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Hans was known as a hard worker, highly respected for his trade knowledge and practice. A man of few words, he was often a reserved character. But throughout his life, we saw much thoughtfulness and a care for people, along with good wit and humour. In retirement he pursued interests of reading, languages, planting trees, wood turning, playing Jass and travelling with his Margrit; returning to Switzerland (their trips were often timed for peak cherry-picking season), visiting their daughters, and exploring new cities.

When Hans, now on his own, moved into Kapiti Village in 2003, he tended a compact garden plot, growing his own vegetables and writing his memoirs, *Travels to Paradise*. He often remarked, had he not ended up as a builder, he would have been a gardener. A year of new growth was 2010—Margaretha and Fethi became parents to Jayden Johannes and Hans became a very proud granddad. Hans' wish, and his priority in later years, was to stay in his own home in Paraparumu. There he appreciated his well-lived life, and the good climate—in his own slice of paradise.

*Members of the Wellington Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to the family.*

If Tears Could Build  
A Stairway,  
And Memories A Lane,  
I'd Walk Right Up  
To Heaven And Bring  
You Home Again

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