

## ***The Day My Grandpa Died***

*written by: granddaughter Abigail Turner*

*The day was just another day  
You wouldn't say profound,  
I poured my normal cup of tea  
And looked across the ground.  
The sheep and cattle were still there  
Just as the day before,  
The folded laundry out of place  
The dirt still on the floor.  
And then the tears fell softly  
And although my heart it cried  
I knew in Heaven there'd be rejoicing  
~ The day my Grandpa died.*


*His memories still flood me  
Even now, it makes me weep.  
His strength, faith and charisma  
It certainly ran deep.  
My words used to remember him  
They're almost cheap and trite,  
How does a heart describe that love?  
I could never get it right.  
And yet he's where he'd dreamed of now  
The Pearl Gates opened wide  
And the angels were singing louder  
~ The day my Grandpa died*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**HENDRIK "HANK" TAMS**

*February 27, 1931 - July 24, 2022*





On July 24, 2022, at the age of 91 years, Hendrik Tams of Coaldale, Alberta, surrounded by family, died and peacefully passed into the glory of our Father in Heaven. He is survived by his wife Alida Tams (Van Spronsen), and his children, Harry (Maria) Tams, Joe (Betty) Tams, Ed (Margaret) Tams, Glenn (Rose) Tams, and Yvonne (Fritz) Douma as well as 24 grandchildren, and 56 great grandchildren.

Hank was born in Stadskanaal, Netherlands on February 27, 1931 to Harm and Geesien Tams, and immigrated to Canada in 1962 along with his parents and 12 siblings. Hank's faith in Jesus never wavered and he was happy to share the Gospel with whoever would listen. His love for his family, friends and community was very evident and there always was a warm dinner and bed if people needed one.

Hank and Alice have lived in the Coaldale area since 1972 and owned a number of businesses including Vantas Meat Market, Ranchland Meats, Old Country Sausage Shop, and Coaldale Food Market. He worked hard in his community and enjoyed being a member and playing bridge at Lethbridge Senior Centre. He was a faithful member of both the Canadian Reformed Church, and Trinity United Reformed Church.

He is also survived by his siblings: John (Dorothy) Tams, Rika (Dick†) Hoogerdyk, Dieta (Joe†) Van Spronsen, Maria (George) VanBostelen, Fritz (Betty) Tams, Ella (Dave) Cameron, and in-laws (Hilda Tams/Bredenhof (Lloyd)), Richard Veldkamp, Gerda Tams, Douwe Postma and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Klaas & Hilda Tams, Grace & Jack Voorhorst, Annie Veldkamp, Jake Tams, Joan Postma, & Roelof Tams. Also predeceased by his great grandson, Kees Struik.

### **Funeral Service**

11:00 am, Friday, July 29, 2022  
Trinity United Reformed Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Pastor Cornelius Van Spronsen, *officiating*

### **Pallbearers**

Tony Tams   Harold Louwerse   Daniel Tams  
Ben Douma   Theo Tams   Travis Tams

**Video** - *Everything Is Gonna Be Alright*

### **Family Entrance**

### **Greeting**

**Singing Hymn** 49: 1, 2

### **Prayer**

**Singing Psalm** 42: 1, 3, 5, 7

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 84

**Singing Psalm** 84: 1, 2, 6

**Message Psalm** 84:4

*"Blessed are those who dwell in your house:  
They are everlasting!"*

**Singing: Hymn** 476 (Trinity Hymnal) : 1, 2, 3, 4

**Grand-children duet** – Theo Tams and Teresa Wall

**Family Message** – Harry Tams & Yvonne Douma

**Grand-children slideshow** – Tasha Bunnage

**Scripture Reading:** Revelations 21:1-4

**Closing Song:** Singing Hymn 431 (Trinity Hymnal): 1, 3, 4, 5

### **Family Processional**

*Thank you for joining us today.  
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments  
following the service.*