

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

20th June 1969.

TO ALL COUNCILLORS AND  
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

FUNERAL : THE LATE COUNCILLOR ROOS.

At the request of the family and in terms of the funeral arrangements, there will not be a general funeral procession after the Church ceremony.

After the church ceremony the pall-bearers will take the coffin to the fire engine. The fire engine will move it to the funeral parlour, followed by the Motor car and cars containing the family and the pall-bearers only.

The Civic ceremony will end after the church service.

A.P. BURGER,  
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STAD JOHANNESBURG.

KANTOOR VAN DIE STADSKLERK.

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AAN ALLE RAADSLEDE EN  
AFDELINGSHOOFDE.

BEGRAFNIS : WYLE RAADSLID ROOS.

Op versoek van die familie en ooreenkomstig die begrafnisreëlings sal daar nie 'n algemene begrafnisstoet na afloop van die kerkdien plaasvind nie.

Na die kerkdien sal die draers die doodskis na die brandweermasjien neem. Die masjien sal dit na die roukamer van die begrafnisondernemers vervoer, gevolg slegs deur die burgemeesterlike motor en motors wat die familie en draers vervoer.

Die amptelike seremonie eindig na die kerkdien.

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TRIBUTE BY THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR PATRICK LEWIS, TO COUNCILLOR  
PIETER M. ROOS AT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FRIDAY, 20TH  
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The Mayor will MOVE as an unopposed motion:

"That the Council expresses its deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Pieter Meyer Roos who was a member of this Council from 27th October 1954 until his death on 18th June 1969 and was Mayor of Johannesburg in 1964/65, in the loss which they have sustained and records its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the community as a member of the Council."

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Ons is vanoggend hier byeen om hulde te bring aan raadslid Pieter Meyer Roos wat op Woensdagaand, 18 Junie 1969, skielik heengegaan het. Raadslid Roos is op 27 Oktober 1954 die eerste keer tot hierdie Raad verkies en was ten tye van sy oorlye die Voorsitter van die Bestuurskomitee.

Ek dink dit sal gepas wees as ek raadslid Roos se loopbaan vir u skets uit die inligting waaroor ek beskik.

Pieter Roos is op 23 Augustus 1906 gebore. Toe hy 18 maande en sy broer John ses maande oud was, is sy vader oorlede. Die gesin het destyds in Bergstraat, Belgravia, gewoon. Toe was dit nog 'n goeie woonbuurt. Sy moeder, mev. Nell Roos, het die verantwoordelikheid vir dié jong gesin op haar geneem, en met moed en ywer daarin geslaag om aan hierdie twee seuns 'n goeie opvoeding te besorg en hulle vir die lewe voor te berei. Menige keer het ek Pieter Roos met lof hoor praat van sy moeder se moedigheid en haar liefde vir die twee seuns vir wie sy moes sorg. Na hulle hoërskoolopleiding, het albei seuns besluit om die bourekenaarsberoep te volg. Pieter Roos het op 21 November 1927 aan die destydse Johannesburg School of Mines, wat later die Universiteit van die Witwatersrand geword het, sy bourekenaarskwalifikasies verwerf. Dit was die begin van sy loopbaan in die beroep waarin hy later tot groot hoogtes sou styg: hy het naamlik in 1942/44 President van die Suid-Afrikaanse Tak van Kwantiteitsopnemers geword. Hy het voortgegaan om 'n bydrae tot sy beroep te lewer, want hy was tot sy afsterwe nog 'n eksaminator.

Sy praktiese ondervinding as 'n bourekenaar het hom 'n unieke insig in alle sake betreffende die boubedryf besorg, en hierdie kennis was tot groot nut vir die vele nywerheids-, handels- en finansiële ondernemings waarmee hy later te doen gekry het. In sy beroep was hy en sy broer, John, vanaf 1933 vennote in die firma Roos en Roos, wat deur die hele Suid-Afrika en oorkant die grense in die Federasie van Rhodesië bekend geraak het.

Pieter Roos is op 21 November 1930 met Joan Stephens getroud. Sy was vir hom 'n wonderlike lewensmaat wat hom deur dik en dun bygestaan het. Sy het haar ten volle met sy belange vereenselwil en was vir hom 'n bron van krag. Hulle het twee kinders gehad. Judy, die oudste, is 'n serebraalverlamde. Almal wat bewus was van die band tussen cuers en dogter, is verryk deur hierdie liefde en begrip.

Een faset van sy lewe wat heelwat bygedra het tot sy lewensgenot en lewensvreugde was sy pragtige baritonstem. Hy was lank van gestalte met 'n indrukwekkende persoonlikheid en menigeen sal met heimwee terugdink aan die genot wat sy verhoogoptrede in Savoy-operas verskaf het - veral sy optrede in opvoerings onder beskerming van die Johannesburg Operatic and Dramatic Society. Sy vertolking van die rol van Red Shadow in Desert Song sal nog lank onthou word. Met sy welluidende stem en sy nimmer eindigende energie en weens die loutere genot wat die toneel hom verskaf het, was hy 'n gunsteling op die verhoog.

