

Storms... Bring Out Eagles

When the "storm of life"
Gather darkly ahead,
I think of these wonderful words
I once read ...

And I say to myself
As threatening clouds hover,
"Don't fold up your wings
And run for cover."

But like the eagle,
Spread wide your wings
And soar far above
The troubles life brings.

For the eagle knows
That the higher he flies,
The more tranquil and brighter
Become the skies.

And there is nothing in life
We were ever asked to bear
That we can't soar above
On the wings of prayer.

And in looking back over
The storm you passed through,
You'll find you gained strength
And new courage, too.

For in facing life's storms
With an eagle's wings,
You can fly far above
Earth's small, petty things

— Helen Steiner Rice



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Reinder "Ray" Jacob Oldenburger

Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Opa, Brother, Uncle, Friend

Ray passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Monday, October 31, 2022 at the age of 80 years.

Ray was loved by many including his loving wife, Joni, children Nicki (Karl), Jackie (John), Rae-Ann (Fred), Kaylee (Josh), Cory (Tammy), Christine (Ken), and Rob (Rachelle). He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews and friends. Ray was also a father figure to many others. He treated everyone equally, with genuine love and care, regardless of whether they were connected by blood or not.

Ray was born in Holland on July 14, 1942. Along with his parents and siblings, he immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1954. They arrived in Halifax and then travelled by train to Lethbridge, and settled in Picture Butte, Alberta.

Ray was the proud owner of his own company – Ray's Industrial Maintenance. He enjoyed his work with heavy equipment repair and was a go-to welder for many companies, considered an expert in his trade. There was no job too big or too small.

He loved to connect with people of all ages and would spend many hours in conversation about tools of the trade. He always encouraged those around him and readily pitched in to help when needed.

Even as he neared the end, Ray never lost his sense of humor. He was always quick to make a joke – be it about his leg (or lack thereof), running away (while he was bedbound), or the extra support he needed for day-to-day basic care. His candid approach to everyday living was appreciated by the many lives he touched.

Special thanks to all of those who provided care from the Jack Ady Cancer Center, Chinook Regional hospital, CBI Health, AHS Raymond Homecare, and Bayshore Homecare Solutions. Ray took the time to get to know the care staff, ensuring to call them by name, taking the time to connect and learn their personal history. Without their support, his final wish to be at home would not have been possible.

Celebration of Life

Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
320 Scenic Drive South, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, November 4, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Officiant - Reverend Glenda Wert

Order of Service

Processional: *Amazing Grace* by Elvis Presley
Words of Welcome
Opening Prayer
Tributes and Memories:
Gerrit Top
Pete Petrie
Bill Williams
Words of Comfort
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Video Tribute
Announcements
The Farewell
Words of Commendation
Blessing
Recessional: *Give My Love to Rose* by Johnny Cash

Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day
for a time of fellowship and refreshments