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Prof Cosmo Grenville Henning*20-4-1932 (a2.b7.c5.d7.e2.f1.) and his wife, Joyce (born Roebuck) during their marriage in 1961

Henning Family Performs Generation After Generation

In the previous two newsletters we reported about the academic achievements of Prof Cosmo Grenville Henning * 20-4-1932 (a2.b7. C5.d7.e2.f1.). We also reported on Prof Henning and his wife, Joyce, (born Roebuck)'s four children, who all performed exceptionally well. Three of the four children unfortunately live in the USA these days and only their second son, Michael Anthony (Mike), still lives in South Africa, where he was recently rewarded with the highest academic honour from the South African Research Foundation with an A1 rating. This rating is only awarded to researchers who are internationally recognized by all judges worldwide. Professor Mike is a mathematician at the University of Johannesburg.

We have also already reported, in full, on Prof Cosmo's other son, Adrian Genville, who lives in the USA, and promised that in this newsletter we will report, in full about the other two children who both live in the USA.

But let's start with Prof Cosmo's parents. In the previous articles we only had the basic genealogical details of his parents, but nothing of their history. We now have a much clearer picture of their ancestry.

Cosmo was the only child of Cecil Redvers Henning, who was born on 18 October 1900 in Aliwal North and his wife, Sylvia Maud (born Rudman).

In ou Baltiese dialek was Hen = Haan (manlik), Henne = Hen (vroulik). Henning = Haantjie (vriendelike bynaam vir 'n jong lewenslustige en parmantige seuntjie)



The marriage of a2.b7.c5.d7.e2. Cecil Redvers Henning *18 October 1900 and his wife, Sylvia Maud (born Rudman) at Aliwal North. We presume that the best man, bridesmaid and flower girls were all family members of the bridal couple

Cecil Henning and his wife, Sylvia, were hard-working people and had a good business sense. (*Editor: My father was a cousin of Cecil Henning and years ago, told me with admiration about this cousin of his who was such a good businessman*) They had an apartment building built in Port Elizabeth and called it Grenville Mansions, named after their son, Cosmo Grenville Henning. Later they sold the apartment building and started a transport business from Uitenhage in the late forties.

Cecil and his son Cosmo travelled to California, United States of America, and bought a fleet of GMC buses. The buses were



Some of the busses of Cecil Henning's "Henning Buss Service" at their depot at Uitenhage

imported through the Port Elizabeth port but arrived in many pieces - all parts separately - and without a user manual. Cecil therefore only had to assemble each bus by hand with his mechanical knowledge. This is how Henning Bus Service came into being.

The bus service served Uitenhage, Redhouse, Despatch and Port Elizabeth. Buses always waited at the Uitenhage train station and towns where the train stopped, such as Swartzkop station, which was an important stop for Johannesburg and some of the eastern suburbs of Port Elizabeth. The business was successfully operated for many

years under the ownership and management of Cecil and Sylvia and was regarded as the first bus service in Uitenhage. They finally sold the bus service in the late 1960s.



One of the busses of the Henning Bus Service of Uitenhage



a2.b7.c5.d7. Pieter Barend Henning *21-3-1867, his wife a2.b7.c8.d10. Susanna Magdalena Henning (born Henning) and their three children, Mabel *1899, Cecil Redvers *18-10-1900 and Florence MurielBeatrix *1909

Cecil was the son of a2.b7.c5.d7. Pieter Barend Henning, born 21 March 1867 and his half-cousin Susanna Magdalena Henning (a2.b7.c8.d10.) (Their fathers were half-brothers - the same father, but different mothers. Susanna Magdalena Henning was a younger sister of the grandfather of League Secretary Olivier Henning).

Before Pieter Barend - and Susanna Magdalena Henning's wedding, Pieter lived with his parents on their farm Ezelshoek in the Cradock district and Susanna on her parents' farm, Damfontein, district Aliwal North. After their marriage, the couple lived in the Aliwal North district for a while. Shortly after the Anglo Boer War 1899 - 1902 however, they bought

the farm Sunnydale in the Rouxville district, where they built up a prosperous farm and lived until their deaths. They were therefore typical North-Eastern Cape Afrikaner farmers.

