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# **Obituaries**

### **Keith Anderson**

Keith was born in Auckland on 12 November 1930. of them of Taranaki scenery, With his parents he lived in Taumarunui for five years and especially Mt Egmont) and they then moved to Taranaki. Keith became a which are now displayed in printer and he started our local paper, the Stratford many homes throughout New Press. During that time he promoted and supported Zealand and even overseas. Stratford businesses and tourism in general, which Keith was on his way home he continued to do all his life. He married his first from town on Saturday 1st wife, Jenny, and had four children. In 1975 he bought February when he was killed in a head-on collision lodge. During this time he met up with Berta Deck from Schwyz and they married and had two more children. they have lived ever since. He was very proud to grandchildren. become a Swiss citizen in 1995. In the last twenty years



Dawson Falls and renovated it into a typical Swiss with Swiss tourists driving on the wrong side of the road.

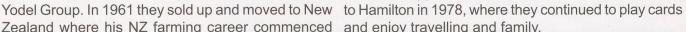
He is survived by his wife Berta, his children Heidi, In 1985 they purchased the Mountain House where Hans-Peter, Ross, Sonja, Carl and Ward, and five

The Taranaki Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of he has painted many landscape oil paintings (most New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to Berta and family.

LB

## **Joseph Arnold-Portmann** 18-12-1915 to 08-01-2003

Joseph (Sepp) Arnold was born in Alpnach, Alice and Sepp joined the Switzerland, into a farming family. In 1938 he Hamilton Swiss Club and then purchased half of his father's farm and settled at started the Yodel Chorli with The Rengg to farm. He married Alice Portmann on Hans & Heiri Oettli, Ernst Studer 20/11/45 and six of his seven children were born in and Rinaldo Rust. Switzerland. Sepp became a member of the Hergiswil The final son, Andrew, was born Yodel Club and in 1948 Sepp founded the Alpnach in 1964. Sepp and Alice retired Zealand where his NZ farming career commenced and enjoy travelling and family. milked up to 180 cows.



at Hairini. Eventually Sepp sharemilked 120 cows at After a short stay at Trevellyn Resthome Joseph died

Springdale and in 1964 purchased 200 acres and there, peacefully. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and all his children Joe, Franz, Peter, Kurt, Heidi, Bruno and Andrew and 15 grandchildren.

> The editing team wishes to apologise to the Arnold family for inadvertently not printing the photo with the obituary in the February issue of the magazine.



It is with great sadness that we note the passing on of Ernst Thurnheer, an Ambassador of Switzerland in New Zealand several years ago. Many of you will remember him fondly, as an ambassador who had a great relationship with all the Swiss Clubs in New Zealand and who regularly visited them. He passed away suddenly in Switzerland at the end of January. To his family we offer our sincere condolences.

MD