



Henry Groenendyk

June 2, 1932 – February 9, 2021

It is with sadness and love that we announce the passing of Henry Groenendyk at the age of 88 years. Henry is survived by his loving wife, Josina, sister Joke and her son Chris, brother Jan (Josee), children Margaret, John, Eileen (John), Doretta (David), Dave (Jody), stepchildren Ingrid (Piet), Al (Michelle), Rob, Helen, grandchildren Shaun, Kyle, Jared, Rianne, Rayleen (Dennis), Hayden, Izra, Reilly, Jasper, Andrew, Corinne, step grandchildren Angela, Christa (Chris), great grandchildren and extended family and friends. He is predeceased by his first wife Ann, sister Marti, and parents Arie and Grietje.

Born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Henry grew up with the war going on during his early teens but learned several languages and later served in the Royal Air Force as an officer. He emigrated from The Netherlands in 1957, starting the next phase of his life in Edmonton where he worked as a chartered accountant (mostly with the Auditor General of Alberta) and enjoyed raising a family of 5 children with Ann, his loving wife for almost 30 years. 11 years after Ann passed away, when he turned

70 he was blessed to meet and marry Josi and start a new life with her in Victoria, enjoying time together walking, travelling, and being with added family and a new community. After a difficult illness we are thankful that he was able to be cared for at home and later pass away peacefully there as well.

Henry loved the Lord and the church and was always more focused on assisting others rather than looking out for his own benefit. He had a special place in his heart for helping refugees and enjoyed assisting several families to successfully find work, schooling, and integrate into the community. He had a strong interest in history and his ability to recall events and specific dates became somewhat legendary. Henry always sought to give others the benefit of any doubt, always strived to set a good example with his life and he will be deeply missed.

The memorial service will be held on Friday, February 19th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. and can be attended virtually at www.cccvictoria.ca.