Prof Paul Roebuck Henning

Paul Roebuck Henning, born April 9, 1963, is the eldest child of Prof Cosmo Henning and his wife Joyce. Like his father, he also excelled academically. Paul is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of South Alabama in the United States of America. He also serves as Medical Director at the Orange Beach Fire Department.

His father had already influenced him in the 1980s to obtain his qualifications in the USA, because he had already predicted that things would get much worse in South Africa. Paul therefore applied for admission to several universities in the USA. Due to the weakening value of the Rand, most were unaffordable, but he was accepted to the University of Southern Alabama in Mobile in 1986, to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences, with paramedical studies to follow. In 1988 he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science (B.S) cum laude.

After this he passed the qualifying "EMT-Paramedics" exam in Alabama. During his undergraduate studies, he worked with Newman's Ambulance in Mobile, Alabama, until graduating as a paramedic. He was then accepted as a fire doctor and worked with Prichard Fire Brigade from 1989. He undergone further training at Tuscaloosa Fire College.



a2.b7.c5.d7.e2.f1.g1. Prof Paul Roebuck Henning, born 9 April 1963

In 1990, he was transferred to Mobile Fire Rescue (MFR) and completed additional training for firefighters. He worked until 1992 as a paramedic and firefighter. During his service at MFR, he enrolled for an M degree (M.Sc.) in 1990 and completed his studies in 1992 with majors in Biochemistry and Physiology. In 1992, he was accepted to St George's University School of Medicine (N.Y.). In 1996, he earned his doctorate in medicine (MD).

In 1995, he became a U.S. citizen and was accepted in 1997 for specialist training in emergency medicine at Weill Medical University-Cornell, N.Y. After four years, he qualified as a specialist in emergency medicine.

In 2002, he was offered an academic position at the University of Inselspital, Bern, in Switzerland as an Emergency Surgery Physician. He resigned in 2005 and returned to the US.

He worked for eight months in Rescue, California and then moved to Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Florida as a treating physician in emergency medicine. Here he worked until 2018. He

was also appointed as clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at Florida State University (FSU) where he was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2017.

Apart from Sacred Heart Hospital, in 2015 he was appointed Medical Director of Public Safety for Escambia County, Medical Director of Pensacola Fire Department and Medical Director for Escambia Corrections.

In 2018, he resigned to offer full-time emergency medicine at the University of South Alabama. His job title: Program Director and Associate Professor of the Emergency Medicine Training Program at the University of South Alabama.

Paul is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP) and a Fellow of the American College of Academic Emergency Physicians (FAAEM). He is also a member of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE).

In 2002 he visited Russia and married Ekaterina Kosmaenko on 19 February 2002 in Saratov, Russia. Upon their return to the United States, Paul and his wife, Ekaterina, reaffirmed their marriage on April 15, 2002, in Little Rock, Arkansas.



a2.b7.c5.d7.e2.f1.g4.Dr Susan Claire Kelmanson (born Henning) *24-12-1972 and her two children, Victoria Evelyn Kelmanson *26-2-2002 and Andrew Ross Kelmanson *16-7-2004

Dr Susan Claire Kelmanson (born Henning)

Her nickname is Kate. She was born on 24 December 1972 in Pretoria. Like her father and all three of her brothers, Kate also excelled academically. Like her older brother, she also moved to the USA shortly after leaving school and obtained all her qualifications there. Kate is a doctor-qualified psychiatrist. She works full time at the Gulf Breeze Recovery Centre which is a recovery centre for addicted patients. However, she is also in private practice.

Her qualifications were all obtained in the USA:

MS, LMHC, MCAP, MD, PhD
MD Saratov Russia (Psychiatry); M.Sc. in Mental Health Counselling; LMHC - Licensed Mental Health Counsellor; MCAP - Master Level Certified Addiction Professional; PhD - Advanced Studies in Human Behaviour; NLP Master and Practitioner; Founder of Rapid Transformational Recovery Program.

