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Obituaries



Margaret Clark (nee Schuler)

14 April 1951 – 25 April 2019

Margaret's parents Albert and Anny Schuler immigrated to New Zealand from Switzerland in June 1939, part of the last group of Swiss believed to have arrived in New Zealand before the Second World War. Margaret was the youngest of four children and she spent most of her childhood growing up in the Manaia area with her brothers Alby and Werner (one sibling died in Switzerland as a baby). In 1967 she graduated from Opunake High School and went to help look after the young children of a local family.

Margaret eventually met and married Neil Clark and grew to become a woman of many talents. They were blessed with four children; Tony, Susan, Richard and Karen. She was a homemaker, truck driver, loved playing pool and did a bit of arm wrestling. She also loved drawing, cooking, gardening and absolutely adored Elvis! Margaret volunteered at the Citizen's Advice Bureau for over fifteen years, cooked for the Waiouru Army Military Camp, was a sewing teacher, a cub and scout leader and librarian at Tawhiti School in Hawera. A lady who volunteered her time and had many skills!

She loved her family and always supported her children and their families. She was a strong woman, sometimes a stubborn and determined woman, but someone with such a kind nature that she wouldn't hurt a fly.

Margaret had a strong affinity with her Swiss ancestry, and treasured her trip to Switzerland in 2006 when she saw where her parents grew up and lived. Although she was frugal, she booked the room to get the best view of the Matterhorn!!!

Margaret was a hard-working lady who was full of life, however failing health made her slow down, but she always had a smile on her face. Les, her best friend of twenty-five years looked after Margaret, with ongoing love and support from her family; four children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Members of the Taranaki Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their sincere sympathy to Margaret's family.

Thank you to all those who came out of the woodwork to help through the actual day and also before and after. You know who you are, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Tanja Latham-Zurbrugg again put on a stellar performance organising the whole event. And to her the Auckland Swiss Club is extremely thankful.

At present we are not likely to have a Market next year but all wish to see you again in 2021.

Cheers,
Neil Kaiser
Acting President, Auckland Swiss Club

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