

VERMEULEN FAMILY RALLY THAT TOOK PLACE ANNUALLY FOR 49 YEARS.

On 12 Nov 1966, the family of Michael Johannes and Maria Jacoba Vermeulen came together in the home of Jan and Elsie Vermeulen in Mountainview to celebrate Grandpa Michael's 80th birthday and this was also the first family rally of the family. Right there, the idea of making this gathering an annual institution came up. Grandpa Michael died in 1967.

Jan and Elsie were also further responsible for organising the rallies until 2014. The first rallies were held at the home of family members and later at resorts such as Oberon Holiday Resort, Mount Amanzi both near Hartbeespoort and then at Buffelspoort near Rustenburg. These rallies continued remarkably for 49jr to 2014 after which they died down for lack of further interest.

The gatherings were attended by Vermeulens, their in-laws and also one or more bosom friends. What is remarkable is that The Bond of the Vermeulen Family in the persons of Johan and Izak Vermeulen also attended the festival in 2004 and at another unknown year.

Jan and Elsie are still alive today.

Are there other Vermeulen families who can equal or improve on this?

I post this in acknowledgement to Linda Lombard, a daughter-in-law of Cornelia Maria Johanna Lombard born Vermeulen, who shared the above information with The Bond and also attended some of the events herself.

The first rally in 1966
with the birthday of
Grandpa Michael.





Jan and Elsie in the 2011 rally.



In 2004 Izak left and Mike and Johan.
(The last two are already dead.)



Group photo 2005 Mount Amanzi



Group photo 2013 Buffelspoort