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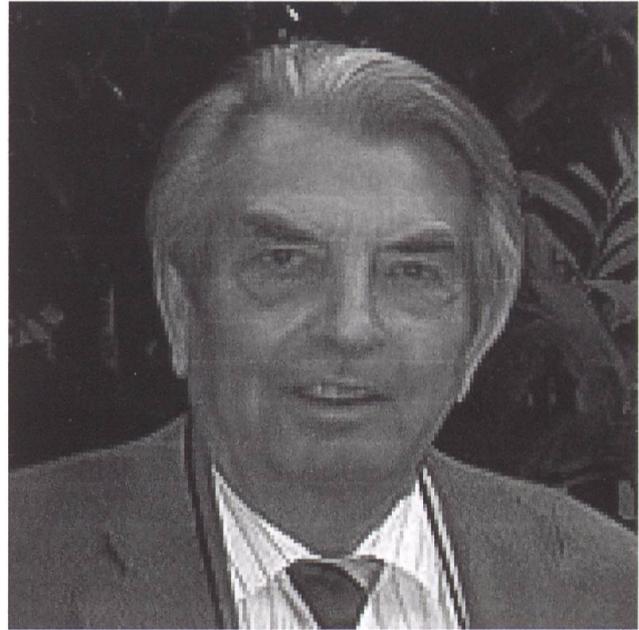
1928 – 2024

Georg Ochs was born in Frankfurt am Main on 29.11.1928 where he grew up and went to school until 1944.

His youth was very much overshadowed by the Second World War as he had to serve already at a very young age (under 17). He was assigned to the anti aircraft branch of the army, and was sent as a soldier of the Wehrmacht to the Russian front. Although his unit managed to retreat across the Elbe River where they surrendered to the Americans, the following day they were handed over to the Russians. Hence, Georg became a Russian prisoner of war. Because of his youth Georg was released in 1946. He returned to Germany where he finished school in Oberursel (Taunus) and started studying geology at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main. His thesis was on the Devonian of a part of the German Mittelgebirge which he finished in 1955, upon which he joined the “Brigitta” oil and gas company in Hannover.

In 1959 he married Ursula and together they raised 2 daughters.

In 1960 the family Ochs was transferred to Shell International in the Hague (the Netherlands). This was followed by a series of routine assignments for Shell including: 1961 Argentina, 1963 the Netherlands, 1965 Trinidad, 1968 a return to the Netherlands, in 1970 Brunei (Borneo) and in 1972 as Exploration Manager to Nigeria. In the latter assignment he did very well and was consequently promoted to “Manager of Eastern Nigeria”. His promotion happened just after the Biafra Civil War and the region was ruled by a Rear Admiral from the local “Rivers” tribe who expected miracles. Georg handled this difficult environment well but henceforth refused to accept any assignment which would bring him in contact with politicians and/or civil servants.



In 1978 he returned to Exploration in the Hague where he took on the job of 2nd in command for Exploration Activities, to later take over this position in full.

Georg and Ursula led an active social life being well liked and sought after. Upon George’s retirement in 1985 they settled in Bad Neuheim in Germany. They were keen golfers, and George became an well versed pc user for his investments.

However Georg’s main hobby was “ceramics”. He was a real artist and spent many days at his kiln. But in gradual steps he was forced out of his hobby by ever tightening governmental regulations concerning high temperature kilns in build-up areas and the chemistry of the permitted colours.

Georg and Ursula liked Switzerland and attended the yearly SASEG meetings religiously. Late in life Georg was smitten with declining eye sight (macular degeneration).

He died on 09.03.2024 and will be missed. Georg is survived by his wife Ursula and 2 daughters.

Family Ochs