KykNET TV Series - Voetspore: South Africa

Johan Badenhorst, the presenter of the Voetspore: South Africa program, which is broadcast on KykNET, is busy planning and preparing for his next tour, where they will make a TV series of the Wild Coast and the Southern Drakensberg mountains.

He is currently identifying places of interest that could be included in this tour. In the episode that aired during the first week of September 2021, he visited, among others, the farm of Gerrit Henning and his wife Mariaan in the Rhodes district to identify footage they would be able to use. In the program broadcasted on TV, the name of Gerrit Henning's farm was not mentioned.

With the knowledge that I have of the Hennings and their farms here in the Drakensberg mountains, I immediately identified Gerrit Henning as a2.b7.c8.d5.e2.f1.g3. in the Henning Family Chronicle and that he is the owner of the farm Mertoun (pronounced Mertin).



Johan Badenhorst, presenter of the program, “Voetspore, South Africa” on the DStv channel, KykNET, meet Gerrit and Mariaan Henning on their farm, Mertoun in the Rhodes district

The first owner of this farm was Gerrit's great-grandfather, a2.b7.c8.d5. Gert Frans Henning, born 10 September 1864. As a young man, Grandfather Gert bought the farm Mertoun in the 1880s and started cultivating it. His story can be read in the Henning Family Chronicle. Gert Frans's second son, Hendrik Joachim, born 5 February 1892 inherited the farm and after him his only son - also Gert Frans, born 3 February 1925.

This Gert Henning was born and raised on Mertoun in the Rhodes district. After his marriage, he and his wife farmed on Mertoun. This farm is in the Southern Drakensberg mountains and only 10 kilometers from the Lesotho border. The harsh cold winters with heavy snow, veld fires, stock theft and poor infrastructure, they too, like their ancestors, became hardy and seasoned farmers. Gert was unfortunately not very healthy the last 10 years of his life and died after 34 happily married years. His wife, Stella Desire Herselman was born Herselman, but her mother's parents were both Hennings, viz. a2.b7.c5.d7. Pieter Barend Henning and his cousin a2.b7.c8.d10. Susanna Magdalena Henning.



First owner of the farm Mertoun, b7.c8.d5. Gert Frans Henning *10-9-1864, his wife Susannah Catharina(Sannie)(born Maartens) and the first eight of their eleven children. Back: e1. Olivier Johannes (Tok) *16-4-1890. Middle: e4.Adriaan Lourens (Adriaan) *4-11-1895, father Gert, e3. Gert Frans (Frans) *9-1-1894, e3 Hendrik Joachim (Hendrik) *5-2-1892. Front row: e6. Robert Mathys Daniël (Bob) *22-6-1900, e7. John Brown (John) *17-8-1902, e8. Elizabeth Magdalena (Bettie) *29-9-1904, mother Sannie. Front: e5. Filipe Daniël (Daantjie) *7-5-1898

Then she met Gert Henning (a2.b7.c8.d5.e2.f1.) from Rhodes and with that she got her third genealogical number in the Henning genealogical register.

Stella was a formidable woman. For a long time, while her husband was seriously ill and all her sons were engaged in National Service in the Army, she had to



Stella Henning *4-2-1933, mother of Gerrit Henning who had to take care of all activities on the farm when her husband was seriously ill

run the farm alone. Stella was very artistic. She loved painting and did wood carving. She loved to sing and was very fond of music.

After Gert's death in 1987, Stella moved to Barkly East, while their youngest son Gerrit went farming on Mertoun. On the night of October 2, 1998, Stella was killed in her home in Barkley East by a black villain who only came to steal her TV.

