

Caterer dies

Mr Joseph Leopold Leuthart, a man associated with catering in Taranaki for more than 50 years, died on Sunday. He was 79.

Mr Leuthart died suddenly in his New Plymouth home.

He was a keen member of the Taranaki Hunt Club, the Paritutu Bowling Club and the Masonic Lodge.

Mr Leuthart first came to the district in 1924 from Switzerland when he worked for a short time on an Inglewood farm. From there he worked at Young's Bakery in Inglewood and later at a New Plymouth bakery.

He then married his first wife Betsey.

From 1926 until his retirement 10 years ago Mr Leuthart owned several bakeries and catering businesses in Stratford and New Plymouth.

Over the years he has made six trips back to Switzerland to see his mother, now deceased, his brother and two sisters living there.

He leaves his second wife Hazel, his sons Doug, Leo, Max and Neil and step-children Heather, Penny, and Alex, John and Bill Baron.

A service for Mr Leuthart will be held at St Jame's Presbyterian Church, Lawry St, New Plymouth today.