

**LEITH SOMSEN [900], JUNE 26, 1926 – NOVEMBER 2, 2013**

Waynan: Leith Ray Somsen, 87, left this earthly life Saturday November 2, 2013 in Soda Springs, Idaho. He was the son of the late Garrett and Mattie Layland Somsen. He was a life-time resident of Waynan, except for 2 years of Army service and the last 12 years in Soda Springs in the winter months. He graduated from Soda Springs Highschool and he attended Utah State University. Leith married Virijeane Stoor in 1951. He was active in cattle ranching all his life and loved his cattle, horses and dogs. He is survived by his wife Virijeane Stoor, one daughter and two sons, Connie, Steven and Randy. He is grandpa of 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The burial has taken place in the Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs with Military Honors.



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**RAFAEL RICHARD INFANTE [4760] 1932 – 2012**

Rafael (Ray) Richard Infante, 81, of Iliff, passed away Jan. 9, 2014, in Sterling. Ray was born Dec. 15, 1932 in Julesberg to Rafael Infante Sr and Conception (Mesquita) Infante. He attended Ovid High School. He rose to the position of foreman with Charmers & Borgman, overseeing grain elevator construction in the tri-state area. In 1966 he started Infante Construction doing remodeling, concrete work and other areas in construction. Even at the age of 80 Ray was sought for his expertise in his field.

He married Connie Garcia [4761] in Ogallala, Neb. He is survived by his daughters, Mary and Linda; sons Chris, Arthur, Arnold, Israel and Robert. And among his grandchildren are Jennifer [4763], Amy [4764] and Steven Somsen [4765].

**FAMILY BARBECUE IN IJZERLO ON SATURDAY AUGUST 23**

We would like to invite every Somsen to join us but, watch out, it is infectious and you cannot easily escape. The next barbecue will be on Saturday, August 23 at 6.30 p.m. The growth of the family tree at the Japikshouse will be judged at 5 p.m. If you want to join the 2014 BBQ register before 15 August 2014 by phone or email at Wim Somsen, Hoge Heurnseweg 8, 7095 CJ De Heurne. Phone: 0315 – 652115 or e-mail: jwsomsen01@hetnet.nl

**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS****Born:**

26-06-2013: Justin Jochem [7814], s.o. Jasper Roald Somsen [1197] en Frederica Paulina Jochiena (Jolanda) Gouda [5982]

24-11-2013: Elise Aimée [7711], d.o. Mike Somsen [261] en Vanessa Biesheuvel [7710]

**Married:**

No entries

**Deceased:**

18-06-2010: Gerhardus Johannes (Han) Veenhuis [2578], 74, Doetinchem

13-12-2010: Albert Korten [3737], 79, Ruurlo

24-10-2013: Johannes Gerhardus (Jan) Garritsen [7800], 81, Zelhem

05-01-2014: Wesselina Aleida Veenhuis-Lammers [5767], 78, Zelhem

09-01-2014: Rafael Richard (Ray) Infante [4760], 81, Iliff, CO. USA

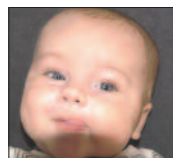
31-01-2014: Hendrika (Riek) de Groot-Klijn Hesselink [611], 83, Emmen

01-02-2014: Johanna Berendina (Jo) Eenink-te Paske [1319], 87, Hengelo (O)

09-02-2014: Hendrik (Henk) Klein Wolterink [503], 90, Aalten

22-02-2014: Hendrik Groot Wassink [2026], 92, Rekken

28-02-2014: Janneke Gerharda (Anke) Krajenbrink-Somsen [541], 55, Vorden



Justin Jochem  
[7814]



Elise Aimée  
[7711]

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Jan van Daatselaar

The next Somsen Horizon will be published in August 2014,  
send in copy before July 15, 2014.



## MESSAGE OF OUR CHAIRMAN



Due to circumstances we are a little late but I am happy that I may recommend the 10th edition of our Somsen Newsletter. Again you will find all kinds of news about our family. Although in concise form because the newsletter is not suitable for comprehensive articles but you can expect these again in our next Somsen Horizon.

I believe it sometimes happens that visitors to your home see our family publications. Of course I often let them "accidentally" lie around on the table and then the astonishment of the curious visitor is great time and again. Certainly so when I tell them that we even have a wonderful family book and a website. Sometimes I proudly show them our family book and my bound Somsen Horizons, the first 25 issues. For that matter, did you know that you can glance through them on our website? You only need to go to the homepage and click on the archive. There you will find all Somsen Horizons and Somsen Newsletters with a very well-organized table of contents: approx. 400 years of Somsen family history, collected over the past 18 years. And we do like to continue!

