For recreation Jim enjoyed curling and golf - he played many rounds at the Henderson Lake and the Country Club golf courses. He liked watching televised sports - hockey, curling, golf, football, and baseball; he was a diehard fan of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Dad had a lifelong fondness for jazz and owned a great collection of jazz recordings from the 1950s and 60s. When Mom was out, he could be found laid back in the rocking chair in their living room, eyes closed, volume up, tapping out the rhythm to his favorite songs.

Jim was predeceased by his wife Marilyn in 2018 and his younger brother Robert (Marlene, Helen) in 2021. Left to remember him fondly are Melaine and Nicholas (Cooney) of Calgary; Darcy and Lilly of Lethbridge and their daughters Nicolette (Chris Cooke, Kaela, Moriah) of Lethbridge and Genevieve (Joel Goldberg, Oliver, Murphy) of Calgary; and Randy of Invermere as well as his brother-in-law Dennis Dahl (Ruth) from White Rock, BC and sister-in-law Helen Van Loo from

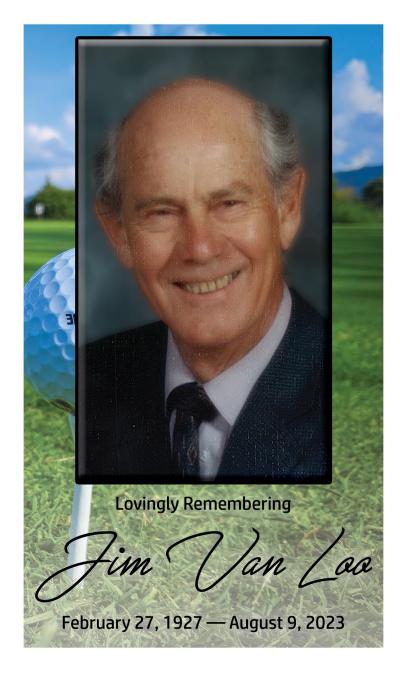
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Dad in Hawaii







James "Jim" Rene Van Loo

On Wednesday, August 9, 2023 Jim passed away peacefully at the age of 96 years. Jim was born in Drumheller to Richard and Annie (née Bassaer) Van Loo who had emigrated from Belgium. Growing up, Dad played baseball and attended basic training for the Air Force.

He married his high school sweetheart Marilyn (née Dahl) in 1948. Children followed, a daughter Melaine in 1951 and son Darcy in 1953. The young family moved to Lethbridge where Jim was manager of Active TV. A second son Randy was born in 1957 and Dad bought the business which became Van's TV.

Jim sold and repaired televisions and stereo equipment and his business thrived with the support of many loyal customers. Through his dealership with RCA, Jim qualified for several trips which allowed him and Mom to travel to France, Belgium, Monaco, Las Vegas and Hawaii.

In 1964, our parents built their own home where they raised their family and lived for 50 years. Family vacations were road trips where Dad drove us to all the provincial campgrounds in southern BC. In 1985, they purchased a rustic cabin in BC on a beautiful mountain lake which, with many repairs and renos, continues to be a wonderful summer retreat for our family.

Jim was an active member of the community. He attended St. Augustine's Anglican Church and the Christian Tabernacle. He and Mom experienced a renewal of their faith through attending Live Ins, prayer groups and Bible camps. After retirement he volunteered at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen.

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Celebration of Life

St. Augustine's Anglican Church 411 - 11 Street South, Lethbridge, AB Monday, August 28, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.

Officiant - Reverend Steve Bateman

Order of Service

Welcome by Reverend Steve
Tributes by Dennis Dahl, Lilly Van Loo, and Nicolette Cooke
Refection song: Swinging Shepherd Blues by Moe Kaufman

Psalm 139 Prayer

Romans 8:38 and 39 read by Kaela Cooke Matthew 14:22-32 read by Nicholas Cooney

Homily

Congregational Hymn: In Christ Alone (Insert)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers read by Melaine Van Loo

The Lord's Prayer

Reflection Song: When We All Get to Heaven

by Matt Redman

The Commendation

Blessing by Reverend Steve
Prelude and Postlude by Mary Lee Voort

Talbon

Chris Cooke — Joel Goldberg
Oliver & Murphy Goldberg