

The Dash Between

by Ron Tranmer

I knelt there at the headstone of one I love, and cried.
Name, with dates of birth and death, were perfectly inscribed.

I pondered there two dates and how little they both mean,
When compared to the tiny dash that lies there in between.

The dash serves as an emblem of our time here on the earth,
And although small, it stands for all our years of life, and worth.

And our worth will be determined by how we live each day.
We can fill our dash with goodness, or waste our life away.

To ourselves—as well as others—let's be honest, kind and true,
And every day, live the way we know God wants us to.

May we look for opportunities to do a worthy deed,
And reach out with compassion to those who are in need.

For if our hearts are full of love throughout our journey here,
We'll be loved by all who knew us and our memory they'll hold dear.

And when we die, these memories will bring grateful, loving tears,
To all whose lives were touched by the dash between our years.



Honoured to serve the family of Pieter de Graaf
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IN LOVING MEMORY



Pieter de Graaf

September 6, 1925 - December 22, 2019

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!"
— Psalm 84:1 —

Pieter de Graaf, of Lethbridge, beloved husband of the late Tetje "Teresa" de Graaf, was called home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at the age of 94 years.

Pieter is survived by his children, Hennie (Bill), Jetty (Marinus), Janet (Jim), Pearl (Paul-deceased), Sid (Anita), John (Deb) and Ivan, as well as 25 loving grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Besides his beloved wife, Teresa, he was predeceased by his son, Dirk, missing daughter, Donna Cupido, his parents, and six siblings.

Pieter was born in Hallum, the Netherlands on September 6, 1925. He was the oldest of a family of 12 children. After graduating from high school, he served in a peace keeping mission in Indonesia from 1946 to 1949. Pieter married Teresa Vander Ploeg on May 10, 1951. They immigrated to Canada with his in-laws and raised nine children in Vauxhall. He worked for the PFRA and BRID in various capacities. He loved serving on church councils and was treasurer for the Elim Society; volunteering many hours in serving the Lord's people.

God and family were his priorities. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family. His last four and a half years were spent at Legacy Lodge, where he made many friends and was grateful for all the care and love provided to him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
Elim Society for Seniors Care
275 Lettice Perry Road North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 7E7

FUNERAL SERVICE

Grace Reformed Church
1402 - 8 Avenue North, Lethbridge, AB
Monday, December 30, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Officiant - Reverend Wybren Oord

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer

Psalter 433 - "Faith of Our Fathers"

Words of Comfort from the Old Testament

Supplement: 8 - "Ancient Words"

Words of Comfort from the New Testament

de Graaf Siblings - "In Christ Alone"

Scripture - Psalm 84

Message - "How Lovely"

Supplement: 107 - "Teach Me Thy Way"

Words from the Family

Prayer

Scripture - Revelation 21: 1-4

Singing: 408 - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

RECEPTION

Following the Funeral Service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Grace Reformed Church Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments

INTERMENT

Earlier in the day, Pieter was laid to rest in Royal View Cemetery

Pallbearers

John de Graaf - Ivan de Graaf - Sid de Graaf
Marinus Parlevliet - Bill Beekhof - Jim Wagstaff