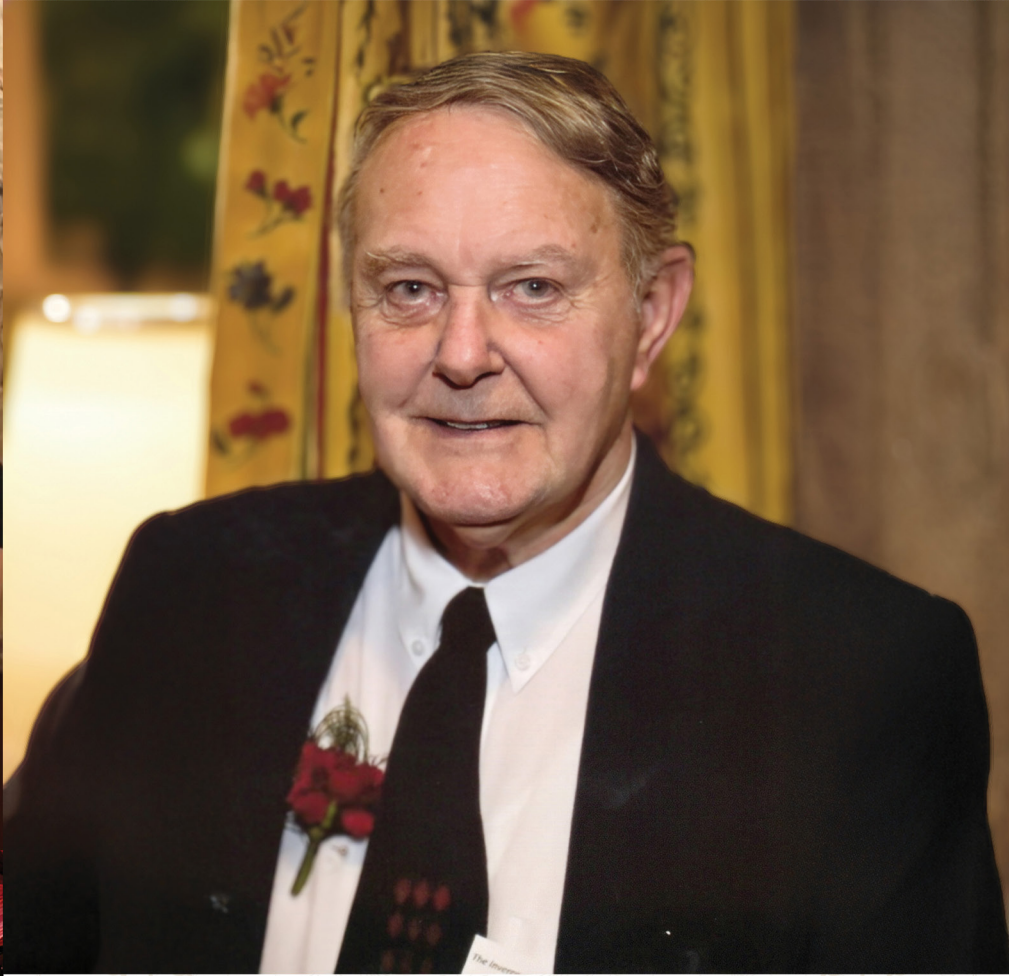




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Leslie Lang  
17.09.1939 27.02.2025

*Thank You*

*We sincerely thank our family and friends for the love and support you have shown during this difficult time.*

*Your comforting presence and shared memories at Les' farewell means so much to us and truly honoured his life.*



# Leslie's Story



## Les's 80th

Les's 80th birthday was celebrated at the Cabbage Tree with family. This was when he was given his beloved gold watch. He never took it off and wore it right until the end.



## Gardening

At the Filleul St home, Les spent hours turning over the soil, planting, and tending to huge vegetable gardens for his family. There were row upon row of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, pumpkin, and peas that the kids raided whenever they could.



## Roses

As the older boys left home, the vegetable gardens transformed into flower gardens. Pops set out to collect every rose he could find and made nameplates for them all.



## Dancing

Dancing became a passion for both Mary and Les. They started in the late '80s, traveling all over the South Island to attend dance weekends, making lifelong friends along the way.



## Family

Les treasured spending time with family. He was a devoted husband to Mary, and they were always together—two peas in a pod. Les loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed travelling to Australia to see Wayne and his family. Les loved flying and, on a clear sunny day, would often comment, "Nice day for flying today."



## Sport

Les was always present to watch his boys play soccer—rain, hail, or shine. He could always be seen in his wool-lined green jacket and freezing worker gumboots.



Later, he enjoyed hearing about his grandchildren's efforts on the soccer field. In his younger years, Les was also an avid follower of both horse racing and rugby, and he loved fishing.



## Apples

Every year, there was a pilgrimage to Roxburgh to pick apples from the orchards. The kids were always told to stuff apples under the car seats, in the glove box, and anywhere else they could sneak them past the orchard owner.

## Favourite Meals

Les had two go-to orders at any restaurant: seafood chowder or, if he had the opportunity to have Chinese, beef black bean was always a must.



## Work

Les worked at the Makarewa Freezing Works from his time at Tech until the late '80s, holding various leadership roles and eventually becoming the foreman of the butcher shop. After that, he took on a daily courier run to Queenstown before starting a lawn mower business, which he ran until his retirement.

