



I was born to be a farmer.

IT'S WHAT I KNOW...

And what I love. Up before the crack of dawn with a morning ritual that includes a strong cup of joe, a quick glance at the weather and always a check on the market, because I was born to be a farmer.

IT'S OVERLOOKING THE BEAUTY...

Of the earth and the smell of freshly tilled soil, entrusted to the vastness of what we call a field. It's watching and waiting to see all of those millions of little seeds start to sprout through the ground in rows as straight as a ruler, bringing great satisfaction, because I was born to be a farmer.

IT'S HAVING GREAT FAITH...

As the storm comes in, knowing that the green, tender plants could be wiped out in a matter of seconds. Or, when the rain simply doesn't come, and watching the plants wither until at the last minute of almost losing hope, a rain cloud comes. And the sky opens right at that moment, with just enough to get a little relief and a renewed faith, because I was born to be a farmer.

IT'S KEEPING UP...

With technology, realizing that it's a sure necessity. But always looking back with the fondest of memories and great admiration of how Dad and Grandpa did things, because I was born to be a farmer.

IT'S A PARTNERSHIP...

A partnership with the good Lord Almighty. Without Him, it could not be done. It is His divine guidance that gets met through each season, from the planting to the harvest. Through the storms and the drought... the highs and the lows. Some say it's a gamble, but to me, it's a way of life, because I was born to be a farmer.



Honoured to serve the family of Ben Loman
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LOVINGLY REMEMBERED

Ben Loman

NOVEMBER 21, 1931 | JANUARY 14, 2019

Bernardus "Ben" Loman, beloved husband of Elizabeth "Lies" Loman, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the age of 87 years.

Ben is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth; sons Bernie (Debbie), Ed (Sherryl), Paul (Trish), John (Sherryl); and daughters Henriette (Myron), Margaret (Doug) and Jackie (Brian). He is also survived by his 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, with his family still continuing to grow.

Ben was born on November 21, 1931 in Ootmarsum, Netherlands. The oldest of nine children born to Bernardus and Maria Loman, he was raised on the family farm with his four sisters and four brothers. Ben was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, Gerhard and Henny, and one sister, Trudy. He is survived by his sisters, Mary Vander Heyden, Ann Keujer, Ricky Broekhuis, and brothers Jan Loman and Frans Loman.

In 1956, Ben left the Netherlands and arrived in the Tofield area as a bachelor looking for new farming opportunities. During the one and a half years he was there he gained farming experience and also made a visit to southern Alberta. In 1958 he returned to the Netherlands to get to know the love of his life, Elizabeth. They married March 31, 1959 and immigrated to Canada, settling in the Picture Butte area and purchasing a farm where he grew sugar beets and grain and raised their seven children. He always said that his greatest accomplishment was his family. His greatest joy was family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ben was involved in various community activities over the years. He was a director for the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District for 29 years and also served on the Region 14 Unifarm Board. He worked for the Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce and the Agriculture Society. Ben was a charter member of the Picture Butte Knights of Columbus and a member of the 4th degree. He held the positions of Grand Knight and District Deputy. Always loving a challenge, he tried his hand at politics, running in a provincial election.

Ben, along with Elizabeth, lived their married life committed to the Catholic Church; their strong faith helped them build a solid family foundation. He was a kind, gentle, generous man who always put others needs before his own. If you needed a hand, he was there to help.

Dad is deeply loved and will be dearly missed; he is now in God's hands.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
Lethbridge and District Pro-Life
1805 - 9 Avenue North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 1H8

PRAYER SERVICE

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church
762 Crescent Avenue | Picture Butte, AB
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Officiant - Deacon Ray Wagner
Pianist - Laurel VanVaerenbergh
Eulogy - Kevin Loman

FUNERAL MASS

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Celebrant - Father Ian Gagne
Pianist - Kathy Witdouck
Choir - St. Catherine's Church Choir
Honour Guard - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Congregational Hymns

Processional: *On Eagle's Wings* #704
Responsorial: *Psalm of the Good Shepherd*
Offertory: *Prayer of St. Francis* #738
Communion: *Worthy is the Lamb* #682
Recessional: *Be Not Afraid* #706

Readings

Ecclesiastes, read by Henriette Machacek
A Letter from Paul to the Romans, read by Jackie Elashuk
Prayers of the Faithful, read by Ben's granddaughters: Tiffany Gouw, Deanna Charlesworth, Jocelyn West, Michele Loman and Nicole Elashuk

RECEPTION

Following the Funeral Mass, family and friends are invited to further share this day at the **Coast Hotel & Conference Centre**,
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South | Lethbridge, AB

INTERMENT

Ben will be laid to rest in **Mountain View Cemetery**
during a Private Graveside Service

Active Pallbearers (Grandsons)

Kevin Loman - Tyler Elashuk - Curtis Elashuk
Ryan Loman - Trevor Loman - Luke Loman

Honourary Pallbearers

Bernie Loman - Ed Loman - Paul Loman - John Loman
Justin Loman - Kylar Loman - Colby Loman