

And on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said,  
"I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows,  
work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to  
town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board."  
So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle  
enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame  
cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until  
his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and  
come back real soon—and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn  
colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.'  
I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout,  
shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire,  
feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season,  
will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor  
back,' put in another seventy-two hours." So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get  
the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to  
help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.  
So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails,  
yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed  
pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a  
meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and  
not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc  
and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish  
the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds  
of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling  
eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does'.  
So God made a farmer.



Honoured to serve the family of Huib Groenenboom  
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LOVINGLY REMEMBERED

## Huib Groenenboom

JUNE 6, 1940 — JULY 27, 2019

**Huibrecht "Huib" Groenenboom**, beloved husband of Leny Groenenboom of Lethbridge, passed away peacefully at the Chinook Regional Hospital on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the age of 79 years, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Huib was born on June 6, 1940 in Barendrecht, Netherlands and immigrated with his family to Barhill, AB in March of 1952, to work the sugar beet fields. In 1955, his family was able to purchase their first farm from Jack Green (six miles north of Kipp) and they began farming together. In 1972, he met his wife, Leny, they married in 1973. Together they raised their three boys on the farm north of Kipp. They continued farming together with Huib's brothers, until Huib & Leny started on their own in 1981, with the boys later joining them in the operation. In 2006, he retired to Park Lake, where he spent time tending to his beautiful acreage yard, but was still always there to lend a hand to the boys on the farm.

Huib will also be lovingly remembered by his wife Leny, and their children, Mark (Jane) Groenenboom and their kids, Kaden & Emma; Dennis (Carlene) Groenenboom and their kids, Jessa, Kally & Devin; and Erik (Abby) Groenenboom and their kids, Jack, Arie & Luke.

He is also survived by his brothers, Jake (Betsy) Groenenboom and 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 sister-in-laws Margaret Groenenboom, Betty Groenenboom and also Riet Bezemer in the Netherlands, as well as numerous nieces and nephews in Canada and in Holland.

He was predeceased by his parents, Huib & Marie Groenenboom, his parents-in-law, Arie & Lena Bezemer, his infant twin sons, Dennis and Timothy, his brothers, Bas Groenenboom and Joe Groenenboom, his brothers-in-law, Marvin Bolokoski, Ad Dekreek and Huib Wiskerke. Also his in-laws in Holland, Rijk Bezemer, Arie & Nellie Bezemer; Jannie & Teun Bos.

Huib's wife, children and grandchildren were his pride and joy and he loved them dearly. Farming was his life but he also enjoyed camping, fishing, playing crib with friends and sitting on his deck over-looking the field.

Dad received so much support from family, friends, doctors, nurses, and other care givers. We are all very thankful to you all! In lieu of flowers, those who wish can make a donation to Jack Ady Cancer Clinic, Lethbridge Food Bank or another charity of your choosing.

### Funeral Service

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
1818 - 5 Avenue South | Lethbridge, AB  
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiant	Pastor John Moerman
Organist	Corrie Hausauer
Welcome & Prayer	Pastor John Moerman
Scripture	Pastor John Moerman
Scripture ( <i>Psalm 119: 105</i> ) and The Lord's Prayer	Huib's grandchildren
Congregational Hymn	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
Reading ( <i>Psalm 23</i> )	Bob Rice
Reading ( <i>So God Made a Farmer</i> )	Joe Groenenboom
Congregational Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Tributes	Dennis Groenenboom Truus Bolokoski
Special Music ( <i>Angel by Sarah McLachlin</i> )	Jackie Evancho (video)
Message	Pastor John Moerman
Congregational Hymn	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>
Announcements & Closing Prayer	Pastor John Moerman

### Reception

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

### Interment

Huib will be laid to rest in Archmount Cemetery

### Active Pallbearers

Alan Rice — Tyler Rice — Michael Rice — Jason Rice  
Ryan Oosterbroek — Nancie Molenaar

### Honourary Pallbearers

Jake Groenenboom — Dan Groenenboom — Bob Bekius — Morris Zienstra