands Primary School in Johannesburg. He contracted rheumatic fever and advised not to participate in sport again. After some time, however, he started swimming, playing rugby and doing gymnastics again.

After school he did his National Service in the Signal Corps of the Army and was selected for leader training and employed as such. After his military service he started working for the Roodepoort municipality, but also studied for a B Com degree.

Sport remained his special liking and he played rugby for the Roodepoort Rugby Club. He also qualified as tumble couch in gymnastics. He married Aletta Coetzee and they had three daughters, Belinda, Theresa and Zelda.

He started to study homoeopathy.

After he qualified, he practiced in Fairlands, Johannesburg and Bergbron, Roodepoort.

He practiced until the age of 70, when he started suffering from dementia. From the beginning of 2019 he quickly weakened and died eventually due to multiple organ failure.



## Grand Father's Pride

A grand-father can be proud of his grandchildren when they perform well! Grand-father Pieter Hendrik Henning, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1950 of Gezina, Pretoria (a2.b1.c6.d6.e8.f3.g2.) informed us that his grandson, Jaden Henning, born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009, recently received honorary colours, a certificate and a medal for achieving more than 85% in all his subjects in grade 4 during 2019. He is a scholar at the Elardus Park Primary School, Pretoria and will be in Grade 5 in 2020. He is the son of Pieter Hendrik Henning, born on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1978 and his wife Elizane (born Roodt). They live in Elardus Park, Pretoria

**Jaden Henning \*3-2-2009 with his medal, and certificate for academic achievement**

## Money Matters

We have reported several times already that things are not going well with the finances of the Family League. The past few years our income from donations drastically decreased and we have received less than what it cost to maintain the Family League. We, therefore, started to draw on our reserves which we built up over almost forty years.

We appeal to all Hennings to consider making a donation to the Henning Family League from time to time; preferably annually. The particulars of the current account of the Family League are as follows:

**FNB Villiersdorp (branch 200 712), Account no 6265 7601 483, Henning Family League, member number or initials and surname as reference.**

Apart from those members who donate monthly on a regular basis, the following members made a donation over the past three months:

- Member 265 Tjaart Johannes (Tjaart) Henning and his wife Louisa of Sinoville, Pretoria – R1,000.00
- Member 290 Johan (Jay) Henning and his wife Vanessa of Constantia, Cape Town - R200.00
- Member 202 Pieter Hendrik and Anna Henning van Durbanville – R500.00
- Member 69 Jan J P Henning of Bloemfontein – R200.00

