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## Joseph Alphonsus Kaiser

1928 - 2008

Joseph (Joe) Kaiser was born at Manaia on 8th June, 1928. He had an older sister, Josephina (Josie). At the age of five years he started school and it was then that he started to learn the English language, as at that time he was a fluent speaker in the Swiss Dialect which he spoke all his life.

As a teenager of thirteen years his parents bought a bicycle, so he could get home quicker from school to milk the cows and so started his Dairy Farming career which he continued for 64 years.

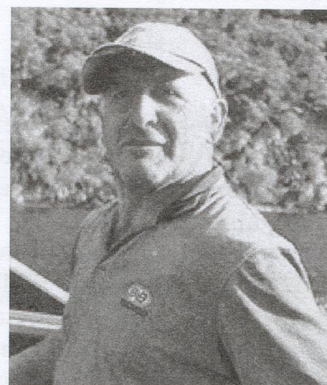
In his early twenties Archery was his sport, then small bore shooting at Eltham. Being a keen outdoor person, Joe took up Deer and Pig Hunting, as well as target shooting. Joe won many trophies and medals while travelling all round the North Island to participate in his sport. During this time fishing was always a keen interest. Joe was always looking at Mt Egmont and eventually climbed to the summit with friends, many times between milking the cows, during the day.

Later at 39 years of age, he married Nita Ehrler and they were blessed with five sons: Peter, Ronald, Neil, Bryce and Josef, and six grandchildren. During this time, Joe became a keen gardener, growing anything that was food for his family; vegetables and many kinds of fruit. If he did not have it, a graft was put on an established tree and mostly they grew. As the saying goes: "he had green fingers".

Joe and Nita visited Switzerland many times in later life and met many cousins in Canton Nidwalden. In 1952 Joe was one of the Foundation Members of the Swiss Social Club Incorporated (Taranaki Swiss Club), something he was very proud of. To Joe his Swiss Heritage was very important and he always enjoyed the Swiss Club days and evenings. At the Taranaki Swiss Club, Joe actively participated in the small bore and karabiner shooting activities, achieving great results in both. Joe, together with Nita, made and donated the Sauerkraut for the annual Anniversary Shoot; it was truly delicious and enjoyed by many of our members. Joe and Nita appreciated being part of several trips away with the Swiss Club, and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Taranaki Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to Nita, and sons Peter, Ronald, Neil, Bryce and Josef and families.

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## Niklaus Clemens Werder

1949 - 2008

Nick grew up on the family farm in the small farming village of Niederwil, (near Cham, canton Zug) with six sisters and one brother. After leaving school, he worked on different farms around Switzerland and attained an Agriculture Diploma. In 1971 Nick immigrated to New Zealand, where he worked for three years on farms in Kaponga and Hawera, followed by a sharemilking position for seven years. In 1982 Nick bought a dairy farm on Manutahi Road, Patea, and has since added to it by purchasing neighbouring farms. In 1984 he met Heidi Frick who was on a working holiday in New Zealand, and in 1985 they married in Manutahi church. Together they had six children: Marianne, Sami, Thomas, Sonja, Helen and Yvonne.

Nick took great pride in their children's activities and achievements, and truly enjoyed and appreciated family life. Farming was his career, a career he thoroughly loved. His other great interests were friends and fishing, and he loved taking people in his boat on Lake Rotorangi.

Nick has always been a loyal dedicated member of the Taranaki Swiss Club, and was instrumental in ensuring that the "Schwingen" (Swiss wrestling) was undertaken at each picnic. He took great pride in watching both Sami and Thomas compete. Together with Heidi, they encouraged their children to participate in many of our club activities and functions. Nick enjoyed participating in Karabiner shooting and supported most of our club activities.

The Taranaki Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to Heidi, Marianne, Sami, Thomas, Sonja, Helen and Yvonne.

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## Thank you

Heidi, together with Marianne, Sami, Thomas, Sonja, Helen and Yvonne would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of their much loved husband and Dad, Nick. The lovely flowers, cards, cooking, baking, phone calls and visits have been a tremendous support to us all at this very difficult time. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgment.

*The Werder family*