

MARRIED

On August 22 Evelien Stadler [P-175], daughter of Tineke Stadler-Somsen [P-135] married with Jasper Krechting [P-7651].

The bride is still in the happy possession of both her grandpas and grandmas. It is very special that both grandparent couples have been married for 60 years this year. In the picture we can see on either side of the bridal couple: left Grandpa Dick Somsen [P-130], who keeps our genealogical files up-to-date, and Grandma Dikky Somsen- Lenselink [P-133] from Zwolle and right Grandma Dike Stadler- Bakker [P-527] and Grandpa Han Stadler [P-526].

**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In this column we would like to draw your attention to the family announcements that have reached us. We are very much pleased to present them to you and are grateful to everybody who took the trouble to inform us about the merry and sad events in their and our family.

This also enables our advisor Dick Somsen from Zwolle to keep our genealogical files up-to-date, so that we, in turn, can inform you in Somsen Horizon.

We really appreciate it very much that you send in your family announcements, together with pictures please, to our secretariat: Somsen Foundation, De Gaulesingel 46, 6716 LC Ede The Netherlands. info@somsen.org

Born:

15-01-2015: Ben Gordon [7905], s.o. Dustin Michael McGregor [7736] and Sara Jo Schuchard [3637]

Married:

12-08-2014: Levi Allen Peet [7817] and Jenny Kay Schuchard [3638]

07-07-2015: Michel Somsen [1875] and Wendy Klooster [7900]

22-08-2015: Evelien Didi (Evelien) Stadler [175] and Jasper Joseph Hendrikus Maria (Jasper) Krechting [7651]

Deceased:

23-06-2015: Arie (Ad) van Drimmelen [91], 78, Ridderkerk

19-07-2015: Geertruida Wilhelmina (Trudie) de Waard-van Drimmelen [92], 75, Ridderkerk

11-09-2015: Gardina Margrietha (Margriet) Iserief-Somsen [2878], 69, Amersfoort

07-10-2015: John Alan Leimer [3494], 95, Jamestown, ND. USA



Arie



Trudie

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL AND COLLECTING E-MAIL ADDRESSES

So far Somsen Horizon and the Somsen Newsletter have only appeared on paper. Moreover all our publications can be found on the family website www.somsen.org. However, we are planning to make another step into the digital world. For those who are interested it is now possible to receive the Somsen Newsletter also by e-mail. This does not go for Somsen Horizon. The Newsletter will be sent in pdf-format. It will be identical to the paper Newsletter which will also remain available for those who prefer it. In the long run this may help save trees as well as the financial resources of our foundation. If you would like to receive the Somsen Newsletters electronically, please send an e-mail to info@somsen.org in which you state that you will receive the Newsletter electronically. As soon as the Newsletter appears we will send you a link where you can download your own copy. So we will not clog you inbox.

Apart from this aspect we are also planning to develop a database with all the e-mail addresses of all our supporters so that we can communicate much faster. If you would be so kind to send us your e-mail address to info@somsen.org we would appreciate that very much.



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Margriet Iserief-Somsen [2878]

PREFACE



Johan Somsen [1089]

In the past period we had to say goodbye in a sad way to our Secretary Margriet Iserief- Somsen [2878]. With the unexpected death of Margriet we do not only lose our Secretary but I also lose a very dear sister. The way in which she contemplated life and how she thought about death is a great support and solace for her neighbours. In her vision death belongs to life and it is not something you have to be afraid of. Only very recently we had a rather intensive conversation about this and that has added a special dimension to her loss. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a short obituary.

We also had to say goodbye to Peter Somsen [247] in the board of our Family Foundation. It turned out to be very difficult for Peter to combine a post in our board with his job as a commercial pilot with very irregular working schedules. We are sorry that we only worked together for such a short period of time but of course we respect his decision.

With these developments we have arrived in difficult waters. If we want to continue this work then we absolutely need people of younger generations who are willing to bring in their share. The average age in our board is 63.5. Some of the veterans in our board have already indicated that they do not want to stay on much longer and for a possible reunion in 2017 we really do need younger people that have to be prepared to do their bit.

We have organized our annual BBQ with camping weekend for 18 years now. In the past few years the number of visitors has strongly declined. That's why we have had to decide to stop these weekends unfortunately.

If you have any suggestions or remarks please do not hesitate to knock on our door because we clearly need impetus and new enthusiastic people to continue this work.

I really do hope that people will stand up. In the other case it is certainly not imaginary that we have to put an end to a nearly 20-year-old family job on which we can look back with some pride.

IN SHORT: WE URGENTLY NEED NEW, PREFERABLY YOUNGER, BOARD MEMBERS.

Johan Somsen [1089]

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Handling Bankaffairs USA for the Somsen Foundation, I have handled donations from 24 different American cousins since 2012.

While I will continue to gladly handle the donations by mail, I wanted to share what I learned myself about making a donation to the Somsen Foundation. It turns out you don't need to have a PayPal account yourself.

From "Somsen.Org" you simply click on "Donations" on the home-page and then the "Donate" button. Then, simply enter your credit card information, the amount you wish to donate and the purpose of the donation such as "Donation 2015." Please include your P-number. You can find it on the address sticker of the newsletter.

Your American Cousin,
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OBITUARY GARDINA MARGRITHA (MARGRIET) ISERIEF-SOMSEN [2878]

by Harry Somsen [146]



Margriet Iserief-Somsen died after a short and unexpected illness in the presence of her husband Joep and her loved ones in the hospital in Ede on 11 September 2015.

Margriet was born in Doetinchem in 1946 as the second child in the marriage of Rudolph Somsen [1083] and Elizabeth Harmsen [1202], after her brother Johan [1089] and before her sister Dini [2879].

After growing up in Doetinchem, where her father worked as a civil servant at the approved school the "Kruisberg", the family moved to Amersfoort in 1957. At the age of 17 Margriet met Joep (Joseph Paul Iserief) [2883] with whom she married in 1968. This marriage was blessed with 3 children: Joost, Noortje and David and 7 grandchildren.

Margriet Iserief-Somsen In the autumn of the year 2000

Margriet joined the Board of the Somsen Foundation as secretary and she had to give up this task a few days before the family barbecue on August 22, 2015. At that time we just could not imagine that a serious illness which had just been discovered would develop so fast.

She has laboured for the Somsen Foundation for 15 years and every year Margriet and Joep were guests at the campsite 't Hoftijzer in IJzerlo to attend the annual family gathering. They always camped in a small tent. That way they always spent their camping holidays.



Until her retirement Margriet worked as a teacher and she was known as an open, honest and easily accessible teacher with an open eye for her environment. After her retirement she could spend more time on gardening which she did with a lot of pleasure and dedication.

At Margriet's farewell the love for gardening played an important role: the farewell took place in the middle of the fruit garden of the estate "Den Heyligen Berg" in Leusden. Her coffin, beautifully decorated by her children and grandchildren, stood in a central

place under a marquee in the garden. Many family members, friends and acquaintances brought her a floral tribute. Her husband Joep, her son Joost, her daughter Noortje, a former director of her school and her brother Johan extensively commemorated Margriet's life and finally there was a farewell song sung by her granddaughter Noa with her mother Ilse.

Afterwards Margriet was taken to the crematorium privately for the very last goodbye.