

Last weeks of café Moriau

BUT GEUZE MORIAU WILL NOT DISAPPEAR

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Keep '36 years café has been enough, "said Mireille landlady saying goodbye.

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Easter will be the last time Frank Cnudde and Mireille Moriau are behind the counter in the café Moriau in Sint-Pieters-Leeuw. Frank and Mireille still want to enjoy some of life but have no successors. Thus, the cafe was sold.

Café Moriau is a monument in the hospitality industry in Sint-Pieters-

Leeuw. Mireille's father, who was himself a Geuze blender, took over the pub in 1943 and built it into a place where everyone in the village was happy. There was a banquet hall built so it became a rehearsal space for the brass band and the choir. Daughter Mireille and her husband Frank Cnudde took over the business 36 years ago. Frank is a jazz music lover, and organized regular jazz evenings. Similarly, national celebrities such as Toots Thielemans, Philippe Catherine came several times to play.

"But at the end of this month we put an end to 70 years Moriau café. At Easter, we stop on a red-letter day", says Mireille laughing. "It's been lovely, but there is a time to come and a time to go. We are getting older and the life of a bartender begins to weigh heavily, especially the short nights. Of course, lots of great memories and I will miss the people. "

"We have never redecorated the café, so there is a certain nostalgia about it. Even the furniture is almost not changed. The building is for sale. The future owner can make a cafe again but it is equally possible that a developer buys the property to make apartments out of it, for example, "says Mireille.

"The band and the choir are shocked when they learned that we stop. They are now looking for another rehearsal space."

"However regrettable," find the regulars Georges and Marcel. "This was the most pleasant café in Sint-Pieters-Leeuw. Here, everyone came together. We will certainly miss the Moriau café."

What does not disappear is Gueuze Moriau. This Gueuze is brewed by Boon under the name of Geuze Moriau after Moriau's father closed his own geuzestekerij in Sint-Pieters-Leeuw. Gueuze Moriau will be available in a great deal of cafes Sint-Pieters-Leeuw and surroundings.

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