However, the farm Mertoun also has special meaning for me (Olivier Henning) and my brothers and sisters and cousins (children of a2.b7.c8.d8.e5 Vincent (Bill) Henning * 1911). My father and his two brothers, as young men had to take over all activities on the farm Damfontein in the district of Aliwal North, because their father died at the age of forty-nine, during the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic, their ages at that time were 14, 10 and 7 years respectively. Initially their mother appointed a sub-farmer to act as foreman, but later the three took over.

Then came the great and devastating drought of the early 1930's. By 1933 they could no longer make a living and it was decided that the eldest son, Stanley * 1904 would stay at Damfontein, while Leonard * 1908 and their youngest brother, Bill * 1911 would go with the cattle they still had left, looking for grazing in

the Drakensberg mountains.

Their cousin, Hendrik Joachim (Hendrik) Henning (grandfather of Gerrit Henning) from the farm Mertoun, Rhodes came to their rescue and gave pasture and water to Leonard and his brother Bill's cattle. After the drought was broken, Bill himself bought a farm just across the Drakensberg mountains in the Pitsing section of the Maclear district. From Rhodes you take the road over the Naudesnek Pass - the highest mountain pass in South Africa to the Pitsing. Leonard, however, retreated to Aliwal North.

We look forward with great anticipation to seeing what footage Johan Badenhorst and his team will show us, when this series is televised.

News from Henning descendants at the North Pole and the South Pole

We have repeatedly reported on emeritus Rev. Bjarne Fowels from Hjelmeland in Norway. He is a great-grandson of a2.b7.c8.d1. Martha Johanna Elizabeth Henning *26-8-1857 (married Zurich) and very proud of his South African Henning ancestors even though his family has lived in Norway for more than a hundred years. His family and friends gave him the nickname, Biff.

In the previous Ons Haantjie newsletter (no. 147 of August 2021) we published an article about the path that the late Pierre Henning (a2.b1.c6.d3.e11.f2.g3.) walked with several beloved Afrikaans singers and the positive role they played in his life. In response to this article, Rev. Biff Fowels informed us that he listened to these singers on YouTube. We publish his letter as he wrote it:

“Thanks for the special edition of Ons Haantjie. In the article some musicians are mentioned. Interesting that these melodies and sometimes also the text are on YouTube. Thus, I could listen to Olaf Andresen (a very Norwegian / Danish name). His "Heidelied" and "My hart verlang na die Boland" (from the operettas "Heiden orientjie" and "Hoor my Lied" are found on YouTube, played by militêre orkes (military band). Also "Brief aan Mannetjies Roux", by Laurika Rauch (1990), - also with text. Koos de Plessis had a beautiful voice, which one can listen to. And Lucas Maree. In this way my Afrikaans family fill my house in Norway with music worth listening to, and the distance between South and North, and then and now is wiped out! ”

It is pleasing to hear that our beloved singers are also enjoyed and appreciated far away in the North of the globe.

This brings us to Rev. Biff's son, Brynjar, who is a doctor in the Norwegian army. He was appointed in early 2021 to serve as a physician and dentist at the Norwegian research station, Troll at the South Pole.



Dr Brynjar Fowels-Landmark on the left with the famous Southern Lights at the South Pole in the background. Above a magnificent photo of the firmament as seen at the South Pole

From the South Pole, Brynjar and League Secretary Olivier Henning communicate with each other almost daily via WhatsApp. Brynjar says that it is an interesting experience to experience the change of the seasons. He says that one can really feel how the globe is tilting. As winter approaches, the days naturally get shorter. For a few days they see the sun only on the horizon and then for three months it is only night with the starry sky, which is impressively bright. Temperatures as low as minus 60 degrees C are experienced.

He also says that South Africa's Antarctic research program began in 1911 when the South African government made a donation of £25 to Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to advance science. Subsequently, South Africa took over the old Norwegian research station and named it SANAE. Before the takeover, the Norwegians even had to teach their sled dogs Afrikaans with words like "Trek!" to start moving and "Hookai" to stop, which successfully completed the takeover.



