

Datum: 24 augustus 2015

Dear Corrie,

I'm writing on behalf of the family in Australia to let you know that Dad died this morning, quite peacefully in the end, with both my mother and me at his bedside.

His condition had spiralled downwards since he broke his hip a month ago, and he never regained his mind after the anaesthetic during the operation to repair it.

Since last Thursday he had been in palliative care. Unusually, I said I'd meet Mum at the nursing home this morning (usually she goes in the morning and I go in the late afternoon). We found that Dad's condition had deteriorated further, but he was still breathing quite noisily and moving his arms. But over the next few hours, he gradually grew calmer and quieter, and his breathing grew shallower, and then his breathing just stopped.

We are glad we were there with him, and that his suffering is over. These last 3 months have seemed long and difficult, but in retrospect it is a short time to be incapacitated compared to his 91 years.

On his 80th birthday, he said, "If you had told me during the 1940s that I would live to be 80, I would have laughed at you." He led a full and active life, right up to 2 days before his 91st birthday. We are grateful for those many years and the memories of happier times.

We could appreciate it if you could let others in the family know.

We are very grateful for the many messages of support we have received from the family in the Netherlands.

Lots of love

Juliana, on behalf of Beryl and Allan too.

Thu, 27 Aug 2015

Hello Ria,

Thank you for your mail and your sympathy. I know that your father was one of the most important people in my father's life, and he greatly respected his opinion, even when they disagreed. I was also very fortunate to get to know your father on my visits to Rotterdam.

Yes, I am happy for my letter to be in the private section of the family archive website.

I am also attaching a document which you can put in the public part. It is Dad's own account of his life, which we read out at the funeral yesterday.

Very best wishes to all the family,

Juliana