Sy liefde vir musiek het 'n groot invloed op sy belangstellings gehad. Hy was die dryfkrag agter die totstandkoming van die Stadskouburg. Toe die Beheerraad saamgestel is, was hy die klaarblyklike keuse as die eerste Voorsitter, 'n amp wat hy tot sy dood toe beklee het. Die Pieter Roos-saal in die Skouburg is 'n blywende aandenking aan sy werk in verband met die daarstelling van die Skouburg, wat een van die brandpunte van Johannesburg se gemeenskapslewe geword het. Dit was sy strewe om 'n opleidingskool vir jong kunstenaars daar te stel en hy het dan ook stappe gedoen om dié ideaal te verwesenlik. Hy het sy lewe lank belang gestel in die jong kunstenaars en alles in sy vermoë gedoen om hulle aan te moedig.

Voordat ek raadslid Pieter Roos se werksaamhede in die Stadsraad behandel, wil ek graag melding maak van sy aandeel aan die werksaamhede van twee liefdadigheidsorganisasies in die besonder, naamlik die Geluk vir Gestremdes-organisasie en die Skool vir Serebraalverlamde Kinders, Forest Town. Geluksgebou, wat op die Hedley Chilvers-plein op die hoek van Rissik- en Wolmaransstraat opgerig is, is 'n gebou enig in sy soort, met 'n buitengewone atmosfeer. In dié gebou, wat ingerig is om die gestremde tuis te laat voel, word ook baie organisasies gehuisves wat na die welsyn van minderbevoorregte burgers omsien. Mense wat daar werk het my vertel wat die geriewe daar vir baie mense beteken. Ek is ook bewus van die bedagsaamheid en sorg wat Pieter Roos aan die dag gelê het jeens die Geluk vir Gestremdes-organisasie en die oprigting van dié sentrum. Die Forest Town-skool het 'n besondere plek in sy hart ingeneem, en die Forest-plaaseenheid sou nie sonder sy ywer en volharding tot stand gekom het nie. Sowel

hy as sy gade het hulle onvermoeid vir die insameling van fondse vir hierdie inrigtings beywer.

Raadslid Roos was 'n man met lewensvreugde. In sy jeug was hy 'n geesdriftige gholfspeler, hoofsaaklik by die Parkviewse Gholfklub, en later het hy intense genot uit rolbal geput. Die afgelope paar jaar was hy kaptein van die Burgemeester se Rolbalspan, wat oral by rolbalklubs in die stad 'n gulhartige ontvangs geniet het. Oral waar 'n mens gekom het, het die mense Pieter Roos geken en van hom gehou. Sy pogings om blinde rolbalspelers te help, het 'n hoogtepunt bereik met die aanlê van 'n spesiale rolbalveld vir blinde rolbalspelers by die klub in Rosebank.

Hy was 'n besonder bedrywige Vrymesselaar en is tot die tweede hoogste rang in die organisasie bevorder, naamlik die Deputy District Grand Master van die English Freemasonry in the Transvaal. Sy deelname aan al die bedrywigheide van die Organisasie het bewys gelewer van sy belangstelling in en agting vir sy medemens. Hy het ook die tyd ingeruim om aktief aan die Rotariërbeweging mee te doen.

Raadslid Roos is in Oktober 1954 tot die Raad verkies. Vanweë sy professionele kwalifikasies was hy 'n vanselfsprekende keuse vir die Komitee vir Werke en Verkeer.

Hy het in 1956 Voorsitter van dié Komitee geword. Daar is destyds baie aandag geskenk aan die beplanning van die padstelsel, die oprigting van snelweë, die bou van die Burgersentrum, die bou van parkeergarages en die aanbring van parkeermeters. Hy het hom met oorgawe aan hierdie taak gewy, en op eie koste na die buiteland afgereis om met oorsese ontwikkeling op dié gebied vertrou te raak.

Pieter Roos het sy amp as Voorsitter van die Komitee vir Werke en Verkeer geniet, en al die jare wat hy raadslid was, belangstelling in die werk van hierdie Komitee behou. Baie van die ontwikkelings wat tans plaasvind, is onder sy voorsitterskap beplan.

In 1962 het sy kollegas hom gekies vir die moeilike amp van Voorsitter van die Bestuurskomitee. Hy sou destyds verkies het om aan te bly as Voorsitter van die Komitee vir Werke en Verkeer.

Hy het 7½ jaar lank Voorsitter van die Bestuurskomitee gebly - die moeilikste amp waaraan daar die meeste verantwoordelikheid verbonde is. In 1964/65 is hy tot Burgemeester van die stad verkies.

Soos met alles wat hy aangepak het, het hy en sy vrou tydens sy burgemeesterstermyn geen moeite ontsien nie.