Henning family at the wedding of a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g10.h2.i3. Mieke Henning *1-10-1994. From left to right: Marina Botha (born Henning) *24-11-1955, sister of Maarten Henning, father of the bride; Maarten Henning *22-10-1959, father of the bride; Mieke and Wicus Swiegers; Delilah Matthews (mother of Maarten and Marina; Amelia Henning (born Krige) mother of Mieke

Marriages

b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g10.h2 Maarten Henning * 22-10-1959 and his wife Amelia Jacoba (Krige) from Stellenbosch inform us that their daughter, Mieke, * 1 October 1994 married Wicus-Willem Petrus Jacobus Swiegers * Keetmanshoop 24-7-1994 on 26 July 2021 at Alte Kalköven, Namibia.

Mieke and Wicus have been engaged for some time. She was doing contract work in Namibia at that time and could not get her work permit renewed. They then decided to get married in court to solve the problem and then later, when the Covid pandemic was over, to hold a big wedding.

All the family and friends then told them that

such a wedding in court was simply too impersonal and cold and that everyone would drive up from Stellebosch to Alte Kalköven in Namibia. In the end, a fantastic wedding was arranged in only two weeks!

The day before the wedding, the pastor who came from Windhoek messaged to let him know that he was not allowed to drive out of Windhoek due to the Covid regulations and he was not prepared to tell a white lie to get a permit.

Fortunately, Mieke's parents found a pastor in Keetmanshoop who gave them a wonderful sermon. After the wedding, they could not get the necessary legal documents for a marriage, because the state changed some of the documents and everyone waited for the new ones to come. In the end, the only way to solve this problem was to get married in court again!

Wicus and Mieke live in Keetmanshoop. She has a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering and does contact work as a Industrial Engineer, while Wicus is a businessman with a slaughterhouse, where he first fattens livestock before slaughtering. He also farms with pigs.



Alida Hendrina Magrieta Henning *28-7-1945 who died of Covid-19 complications on 19-6-2021

Deaths

Since the first Henning newsletter in 1985, we have been trying to report on deaths among the Henning family. In this newsletter - No. 148 - we report on a record number of deaths and the Covid-19 pandemic was mainly responsible for this huge number.

Alida Hendrina Magrieta Henning, who was born on 28 July 1945 in Vereeniging, died on 19 June 2021, also in Vereeniging. She fell a few days before her death and broke her leg. At the hospital, they found out she had Covid-19, from which she eventually died.

Alida Hendrina Magrieta Henning's maiden name was Henning and then she also married a Henning.

Her maiden genealogical number was a2.b6.c1.d5.e1.f2.g1.h9. while her husband, Daniel Albertus Cornelius Henning's genealogical number was a2.b1.c6.d8.e8.f6. She and her husband have two children, Hendrina Jacoba van der Walt (born Henning) *23-1-1966 and Johannes Stephanus Henning * 4-8-1969

a2.b7.c2.d3.e5.f2.g3. Pieter Emile Henning * 18-6-1943 died on 8 August 2021 in Gouubie in Natal due to Covid-19 complications.

Pieter was one of our mainstays in the early years of the Henning Family League and served on the first executive committee for several years. With the establishment of the family league, we appointed a working group to design a coat-of-arms for the family league (in fact for the Henning family). Pieter participated diligently and came up with numerous proposals (almost 100). Eventually we accepted one of his proposals and submitted it to the State Herald for approval. This is the coat-of-arms we still use today. We can therefore say that this coat-of-arms was Pieter's baby.



a2.b7.c2.d3.e5.f2.g3.Pieter Emile Henning *18-6-1943 who died on 8 August 2021 at Gonube in Natal, due to Covid-19 complications

Over the past few years, however, Pieter has become a loner who started wandering around, but we did keep in touch with WhatsApp. I was under the impression that he lived in Stilfontein, where he was the manager at an old age home in the town.

From the beginning of August, I noticed that he no longer opened my WhatsApp messages. In the second week of August, I received an E-Mail from Marthinus Henning of Welkom (a second cousin of Pieter) stating that he also was not getting any responses to his WhatsApp messages. Marthinus, therefore, contacted Pieter's sister, Antoinette Krull who lives in Gonubie. She gave him the sad news that Pieter died in the Gonubie hospital on 8 August 2021 due to Covid-19 complications. He was in the hospital for only two days when all his organs collapsed.

