

The face of South Africa

By Annalize Mouton

Family and friends gathered in the tiny house of Mrs Nellie Steeneveldt's daughter in Stanford to pay their last respects. The matriarch was later buried on the farm Papiessvlei in the district, where she grew up.

This is one of more than 400 photographs by Annalize Mouton taken in just over three months for a book to document the village in the year of its 150th anniversary. Many of the images capture a changing lifestyle through all sectors of the community, making the book a valuable historical record. Archival prints of some of the photographs will be on exhibition in Stanford from 5 to 28 October, and the exhibition is already mooted to travel to other centres in South Africa, as well as overseas, next year.

