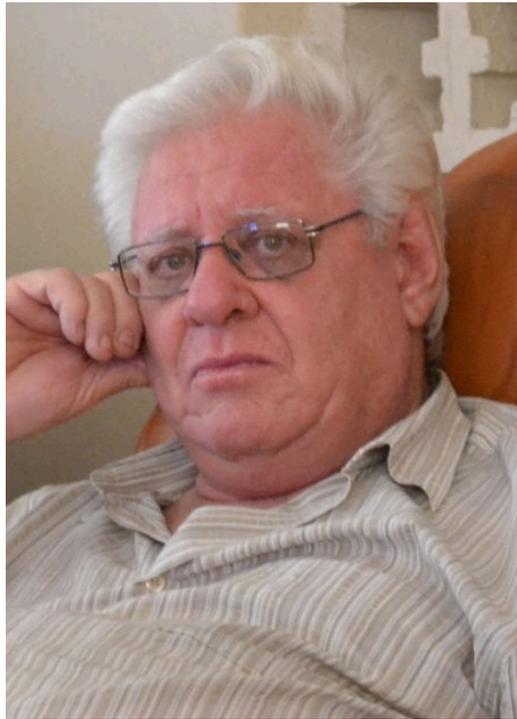


OBITUARY

Sarel van Rensburg – RIP (1946 – 2021)



Koi Society meeting in 1989. Sarel second from the right in second row from the front, arms crossed.



Sarel, back left

Honorary life member of the South Africa Koi Keepers Society, past secretary and served on the committee for over 10 years.

Sarel made a study of koi keeping. He authored the Pond Side Identification of Koi chart which viewed the identification of koi from the edge of the pond in an easy, user friendly way.

He was incredibly generous sharing his knowledge with other koi keepers and beginners.

Thanks to Sarel's direction many entered the hobby of Koi Keeping in South Africa.

Chris Du Plessis

“He introduced me to the guy called Sarel and left me with Sarel - that was 9 am and I left at 1800 Pm. And that was from Sarel teaching me about koi and pond building.

He also taught me to bench koi at shows. We did all the shows around the South Africa.

He was the best mate to have. I think I have to stop talking of my journey with my best friend in Sarel - I’m going to miss him a lot.”

Willem van der Merwe, Gauteng Chapter, Committee Member.

“Sarel was the one person who got me into the koi society. I spent many weekends and afternoons at his house learning about koi. He was always patient as I’m sure I asked him a million questions. He was always willing to share his knowledge with joy. May he rest in peace.”

Mike Harvey, ZNA Certified Judge

“Sarel will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to SAKKS and the hobby of Koi keeping, his willingness to always help others, his jovial and kind nature and as the true gentleman that he was. Never one to seek the limelight, Sarel was nevertheless a huge contributor to the success of SAKKS and the development of the hobby in South Africa. He will be sorely missed by those who had the privilege of working with him over many years, none least myself.”

Mary Ann Harrison – Past Committee member and organiser of nourishment at the koi shows.

“Oom Sarel you were such an inspiration to both Kevin and myself when we joined the Society. We both learned a lot from you. Thank you for all the knowledge that you shared with everyone that knew you. You will be missed. Fly with the angels.”

Anna Maria Botha, Past Secretary of the South Africa Koi Keepers Society

“Oom Sarel was one of the first to help in the 90’s at koi shows. His knowledge was helpful. It was always nice to go on pond safaris to his house and pond. Tips and tricks, that was Oom Sarel. I was one of his koisaktie – his orange koi girl.”

Alan Nementzik – Certified ZNA Judge

“Sarel always put in such an incredible effort for the club , but above all else he was such a down to earth , decent guy . MHDSRIP . My deepest condolences to his loved one’s”