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Herbert Inglin

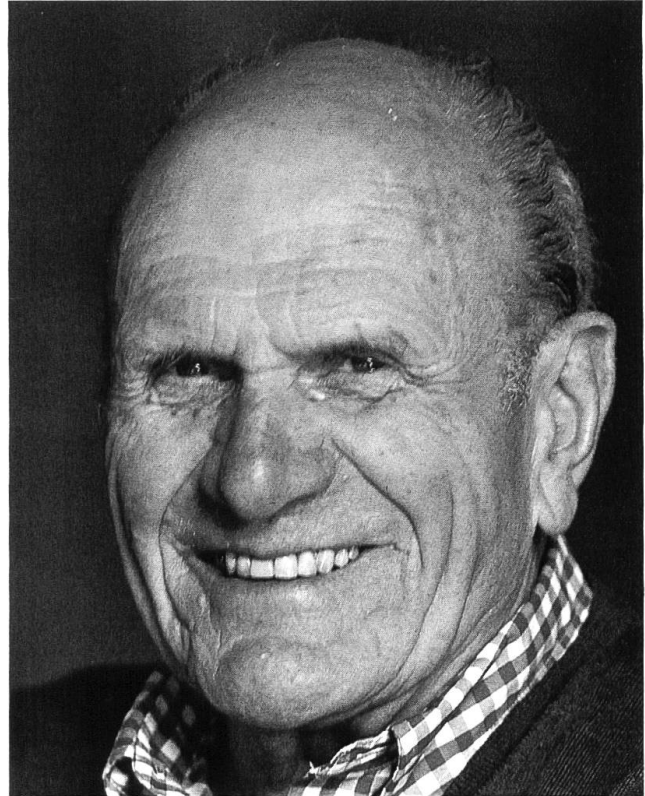
1934 - 2023

Herbert was born in Fribourg on 23 July 1934, the eldest of five siblings. He obviously applied himself to his studies as he emerged with a PhD in geology. He might have been a medical doctor, but in discussion with a friend agreed he lacked the bedside manner, whereas the rocks could not argue. It proved to be a good choice. Geology served him well and defined the course of his life.

Herbert met his wife, Evelyn, when they worked for Shell in The Hague, she as a translator, he as a geologist. Herbert remained wedded to both to the end. They spent their lives raising a family of three while trotting around the globe in search of oil. Each child was born in a different country, and the family's early years took them to Asia, Europe, North and South America and Africa. Everywhere, in fact, except Switzerland, where there was no prospect of oil.

So when they realised they had nowhere to call home, Herbert acquired a small corner of his motherland, building a chalet in the beautiful Val d'Anniviers in the year his youngest child was born. It became the locus of family holidays and reunions for 50 years, spawning a lifetime of happy memories down three generations of Inglin.

His years of tropical service were rewarded with an early retirement, which Herbert lived to the full. He pursued his interest in photography, and his love of life, friends and family. He also retained his interest in geology through membership of the former Schweizerische Vereinigung von Petroleum-Geologen und -Ingenieuren (VSP) and later SASEG. A geological map of the world hangs behind his study desk.



Herbert's dear wife Evelyn pre-deceased him by over a decade. He leaves a family of three children, five grandchildren, four siblings and uncountable further relatives in Switzerland and beyond who grieve his departure. We are consoled that he enjoyed life and love to his end and died, as he wished, at home.

Herbert Inglin died peacefully at home on 4 April 2023 after a short illness.

Barbara, Christophe and Stefan Inglin

