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**George Wenk 23/4/1920 - 21/6/98**

George Wenk was born in Herisau, Switzerland on 23rd April 1920. His working life started when he learnt how to prepare, dye and process cotton, ready for weaving. He was so highly regarded by the factory that he worked for, that he was sent to Egypt to teach them the art of preparing cotton for weaving.

While there, his beautiful white teeth captured the attention of a young Swiss girl, Martha, who, too, had been sent by her factory to teach the same art that George was sent for.

This was the beginning of a relationship that would lead to 54 years of marriage.

- War broke out and the two returned to Switzerland, George became a much respected delivery driver for Walter Brak Ltd. in Zürich, delivering Sauerkraut and soft drinks to butchers, innkeepers, stores etc.

- Albert Dunneberger, a military friend, was to be the catalyst for George and Marti immigrating to NZ.

- Albert wanted to purchase a farm in NZ and invited them to work for him. They arrived in 1961 and eventually owned their own farm at Turanga-O-Moana, near Matamata.

The 74 acres, where George milked 85 cows, offered a beautiful view of the Wairere Waterfall and the Kaimai Ranges, which reminded him of Switzerland and it's Swiss Alps. The Swiss Club and it's activities were enjoyed by both. Marti recalls many wonderful evenings of dancing, jassen and swiss music.

Eventually George and Marti retired to Matamata. George did not let his ill-health in later life prevent him from enjoying good food, good wine, good company and a good jass.

- George is survived by his wife Marti and sons George and Roger.

R & H. W.

The Hamilton Swiss Club and Swiss Society extend the deepest sympathy to Martha Wenk and family.



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