Drie jaar gelede het hy 'n ernstige hartaanval gekry. Die nagevolge daarvan was uiters stremmend vir hom, en menige dag was dit seker vir hom 'n groot inspanning om aan die gang te bly.

Vir u, sy kollegas, wat hom so goed geken het, hoef ek nie uitvoerig in te gaan op al die werksaamhede wat hy namens die stad verrig het, of op sy werk in die Raad van Randse Munisipaliteite, TRUK, die Johannesburgse Publisiteitsvereniging, die Randwaterraad en tientalle ander organisasies nie.

Hy het in Maart vanjaar in belang van die ontwikkeling van die Stadskouburg na die buiteland vertrek. Die beplande reis sou selfs vir 'n jong man veeleisend gewees het; en vir iemand van raadslid Roos se ouderdom, was die reis in dié tyd van die jaar, te veel vir die gestel. Hy het naamlik longpytpontsteking opgedoen sodat hy sy reis moes onderbreek en terugkeer na sy tuiste en sy gesin.

Iemand anders sou seker na die ernstige knak wat sy gesondheid drie jaar gelede gekry het, hom aan inspannende bedrywighede onttrek en hom stil op sy rusplek by Ramsgate gaan afsonder het. Maar NIE Pieter Roos nie. Vir hom was daar nog werk wat wag, en hoe drukker dit daaraan toe gegaan het, hoe meer het hy daarvan gehou.

Vir ons wat hom so goed geken het, gaan dit moeilik wees om ons die Raad sonder hom voor te stel. Hy het Johannesburg liefgehad; hier het hy groot geword. Hy was een van die seuns van ons stad wat lank onthou sal word.

Aan sy vrou, Joan, wat haar deur dik en dun vereenselwig het met haar man, betuig ons ons innigste meegevoel. Teenoor sy broer, John, en sy gesin wat tuis en in die besigheid so nou aan hom verbonde was, wil ons ook ons deelneming uitspreek. Ons harte gaan uit na sy kinders en kleinkinders van wie hy altyd met soveel liefde gepraat het. Mag hulle kosbare herinneringe hulle in hierdie moeilike tyd onderskraag.

Die Burgemeester STEL as 'n onbestrede mosie VOOR:

„Dat die Raad sy innige meegevoel met die weduwee en familie van wyle Pieter Meyer Roos betuig, wat vanaf 27 Oktober 1954 tot met sy afsterwe op 18 Junie 1969 'n lid van hierdie Raad, en in 1964/65 Burgemeester van Johannesburg was, met die verlies wat hulle gely het, en dat hy sy waardering vir die waardevolle dienste wat hy as 'n lid van die Raad aan die gemeenskap gelewer het, boekstaaf.”





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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JOHANNESBURG  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON FRIDAY, 20TH JUNE 1969, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS : Jaffe, A. (Chairman of the Council -  
in the Chair)  
Lewis, P.R.B. (Mayor)  
Moss, S. (Deputy Mayor)  
Attwell, I.E.B.  
Barnard, S.P., M.P.C.  
Burger, J.S.J.  
Caldwell, W.C.  
Cuyler, E., J.P., M.P.C.  
Dalling, D.J.  
Dennis, H.F.  
de Wet, C.F., J.P.  
du Toit, W.C.J.B.  
Eagar, B.D.  
Gadd, A.  
Gorshel, A.  
Kantor, J.I.  
Krige, Prof. H.  
Lemmer, Brig. J.C., M.C.  
Long, C.A.  
Mahony, D.T.  
Myers, I.  
O'Connor, J.J., J.P., M.P.C.  
Opperman, Maj. J.D., M.P.C.  
Otto, Dr. J.S.  
Pieterse, H.C.  
Powell, M.J.  
Reichel, A.J.  
Ross-Spencer, Dr. C.J.  
Schlapobersky, I.  
Sherwell, O.  
Sklaar, M.  
Theunissen, G.H.  
van Blerk, J.H., M.P.C.  
van Rensburg, H.E. Jansen.  
van Rensburg, H.M.J.  
van Zyl, D.C.B.  
Venter, C.P.  
Widman, A.B., M.P.C.  
Zakar, A.D., J.P.

OPENING PRAYER.

The Mayor's Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The Town Clerk read the following notice convening the meeting:-

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S.D. MARSHALL,  
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DEATH OF COUNCILLOR P.M. ROOS, J.P.

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Councillors Widman and Cuyler addressed the Council.

The Mayor MOVED AS AN UNOPPOSED MOTION :

"That the Council expresses its deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Pieter Meyer Roos who was a member of this Council from 27th October 1954 until his death on 18th June 1969 and was Mayor of Johannesburg in 1964/65, in the loss which they have sustained and records its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the community as a member of the Council."

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED IN SILENCE, THE MEMBERS RISING FROM THEIR SEATS.

THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 11.30 A.M.

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