During October 2020, Pieter moved from Stilfontein to Gonubie

where he went to live with his sister, Antoinette. When Marthinus spoke to Antoinette, she herself had Covid-19. Because she did not have Pieter's cellphone pin, she could not let anyone on his address list know of his death.

Pieter and his ex-wife only have one son, Matthew, who lives somewhere in England.

With the death of Pieter, only three of the original nine members of the first executive committee of the family league are still alive – me (Olivier Henning), Dr Nico Henning of Lyttelton-Manor, Centurion and Stanley Henning of Wierdapark, Centurion.

a2.b1.c3.d7.e9.f6.g1.Hester Sophia Henning, born 31 December 1951 died on 1 August 2021, also due to Covid-19 complications.

Hester was one of our stalwarts from the founding of the Henning Family League in 1984 and even toured Europe with League Secretary Olivier Henning and his wife Charlotte for five weeks in 1992, where we got to know Hester very well. She really enjoyed the few days we spent in Lippstadt, Germany, the hometown of the Henning progenitor, Peter Henrich Henning.

After completing her schooling, Hester began her studies for the BA degree at the College of Education in Pretoria in 1970. After a quick stint at the Public Service, she started working at the NG Kerkboekhandel (NG Church book shop) in Pretoria. In time she was appointed manager of the branch in Middelburg, Tvl and the Brixton branch, Johannesburg. After thirteen and a half years at the Bookshop, she started working at the SABC in the dubbing department where foreign TV programs (mainly

European) were dubbed into Afrikaans. Hester was very involved in church youth actions and the Voortrekkers.



a2.b1.c3.d7.e9.f6.g1 Hester Sophia Henning, born 31 December 1951, died on 1 August 2021 due to Covid-19 complications

Her sister, Helena's daughter, Idelette wrote us a tribute to her aunt Hester.

“Her family will remember her as a precious, strong woman full of life, love, laughter and courage. She always spoiled all her people with appropriate gifts for birthdays or just about any occasion. She was extraordinarily creative and put her whole heart into tackling tasks with great care and detail. Hester loved nature and was very knowledgeable about plants and birds. She watched and documented the finches in her garden's breeding patterns for years. Her garden was beautifully cared for, and one could pick fruit or vegetables in every season. She was a dedicated Voortrekker and later also commandant of a commando. I believe this is where she learned and shared many of her tricks. She told hours of stories about Voortrekker camps where she

cooked, worked and presented badges.

As a former language editor and translator of TV programs for the SABC, she was also a strong linguist, and one could ask her at any time for the right Afrikaans word for something. She was a strict organizer at work because things had to be right! But she was good at her job and had a valuable impact on her colleagues.

She was also a top chef, caterer and baker of champion fruitcakes. She also held numerous titles for the best potjiekos at competitions. Her decorations, setting tables and presenting food were neat and always something that caught your eye. One of her other favorite pastimes was lying down and reading with her cat on her lap. She was a woman who talked about solutions rather than problems and always offered her help with good advice and willingness. A woman with a plan, because no task or challenge was ever too big for her. We are going to miss her very much!

She contracted Guillian Barré syndrome during April 2021. In the end, her body was too weak to fight it. She lived in Greymont, Johannesburg for more than twenty years.

Our good friend, a2.b6.c4.d1.e5.f0.g6 Mauritz Martin Henning from Theresapark, Pretoria North informed us that his grandson, Shaun William Page [son of Gerald Page and his wife Martha Magdalena (name Marlene) (born Henning)]'s wife, Bernadette * 9-6-1972 died on 23 July 2021.

