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Dear Member

Hans Strässle 1st January 1936 – 25th September 2024

It is with deep regret that I write to let you know that Hans Strässle has died. His granddaughter Nikita Scacchi has written the following obituary:

Hans started his career as a hotelier at a young age, as a jack-of-all-trades on the boats of Lucerne. There, he decided to pursue his studies as an apprentice cook at the Grand Hotel in Lucerne, continuing as Commis and Chef de Partie at Gstaad Palace, Suvretta House, and the Palace Hotel in St. Moritz.

At the same time, Hans enlisted in the military, developing a passion for military trucks and buses, becoming a Major. Hans travelled the world pursuing his passions, and through London and Florence, he learned the hotelier trade until he became Assistant Director at Villars Palace, where his children were born and grew up.

Married since 1961 to Maria, known as Marili, together they have 2 children: Myriam, born in 1962, and Christian, born in 1964.

In 1970, the Strässle family moved to St. Moritz, where Hans became Director of the Monopol Hotel for 18 years. During his time in the Engadine, he founded a fire station and became President of the Skål Club. He became a Life Member of the SMTC in 1977. He won races at curling, drove many buses, and was President of the Association of Former Students of the School of Hotel Management in Lausanne.

A beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Hans was an extremely educated and kind person, very patient, sociable, and intelligent. He loved to tell his adventures in great detail, was very precise, and enjoyed teaching new

things to young people. He will be very much missed.

The funeral will be at s. Regina Church in Suvretta on Thursday 3rd of October.



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