

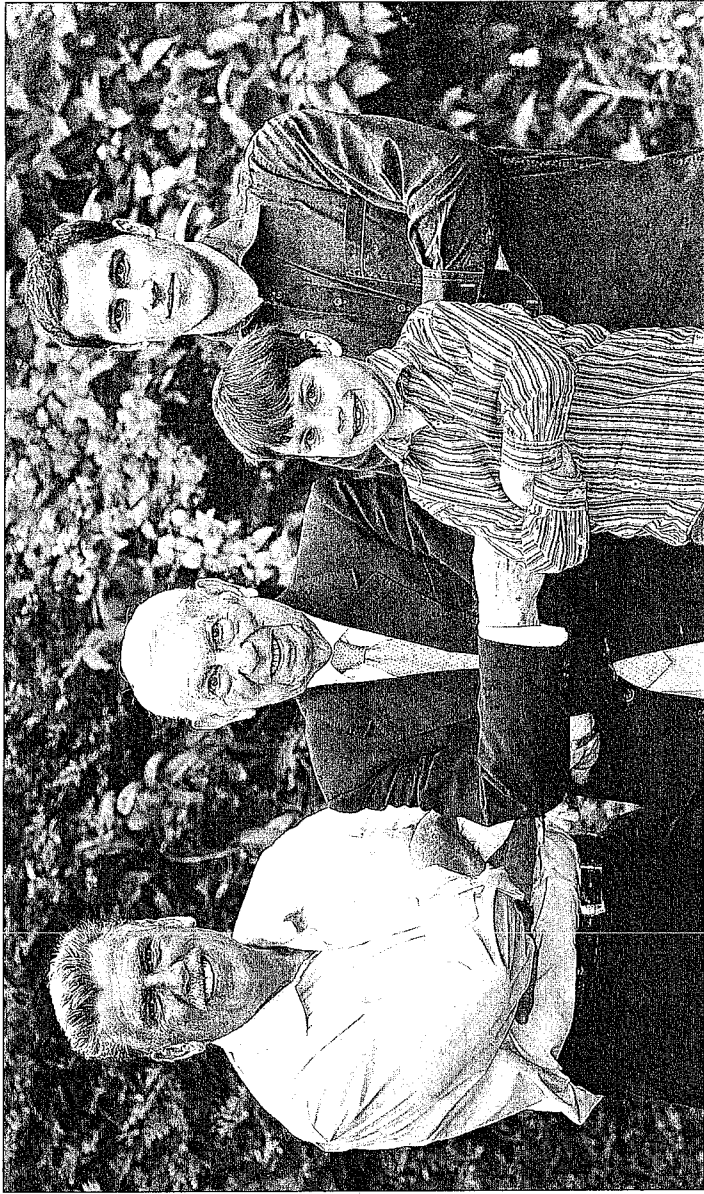
COMING UP



•TALKIN' TRASH.

On the eve of the DVD release of their big screen debut, the Trailer Park Boys reminisce about their visit to Victoria for ShowCanada last spring. Rum-and-coke-sipping Julian thinks he might even have to move here. Find out more in Michael D. Reid's Behind the Screen. Tomorrow in Arts.

'He was a very, very nice man — a real gentleman'



Four generations of the Schaddelees came together for a *Times Colonist* Father's Day feature on June 18, 2006. From left: Kees II, who was 60, Kees Sr., then 96, Kai, at 7, Kees III, at 33, helped to run the Dutch Bakery on Fort Street, founded by Kees Sr. in 1956. At age 97, Kees Schaddelee Sr. died on Feb. 8 after a short illness. *Bruce Stotesbury/Times Colonist*

CORNELIS (KEES) SCHADDELEE: DUTCH BAKERY FOUNDER

Baker's recipe for success

BY RICHARD WATTS
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Dorothy Edwards sat down to a regular meal at the Dutch Bakery and Coffee Shop a little saddened yesterday to hear founder Cornelis (Kees) Schaddelee was dead.

Edwards and her friend, Sylvia de Dood, are in the bakery several times a week (they're especially fond of the traditional Dutch croquettes). It's often crowded so they sometimes found themselves sitting with Schaddelee who was also a regular visitor.

"He was a very, very nice man — a real gentleman," said Edwards.

Schaddelee died peacefully on Feb. 8 after a short illness. He was 97 and, according to his family, his death was peaceful.

The bakery, at 718 Fort St., a Victoria institution, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as a family-run business and Schaddelee was there for the open house.

Grown grandchildren Jack, Brook, Lavonne and Michele now operate the bakery and kitchen.

But most of the recipes can be traced

back to Schaddelee himself. "All the Dutch treats we have, all the dough we have, it's all his from Holland," said grandson Jack, 42.

Schaddelee was born in Werkendam, Holland, and left school at 11 to begin working. He and his wife Mabel and their children immigrated to Canada in 1955 after starting and selling two successful bakeries in Holland.

Always a hobbyist, Schaddelee turned his spare time to a string of pastimes including photography, bird-keeping, cut-stone jewelry, sculpture,

and, most recently, stained glass. His wife Mabel died about 20 years ago and he never remarried.

But in recent years, old age was catching up and he found himself getting too tired to enjoy his hobbies. A few years ago he moved into a facility where his meals would be prepared for him.

And according to son Jack Sr., he made it plan he wanted no heroic efforts to keep him alive.

"In the end, he was ready to see Mom again and we wish him well," read his obituary.



Kees Schaddelee, founder of the Dutch Bakery in Victoria, dies at 97. *Bruce Stotesbury/Times Colonist*

He started a bakery, and they just ate it up

The bakery has always been a family operation, with generations of Schaddelees working in the store, alongside bakers, counter staff and waitresses. Last year, the bakery celebrated its 50th anniversary and Kees Schaddelee was there for the open house.

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Its recipe for success was created by Cornelis (Kees) Schaddelee, who died recently at age 97. Schaddelee started the business in 1956 on Fort Street where it has remained ever since.

"He was a very, very nice man, a real gentleman," said Dorothy Edwards, a loyal customer.

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