Bernadette was in the hospital with Covid for a very long time but suffered a setback the day before she was to go home and was re-admitted to the Intensive Care

Unit (ICU) but did not make it. Shaun's mother, Marlene, wrote us this beautiful tribute:



Shaun and Bernadette Page and their daughter, Shalene. She died due to Covid-19 complications

“Shaun is an IT technician and Bernadette was a secretary, but from 2012 a housewife. They lived in Polokwane. We like to share their love and life story with the readers of Ons Haantjie:

Shaun and Bernadette met at the Methodist Church in Polokwane in 2007/2008. Both sang in the Church choir and performed on Sunday evenings during services. Shaun also plays guitar in the group. At first, they were just friends who hanged out a lot and spend nights chatting.

Bernadette was ten years older than Shaun. They fell in love, and he came to ask his parents if they would object to the relationship due to the age difference. Of course, Gerald and Marlene had no objection. They could see that the two young people loved each other very much and fit in nicely with each other. Bernadette was one of the few people who really understood Shaun. She was previously married but had no children.

They married on July 7, 2010. Shaun was 27 and Bernadette 37. They did not immediately try to have children and waited for a while. She became pregnant at age 39, but unfortunately lost the baby. She then became pregnant again, but unfortunately had another a miscarriage. They thought that they were not destined to have children. Both desperately wanted children. Shaun's preference would have been a baby girl.

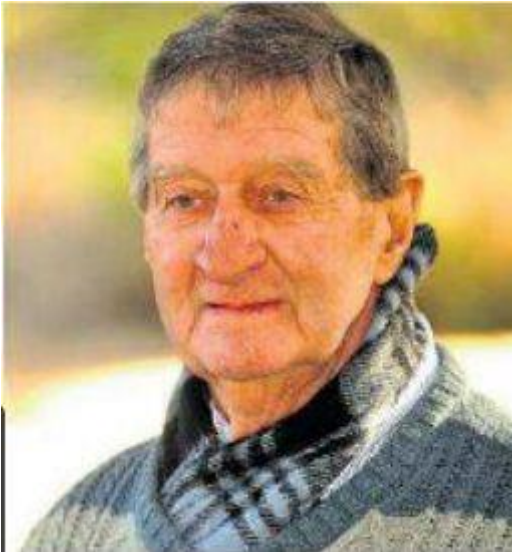
On 26 December 2012, they returned from a family visit to Warmbad and were involved in a horrific car accident at Ysterberg between Pietersburg and Potgietersrus. It rained lightly. A souped up BMW driven by a young man crashed at high speed head on into their car. The BMW slipped on the wet road and drove in their lane and collided head-on with their vehicle. The BMW broke into two parts. The driver of the BMW stepped out of the accident unhurt. Bernadette was driving their vehicle and was pinned behind the steering wheel. She had to be cut out of the vehicle. She was severely hurt and there was a possibility that her leg would be amputated. She was admitted to the Medi-Clinic in Polokwane and had an emergency operation the night of the collision. She spent a long time in the ICU under sedation.

After she was discharged, Shaun cared for her. She was lying in a hospital bed in their living room at their townhouse. She was slowly getting better but could not walk on her own again. She was in a wheelchair most of the time and walked with the help of a walker. Out of the blue she expected again! At the age of 43!

Everyone who loved them was afraid that this pregnancy would not last, but everything went well, and a beautiful baby girl was born on April 4, 2017. She is called Shalene - the "Sha" part of her name from her dad Shaun's name and "Lene" part for her Grandma Marlene. For the whole family, she is truly a small miracle and a great gift from the Lord.

Bernadette got Covid-19 in June 2021. She was admitted to the hospital on June 27, after struggling to breathe. She was transferred to the ICU and stayed there for thirteen days. She was then transferred to a regular ward but after two days she had a setback and was transferred back to ICU. Unfortunately, her condition worsened due to a blood clot and a lung infection and underlying diseases as a result of the accident, and she died on the 23rd of July 2021.

Shaun is now a single parent of the four-year-old Shalene. His and Bernadette's faith was very strong, and they believed that the Lord was in control of their lives and that the Lord had given them eleven wonderful years together."



