

Franciscus Johannes

Birth ***Thursday, January 11th, 1883***
Deceased ***Tuesday, January 27th, 1948***

At an early age Franciscus had an eye deviation and therefore had to undergo surgery. Nevertheless, he continued to keep an anomaly. He was almost blind in one eye, in the other one he only had 50% vision. Actually, his whole life was determined by this handicap. He wanted a job as a teacher but because of his poor eyesight it was not awarded to him. Similarly, a career as a soldier was dismissed for the same reason.

In his younger years he worked in a metal company in Borne, thereafter he managed to accomplish a few years in the warehouse at “Spaniaard”.

His greatest hobby, besides his family, was singing. He sang with the utmost pleasure. He sang in the St. Stephen Church’s choir for many a year.

Besides singing and his work at the factory, he loved farming. He had a small farm of approximately 3/4 hectare and often worked from 5 in the late at night to maintain his family.

All his married life he lived at the Woolderweg 55, which now known as the Burenweg.