

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF OUR
DEAR FRIEND EDDIE RUTISHAUSER

At

KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB

THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2019

22nd March 1943 - 31st January 2019



Richard, Patsy and Eddie's son-in-law, was a remarkable spokesperson for this memorable occasion. He commenced the proceedings with the ringing of Eddie's much-loved *Schwinger Bells*, performed by Eddie's two sons Andre and Gerard, pointing out Eddie's love for Swiss music. This was followed by a short and moving prayer.

Several relatives and friends made most touching speeches and brought back memories – some from 50 years ago!

Son Andre, friend's son, Eddie (who introduced Patsy to her Eddie) and Elwyn (who met his wife at Eddie and Patsy's wedding)– both so proud of their 50 years friendship, Graham, Neil from Kloof Country Club which Eddie joined in 1986 and Fritz, Treasurer of the Swiss Club Natal, which Eddie joined in 1966, all made touching and poignant tributes. And in some cases, much laughter circulated through the packed room, with over 100 friends and colleagues enjoying delightful finger snacks, wine and beer in the presence of some wonderful photographs of Eddie and his family.

Most comments about Eddie was his humble, generous, modest, kind, gentle and fun-loving nature, and a good listener, to say nothing of his master carpenter skills! Often, even with strangers, Eddie would get into conversation with them, should they be working on anything of a wooden nature, giving his masterly input and enjoying himself tremendously! Eddie was very generous with his time and would help anyone, especially someone with carpentry problems. In years past Eddie loved wrestling, and in more recent decades loved his golf and was an avid Shooter with the Swiss Club Natal. Neil from the Kloof Country Club asked us all to raise our glasses in a toast to Eddie – The Swiss Whistler - this making light of Eddie's accent when he was a Swiss Wrestler!

Often Eddie's interpretation of English was not always 100%, and in many cases could cause much laughter, and his mixed metaphors were legendry – all part of his charm! But surely Eddie's greatest attribute was not building carpentry items but "Building Memories with Family" and these memories are now a most important and wonderful legacy for Patsy and all their Family.

*There's a face we shall always remember
A voice we shall always recall
A memory to cherish for ever
Of one so dear to us all*



SHEILA
On behalf of the Swiss Club Natal