

Close the Gate

by Nancy Kraayenhof

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

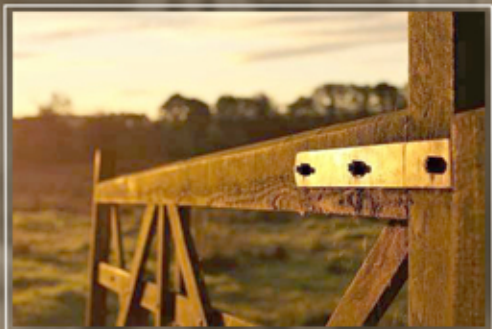
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.

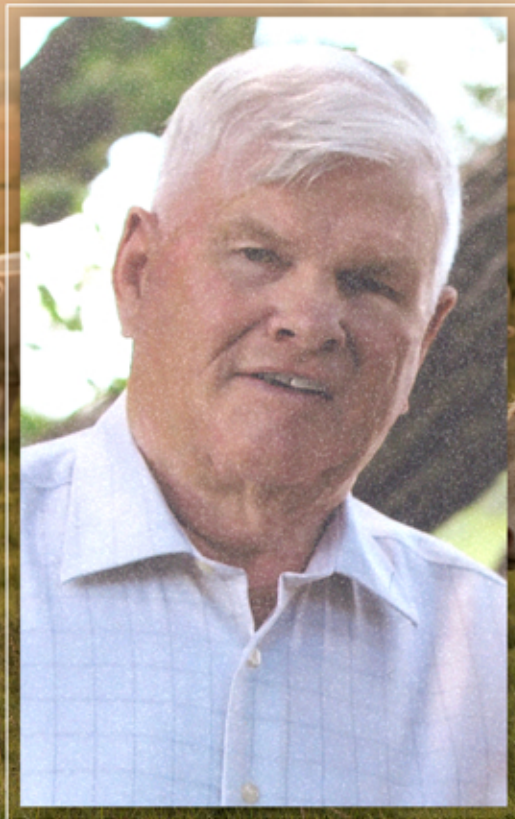
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.



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Lovingly Remembered



Jake Groenenboom

May 7, 1931 - October 31, 2019

Funeral Service

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1811 - 5 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB
Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 12:00 Noon

Officiant - Reverend Hugh Jack

Organist - Corrie Hausauer

Soloist - Anna McBryan

Pallbearers

Blake Johnson - Brett Johnson - Scott Lommerts - Mike Lommerts
Tyson Lommerts - Taylor Groenenboom - Jed Groenenboom - Carter Wobick

Honourary Pallbearers

Nicole Pearse - Megan Andrade - Emily Groenenboom
Haley Groenenboom - Brynn Wobick

Order of Service

Sentences of Scripture

Preface

Hymn - *The Old Rugged Cross*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Solo - *How Great Thou Art*

The Word of God - *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8; Psalm 31: 1-3, 14-15;*

Revelation 21: 1-4; John 14: 1-4

Sermon

Hymn - *It Is Well with My Soul*

Eulogy - Don & Rob Groenenboom

Poem - Megan Andrade

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Solo - *To Where You Are*

Benediction

Reception

Following the Funeral Service, family and friends are invited to further
share this day in the Ballroom at Coast Hotel & Conference Centre,
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, AB
for a time of fellowship and refreshments

Interment

Earlier in the day, Jake was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery

It is with gratitude for a life well-lived and a man much loved that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jake Groenenboom at St. Therese Villa on October 31, 2019 at the age of 88 years.

Jake is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Betsie. He will be lovingly remembered by his five children: Martha (Rick) Johnson, Barb (Jim) McDonald, Rob (Linda) Groenenboom, Don (Elaine) Groenenboom and Sue (Mark) Wobick. He will also be dearly missed by his 13 grandchildren: Blake (Sarah), Brett (Michelle); Scott (Stephanie), Mike, Tyson; Nicole (Corey), Megan (Chris), Taylor (Hannah); Jed, Emily, Haley; Brynn and Carter, as well as his six great-grandchildren.

Jake was born on May 7, 1931 in Barendrecht, Netherlands. He was the eldest of 12 children who—along with their parents—immigrated to Canada in 1952. After working on several southern Alberta farms, the Groenenboom family was able to purchase their own farm in the Park Lake area.

Shortly after, Jake met the love of his life, Betsie. They married on August 27, 1960 and purchased their own farm west of Park Lake. In 1972, Jake & Betsie and their family moved to the farm west of Nobleford where they remained until 2009. Jake was a farmer, drywaller and later on in life pursued his true passion as a buyer in the cattle industry. Jake's favorite hobby was his garden—he grew enough vegetables to feed his own family as well as a small village. He loved to sit out on a chair and watch his garden grow. With Jake's gradual decline in health, they made the decision to move to Lethbridge. Jake was moved to St. Therese Villa in 2013 where he was lovingly cared for until his passing.

Jake could always be found seated in the front row of the many auction marts he attended. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, travelling, playing cards, and sitting in the backyard barbecuing that always perfect steak. Jake was very proud of his family and loved spending time with them. His grandchildren always put a big smile on his face.

Jake is also survived by his brother, Dan (Riet) Groenenboom, his sisters Jean deKreek, Henny Wiskerke, Ria (Joe) Fedyniak, Janny (Keith) Nugent, Truus Bolokoski, Cobie (Andrew) Oosterbroek, and Mieke (Bob) Rice, his sisters-in-law Margaret, Betty and Leny Groenenboom.

He was predeceased by his parents Huib and Marie Groenenboom, in-laws Marinus and Christina Wiskerke, his brothers Bas, Joe, and Huib Groenenboom, his brother-in-laws Marvin Bolokoski, Ad deKreek, Huib Wiskerke, and Casey Wiskerke.