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## Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong with body and soul  
both in life and in death,  
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set me free  
from all the power of the devil.  
He also preserves me in such a way  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, all things must work together  
for my salvation.  
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit  
He also assures me  
of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him.

Lovingly Remembering

*Abe Visser*

January 6, 1935—December 28, 2022

Abe Visser went home peacefully to be with the LORD on Wednesday morning, December 28, 2022, while being treated at the Chinook Regional Hospital.

He leaves behind his loving wife Shirley, who was beside him for over 65 years. As well, he leaves behind his children: Ann (Randy) Esselmont, Linda (Jim) Knight, Jerrold (Dawn) Visser, and Edwyn (Kim) Visser, as well as 12 Grandchildren and 12 Great-Grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother George (Jan Tichler) Visser, and his sister Rose (Hank) Stronks. Abe was predeceased by his brother Mike Visser, his daughter Marian (John) Vanderwoude, and his grandson Justin.

Dad was born in Koudem, Friesland, the Netherlands on January 6, 1935. He immigrated to Canada with his family in the Spring of 1951, and settled in Southern Alberta, where he worked many different jobs for farmers. He moved to Calgary to become a welder. Abe married Shirley on August 2, 1957 in Calgary. After their first child was born, Dad moved to Telkwa, B.C. where, along with his dad and brothers Mike and George, they started a logging business. Dad eventually ended up as a Millwright and Foreman in a mill in Smithers until his retirement.

Dad was proud and grateful to be a Canadian, and served on Telkwa Town Council for 13 years. He loved the Lord, the Church, his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren. He totally loved the family get-togethers, outdoor activities, camping, after church picnics, fishing, and carpentry.

Dad struggled with his health for many years, but each time he would return home leaving us amazed. This time, however, his body was just too weak and tired to fight anymore. We are happy and sad at the same time. Although we will miss him, we also know that he no longer has any struggles or pain, and is in the presence of the Lord.

The family is also forever grateful to the countless kind, considerate and brilliant Health Care workers who provided excellent care for Dad over the many years.

**LAMENTATIONS 3: 21-24 SAYS:** Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."



## Celebration of Life

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church  
260 McGill Boulevard West Lethbridge, AB  
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Officiating - Pastor Jim Zondervan  
Musician - Caroline Zondervan

## Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Song: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Verses from Psalm 46, John 1, John 14 (Pastor Greg Esselmont, Grandson)

Song: Because He Lives

Family Tribute by Randy Esselmont

Song: Abide with Me

Meditation

Song: How Great Thou Art

Closing Prayer

God's Parting Blessing