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Jacques Jansen van Vuuren

Dear BPSU members

It is with a very heavy heart that I must inform you that Jacques Jansen van Vuuren lost his battle to COVID earlier this morning. He fought a long and brave battle since late June, but our Heavenly Father called him for Higher Duties. He would have turned 46 on 23 August.

Jacques had been a member of the BPSU since 2009 and did not miss many provincial and national championships since. For the past several years, Jacques travelled to Cape Town at least once or twice a year for the WP, National and Pacific Zone Championship. He attained official Protea colours in 2014 when he participated in the Short-Range World Championships in Spain. I was privileged to have him as a team member in 2016 and 2018 again when we participated in Hungary and Austria. Jacques had already qualified to represent South Africa in Pforzheim in 2022.

If there was ever a match made in heaven, that was Jacques and Yolande, whom we also got to know and love dearly over the years. She was always at his side, supporting and cheering him on, no matter how cold it was on the range. Within a few minutes of being in their company, it was clear as daylight that Yolande was the love of his life. Although she never physically toured with the team overseas, she was always checking in on him and the team, flying our flag back in South Africa. She was on their airport each and every time we departed on returned.

Jacques thoroughly enjoyed his sport, and he was meticulous in preparing for competitions. He won numerous medals at Provincial, National and Pacific Zone Championships, but one of the highlights of his shooting career must have been the medal he won in Sarlospuzsta as part of the Frontiersman (Military Rifle special Event) team.

Jacques had a heart of gold, and he was honest and sincere in everything he did. He was also very dedicated to the sport on club, provincial and national level and his contributions will be missed dearly. These are just a few of the highlights of his shooting career we were privileged to share.



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To Yolande and the rest of his family, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. We have lost a good friend and athlete, but we realise that your loss is so much more. We will miss Jacques on and off the range and will remember him fondly for all that he has done and meant for us all in our personal capacities.

Jacques, rus sag my vriend, tot ons mekaar weer sien. Ons sal jou nooit vergeet nie, en ons sal volgende jaar in Pforzheim verseker 'n lang Duitse bier op jou en ons vriendskap drink, want jou plekkie is leeg in ons span.

Yolande, ons dra jou in liefde op aan ons Hemelse Vader, vir troos en krag om voort te gaan sonder jou geliefde ❤️.

Kind regards

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