

Johannes Josephus

Born ***Monday, March 18 1918***
Deceased ***Wednesday, June 8 1994***



Figuur 1 Johannes Joseph & sister Aleida

Johannes (Jan) just as his cousins, had a great passion for singing. He sang from his primary school time in choirs. Both in the church choir of St. Stephen, as well as the St. Theresa Church. He also sang for 40 years in the "Borns Klei Koor".

He primary school he then followed a three year tertiary education (ULO). In 1933 he graduated and earned his degree.

At that time it was rather difficult to find a job, but Jan was lucky and was able to start in the office as a junior clerk in "The Grutterswinkel" Erven Cate in Borne. His starting salary was 12 guilders per month.

Jan was called up for military service in 1938. A year later he was discharged as a sergeant. In August 1939 the mobilization broke out and Jan was again called up. This time he had to go to Elst in Utrecht, just behind the Grebbelinie.

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He was taken prisoner in May 1940 and was transported to a prisoner of war camp in Germany, about 50Km south of Berlin. Fate would have it that he simultaneously ended up in the camp with his cousin Bernard (eldest son of Hendrikus). After a period of about six weeks, they were sent home.

Once at home Jan could start at Ten Cate again. He was now a representative in flour and rice, with the southern provinces as his rayon.

On July 20, 1946 he married Antonia Johanna Nijenhuis.

Jan also served from 1947 to 1950 in Indonesia as company sergeant major.

Then in 1967 when "Erven ten Cate" finally had to close its doors, he worked until his retirement for the J. Trouw Company in Geervliet, a small village near Spijkenisse in the province Zuid-Holland.