

PSALM 95:1-7

COME, LET US SING FOR JOY TO THE LORD;
LET US SHOUT ALOUD TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.
2 LET US COME BEFORE HIM WITH THANKSGIVING
AND EXTOL HIM WITH MUSIC AND SONG.

3 FOR THE LORD IS THE GREAT GOD,
THE GREAT KING ABOVE ALL GODS.
4 IN HIS HAND ARE THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH,
AND THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS BELONG TO HIM.
5 THE SEA IS HIS, FOR HE MADE IT,
AND HIS HANDS FORMED THE DRY LAND.

6 COME, LET US BOW DOWN IN WORSHIP,
LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER:
7 FOR HE IS OUR GOD
AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE,
THE FLOCK UNDER HIS CARE.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gerry DeHeer

SEPTEMBER 14, 1930 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

Great is Thy Faithfulness. Oh God my Father!

With utmost sadness, the family announces the passing of our father, grandfather, and great grandfather in the early hours of September 24, 2021. Dad was the loving husband of Coby for 70 years. We were so very blessed with Dad's life, just having celebrated his 91st birthday on September 14th.

Dad was born in Nigtevecht, the Netherlands and grew up the eldest of 10 children, six brothers and four sisters.

Dad was educated as a pressman in the Netherlands, having articulated four years to obtain his diploma in Amsterdam in 1949. He met the love of his life; Coby, his sweetheart and they were married in 1951. Dad wanted a better life for his family and in 1952 Mom and Dad immigrated to Canada aboard the "S. S. Groote Beer" which landed at Pier 21 in Halifax on September 30, 1952. Three days later they arrived by train in Southern Alberta. In the Spring of the following year, their first child, Jack was born.

Early work in Canada for Dad was at small printing businesses but he was soon hired in the Lethbridge Herald's Commercial Printing Division to operate their new Heidelberg press. Through his hard work, dedication and talent, Dad advanced to Foreman and then Manager, a position he held for many years. Later, in 1985, when the opportunity arose to purchase the commercial printing business division, Dad, having the entrepreneurial skills, and with Mom's support, seized the opportunity and a successful family business, Graphcom Printers Ltd. began. Jack followed in Dad's footsteps in Graphcom and successfully took over the leadership role in 1993 although Dad was active in the business for many years following, the later years still running a press. Dad's keen sense of business and his experiences as well as his desire to give back to the Community and the Country he loved led him to take many volunteer positions including the St. John's Ambulance, starting in the late 1950's, being given many awards for his service by the Province of Alberta, serving in the Kiwanis Club for many years, serving as President, as well as the Lethbridge Symphony Association. But overwhelmingly, it was his love for Christ and his Church that led him to work his whole life for the Lord and to demonstrate that love in the many roles he took to support the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church.

Although Dad loved to work, and he worked hard and many long hours to support his family, Dad also spent many wonderful vacations with his children and grandchildren on camping trips and trips in the Motorhome that Mom and Dad loved to take to Yuma each year in their retirement. They made many close friends in Yuma, Arizona. Dad was a handyman in all aspects of the word, and he enjoyed working on his acreage in his later years. Dad's love for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was immense but his amazing love for Coby throughout the 70 wonderful years of marriage they shared, was inspiring to us all.

Dad leaves behind to mourn his passing his loving wife Coby, his loving children, son Jack (Laura) DeHeer, and their children Garth (Danielle) DeHeer, Ella, Olivia and Nash, and Tara DeHeer, his oldest daughter Marianne Bohmer (Randy Trotter) and her children Kristen (Richard) Vanderwal and Justin Jarvie, his youngest daughter Yvonne (John) Barthel and their children Alex and Spencer Barthel (Cassidy Vanden Berg) and youngest son Mike Oevering. Dad also leaves to mourn his passing Mom and Dad's caring neighbors and wonderful friends of many years, Bela and Ildiko Santa and their children Kinga (Zentner) and Csenge. Dad was predeceased by a great granddaughter Brooke DeHeer, son-in-law Clark Bohmer, two brothers and two sisters.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

Service

Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 11:00 AM
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
260 - McGill Boulevard West, Lethbridge, Alberta

Officiant - Pastor Paul Van Stralen
Pianist - Jody Havinga

Order of Service

Words of Welcome
Prayer
Words of Comfort - Jeremiah 29:11
Song - *How Great Thou Art*
Scripture - John 6:15-21 - Richard Vanderwal
Words of Remembrance - Yvonne Barthel & Jack DeHeer
Pictorial Tribute from the Grandchildren
Song - *And Can It Be*
Meditation
Song - *The River*
Pastoral Prayer
Song - *I Come with Joy to Meet the Lord*
Blessing
Song - *Days of Elijah*

Gerry was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery during a family Graveside Service.

Pallbearers

John Barthel Justin Jarvie Garth DeHeer
Alex Barthel Spencer Barthel Richard Vanderwal

Honourary Pallbearers

Bela Santa Tony Vanderbeek
Dick DeHeer Mike Oevering