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**Junod Family**  
c/o MCSA Secretary (Jenny Paterson)  
Johannesburg

## EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS

Dear Sheila, Alex and Les

News of the sad passing of Francois has been brought to my notice as President of the MCSA by the Chairman of our Johannesburg Section.

I can imagine that tributes are coming in from all sides, in particular for the active and positive role I have been informed that Francois played for many years in Mountain Club affairs. Sadly, because all of my own mountain hiking has been around Cape Town where I first became an MCSA member and now in the Southern Cape where I am resident, I never had the opportunity to meet Francois and this clearly is my loss.

I sometimes wonder if the Mountain Club fully appreciates how valuable was the work of early pioneers like Francois in securing for its members future access to mountain areas that once seemed too wild and too remote ever to be touched by development or by political change. How fortunate we all are that some of our pioneer members for far-seeing enough to realize that times could change. I do believe that our Gauteng members in particular owe Francois a great deal for his persuasive efforts to make sure that core areas in the Magaliesberg in particular remain protected and accessible to the MCSA, and that the people of South Africa in general for his invaluable and significant contribution in drafting the far reaching water legislation currently in force in South Africa: we owe him a debt of deep gratitude.

By all accounts, Francois lived a very full life and passed on at a wonderfully ripe age having enjoyed an active life style so typical of a Mountain Club member. But nevertheless he will surely be missed, in particular by his family and close friends.

Please accept on behalf of the national membership of the Mountain Club, our condolences on the passing of member that we can all remember with affection and pride.

Yours sincerely

Dave Jones - MCSA President