Johan Somsen [1089]

## THE NETHERLANDS WIN 24 MEDALS IN THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

by Johan Somsen [1089]

Have you also enjoyed the Olympic Winter Games so much?  
And were you also surprised that the Dutch participants won no less than 24 medals?  
And that for a country that has no mountains and no really severe winters?

Rankings 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi

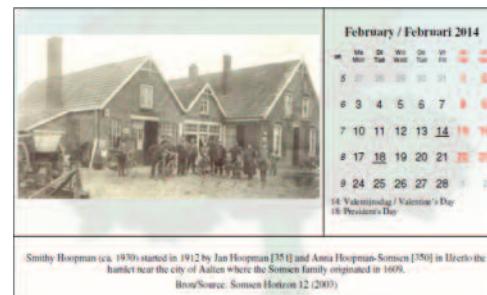
	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Russia	13	11	9	33
2	Norway	11	5	10	26
3	Canada	10	10	5	25
4	USA	9	7	12	28
5	The Netherlands	8	7	9	24
6	Germany	8	6	5	19
7	Switzerland	6	3	2	11



Of course, this fantastic result was celebrated and the medal winners were received and honored by King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima on 24 February 2014

### Somsen Calendar 2014

For the very second year the Somsen Foundation is producing a family calendar. Twelve months with pictures and details about our family and its history. The calendar will be printed in A5 and will look good on your desk. And of course it will be a nice way to remember holidays in the Netherlands and the US. It can be ordered for \$ 10. But, if you combine it with your donation for 2014 the price is only half.



To order this beautiful calendar pay \$ 10 (or \$ 5 + your donation) either by using PayPal on our website ([www.somsen.org](http://www.somsen.org)) or to our financial contact: Stephen D. Somsen [2459], 47231 East Fir Street, P.O. Box 526 Darrington, WA, 98241 USA, tel.: 001 562 430 0079, e-mail: [ssomsen@aol.com](mailto:ssomsen@aol.com)).

## 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Johan Somsen [1085] and his wife Meta Somsen Eskes [1206] from Aalten celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 30 December 2013. Johan, 88, and Meta, who will be 87 in April, are still living completely independently. Meta is still active at home and in the kitchen and Johan cleans the stable-severy day and puts the horses of his son Gilbert in the field. And if there is a gutter that needs cleaning he climbs the highest ladders. Sometimes this results in injuries: a fractured hip or leg, but a true Somsen does not listen to the advice to leave such dangerous jobs to others. Fortunately, he also has a less risky hobby: he still makes the most beautiful paintings. On behalf of the Board of the Somsen Foundation we warmly congratulate them with this milestone.



## JAN VAN DAATSELAAR [679] BIDS FAREWELL AS TREASURER

by Johan Somsen [1089]



At our last board meeting in January we said goodbye to our treasurer Jan van Daatselaar. His last official act was presenting the annual financial report which was quite perfect as usual. Jan has taken extremely good care of our money since 2005 and therefore we are very grateful to him. Although he has already reached the age of the very strong this was not a reason to resign but his attention and care were necessary at home which we fully understand of course. Jan has always been deeply involved in our family foundation. In the wonderful week of the big worldwide Somsen reunion in 1997 Jan and his wife Gree van Daatselaar – Somsen [53] were very enthusiastically present at that wonderful celebration. And on one of those warm summer evenings we sat together at the small campsite in IJzerlo where we forged our first plans to establish the Somsen Foundation. Gree was immediately prepared to participate and along with six other Somsens she was present at the signing of the deed at a notary in Aalten. Gree and Jan have been active in our foundation for many many years. Gree as secretary and together they were the editors of Somsen Horizon in the first years. When Gree had to take it easy and resigned from the board Jan was spontaneously prepared to become treasurer and that is 9 years ago now. He was the first Somsen of the "cold side" who came on the board but that has never been a problem. He deserves extra credits for being able to hold his ground in the midst of all those Somsens. We are happy with our new treasurer, Berto Somsen [423], who has long been part of our board and who was prepared to take over Jan's task. The transfer went very smoothly because Jan had ample time to initiate Berto into the secrets of the accounts of our foundation.

Once again words of heartfelt gratitude to Jan from this this place.



Jan en Gree van Daatselaar

## BERTO SOMSEN [423] NEW TREASURER



Berto Somsen has taken over the treasury from Jan van Daatselaar. In our next publication we will get more closely acquainted with Berto.