

*What is your only comfort
in life and death?*

*That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me
of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.*



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Remembering the life of
Arnolda Smeding

October 13, 1922 - November 13, 2021

*Psalm 27 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?"*

The Lord, in His infinite wisdom, took our dear Nolda home to spend eternity with Him on November 13, 2021 at the age of 99 years.

ARNOLDA VANDERBEEK SMEDING was born in Vuren, The Netherlands on October 13, 1922 and educated in Dubbeldam, South Holland. In 1951, she immigrated to Canada with two brothers Bert and Tony. They arrived in Quebec and endured a four day sitting only train ride to Lethbridge, AB. She found work in Waterton and later in Lethbridge. She met her husband, John at church and they got married in 1952. Their work took them to many places in the USA and they were constantly on the move. They went on several disaster relief missions, where she was the chief cook. In 1960, they adopted their son Ed and she treasured her new role as a mother.

They were globetrotters and she continued to travel with friends after she became a widow. Her son passed away in 1990. It was devastating for Nolda but she never became bitter. She always had a loving, welcoming heart for everyone she met. Nolda was very, very hospitable and she had a servant heart. She was a devout member of Trinity Reformed Church in Lethbridge. Church attendance was very important to her. She was proud to be its oldest member. Nolda had a great love for all animals, especially dogs and cats. She always owned one until moving to Legacy Lodge, but was thrilled when a friend brought her dogs in for a visit.

Nolda is lovingly remembered by her brother Tony VanderBeek of Lethbridge, AB and sisters: Joan Antonides of Penticton, BC and Nettie Westra of Edmonton AB, sister-in-law Frances VanderBeek of Lethbridge AB, as well as several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her husband John Smeding in 1985, son Edward in 1990, her parents Jan and Everdina Spiering VanderBeek, brothers Bert VanderBeek and Joe VanderBeek, sister-in-law Ann VanderBeek, and brothers-in-law John Antonides and Lloyd Westra.

She lived a full & thankful life & never complained. She passed away very peacefully in her home with the background music of Amazing Grace as she entered into her Saviour's arms!

Memorial Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Friday, November 19, 2021, at 11:00 AM

Officiant - Pastor Tom Albaugh
Organist - Sheila Ypma

Order of Service

Greetings & Prayer
Hymn - Nearer Still Nearer
Words of Comfort
Prayer
Scripture Reading - Psalm 1
Message of Assurance - "Forever With Jesus"
Hymn - When Peace Like a River
Your Only Comfort in Life and in Death
Musical Selection - Safe in the Arms of Jesus
Benediction

Interment

Nolda was laid to rest with her beloved husband John
in Archmount Cemetery Prior to the Service.

Pallbearers

Louis Ypma Bill VanderBeek John Nymeyer
Tim VanderBeek Jack DeHeer Ken Westra

Honourary Pallbearers

Phyllis Nymeyer Tina Lagemaat Gail Schulz Marion Van Peer-Gouw