Jacob Albertus van Wyk

born 9-6-1935 was the husband of a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f1.g8. Petra Henning born 10-4-1938. Japie died on July 30, 2021, due to Covid-19 complications. He grew up along the Orange River and farmed on an irrigation farm, Kayalami, in Grootdrink, about 75 km from Upington.

He has held various leadership positions in agriculture and especially the wine industry. He served on the board of the KWV and was chairman of the Orange River wine cellar.

During 1981 he became a Member of Parliament for the Gordonia constituency. During 1986 he was appointed Deputy Minister of Water Affairs by State President PW Botha. Over time, the Deputy Ministerial Portfolios of Land

Affairs and Finance were added. He was appointed Minister of the Environment and Water Affairs by State President FW De Klerk during 1993 and served until April 1994 when the ANC took over the government of South Africa.

He was still completely healthy when the virus flattened him. Up until the end he farmed on his farm, Kayalami in Grootdrink.

Japie van Wyk *9-6-1935, husband of a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f1.g8. Petra Henning *10-4-1938. He was a minister in the Old South Africa politics and also died of Covid-19 complications



a2.b1.c3.d2.e2.f1.g1.h6. Danie Henning *26-12-1949, his wife Hester Maria (born Kasselmann) and their two daughters, Estelle and Laurette. He died on 23 June 2021

a2.b1.c3.d2.e2.f1.g1.h6. Daniel Henning * 26-12-1949. We have heard of the death of Danie Henning of Schloss Gelande 5, Jan Fiskaalstr 1, Culemborg Park, Randfontein who died on 23 June 2021. Unfortunately, we could not obtain any further details.

He was married to Hester Maria (born Kasselmann). They have two daughters: Estelle and Laurette

a2.b5.c4.d4.e2.f9.g1. Frans Engelbertus Henning * 4-3-1935 of Kaallaagtestr 1462, East-Lynn, Pretoria who died on 29 March 2021 at the age of 86 years. We were also unable to obtain any further details about his death. He and his wife, Cecelia Johanna (born O'Regan) have two children: Etienne Turner Henning * 25-6-1966 and Brenda Stofberg (born Henning) * 23-4-1968. Unfortunately, we do not have a photo of him

a2.b6.c4.d3.e7.f6.g2. Johannes Christiaan Henning born 4 September 1950 died on 22 June 2021 to Covid-19. His nickname was Koos of Flooi. Flooi was married to Hester Florina (born Van der Walt) and they have two children, Nerina Erasmus (born Henning) * 11-12-1981 and Mertin Henning * 29-4-1984. Mertin promised to write us something about his father and send us a photo of his father, but unfortunately it has not reached us yet.

We also learned that one of Flooi's sisters also passed away on 17 Aug 2021 but could not find any further details.



South Africa Davis Cup group. Back: Philip Henning, Lleyton Cronje, Ruan Oelofse and Siphon Montsi. Front: Raven Klaasen, Christo van Rensburg and Lloyd Harris

Philip Henning plays Davis Cup for SA

a2.b7.c7.d10.e3.f1.g2.h1. Philip Henning (20), who is currently a student at the University of Georgia in the USA, is originally from Bloemfontein and is considered one of the brightest rising stars in the South African tennis arsenal. He got a chance to play as a teenager in a Davis Cup Group 2 match against Portugal

in Lisbon in 2018 and was also in the group for the match against Israel. In 2019, he won his first match in the colours of South Africa against Bulgaria in Cape Town.

He now had a chance to play in the Davis Cup Group 2 match against Venezuela as South Africa's No. 2 player on 18 September 2021. It was the first time he had played in one of the first two singles matches. His previous two games were in the fourth and fifth rounds. Lloyd Harris was South Africa's number 1 player. Raven Klaasen and Ruan Roelofse were selected as doubles pair. Philip won his game against Venezuela's No. 1 player Ricardo Rodriques 6-4, 6-4. In the end, South Africa won 4 - 0 and will now play in the play-offs for promotion to Group 1.



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