

A tribute to Frans Schoeman

The tragic passing of our beloved Frans in a car accident outside of Jansenville on 3 April has devastated his wife Diane, his family and fellow believers.

Frans was a senior Traffic Officer and one of the longest serving employees of the EC Department of Transport. Because of Covid -19 and monitoring motorists at the border post in Graaf-Reinet, Frans was part of the deployed operation.

Our ministers, deacons and congregants will remember Frans as a jovial, fun-loving and helpful member who always went out of his way to assist in alleviating the burdens of others. Diane and Frans were inseparable and faithfully supported the church programme and Sunday services. On Remembrance Day, Frans was our first choice to lay a wreath at the altar in honour of the fallen. Dressed in his impressive uniform on our behalf, he gave the customary salute during the playing of the Last Post.

In recent discussion with Frans, he was hoping to retire at the end of October and wanted to enjoy more relaxed time with Diane and doing maintenance and repairs on his home. He was also excited about the prospect of assisting us in constructing a prayer chapel and charity shop.

Frans was always well-groomed and highly respected. We will miss Him. At this sad time, find comfort in the promises of God that not even death can separate us from God's love. Our prayers and thoughts are with Diane and the family.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15



Photograph taken at the Remembrance Day Service last year 2019 at St Davids. Frans and his proud grandson, Jayme, who wanted to see his oupa all kitted out in his dress uniform.