

# *My Heavenly Father*

*My Father watches over me,  
He knows my every care...  
My hours of joy and happiness,  
My moments of despair.  
Beyond His love I cannot drift...  
His arms enfold me tight.  
He tells me of His love divine,  
Through dawn and darkest night.  
I rest secure within His fold,  
Content I am in His care;  
And at the last ..... at Heavens's agte  
I know He'll meet me there.*



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Lovingly Remembering

*Louis Tolsma*

August 1, 1931 — June 7, 2023

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away"*

**Revelations 21:4**

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of **LOUIS TOLSMA**, beloved husband of the late Evelyn Tolsma, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at the age of 91 years.

Louis was born on August 1, 1931 in Arum, Netherlands and he immigrated to Canada, where he worked as a farm hand on farms in the Granum and Picture Butte areas. Dad met and married the love of his life, Evelyn Vonkeman, from Iron Springs. They were married on November 22, 1957 and together, they raised two beautiful children, Marlene (Jim) Balsdon of Calgary and Tom (Sandy) Tolsma of Lethbridge. They also had the joy of watching their two grandchildren, Amanda (Warren) and James (Farren) Balsdon come into this world and later, would enjoy many trips to Waterton. They still talk about those times today. There was many a rock skipped along those waters. Dad also had the honour of being a Great-Papa to Ayva. Mom would have been thrilled to have met her.

Louie and Evelyn were married for 53 years, until her passing in 2010. Dad continued to live in their humble little house until he suffered a stroke in July 2022. After four months in the hospital, Dad made a new home at Fairmont Extendicare, until his passing.

Dad worked at Lucerne Foods for over 35 years as a Boiler Engineer. He retired in 1997, but continued to supply the beautiful flowers that he started in his basement in February, so that they were ready for planting in May. Dad has the greenest thumb and he could make anything grow; he truly had a passion for gardening. Many people reaped the rewards of his garden every year. Many times, he would grow something just to donate to the food bank. Both Mom and Dad had very giving hearts.

Dad was predeceased by his parents, Tjebbe and Margje Tolsma, and will be lovingly cherished by his seven brothers and sisters: Karen, Frank, Siebe, Baukje, Minze, Douwe and Ane.

Marlene, Tom and Sandy would like to extend an eternal thank you to Margaret and Rients Mazereeuw. They have been such an amazing support system for us. They treated and cared for Dad like he was their own. Thank you for the countless Monday night suppers and card games, the visits and all the cribbage games, but mostly for the love and compassion that you gave to him, especially these last few years. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Fairmont Extendicare. We could not have asked for a better home for Dad. The staff always showed so much care and compassion for Dad and we greatly appreciated you.

## Funeral Service

Trinity Reformed Church  
1100 - 40 Avenue North, Lethbridge, AB  
Monday, June 12, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

**Officiant** - Reverend John van Eyk

## Order of Service

Processional

Welcome

Song: 245 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Prayer

Selections from God's Word

Song: TPH 476 *It is Well With My Soul*

Reading: Psalm 23

Song: TPH 433 *Amazing Grace!*

Reading: John 14:1-7

Message: Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Song: TPH 435 *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Closing Words

Song: Sun of My Soul

## Reception

Following the Funeral Service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Trinity Reformed Church Hall

## Private Interment

Louie will be laid to rest next to be his beloved wife, Evelyn, in Mountain View Cemetery