

GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
For He only takes the **BEST.**
He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered
Peace be Thine.

Flowers are gratefully declined. For those
who wish, memorial donations may be made to the
Canadian Cancer Society, 200, 325 Manning Road NE,
Calgary, Alberta T2E 2P5.



A Silent Tear

*Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind*

*Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear*

*Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am, no longer old
I'm in that place that's filled with love
Known to you all, as "up above"*

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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Grace "Grietje" Holtrop
April 10, 1932 - April 2, 2019

Grace Holtrop, beloved wife of the late Bob Holtrop, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness at the Sunny South Lodge in Coaldale, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Grace was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her happiest moments were when she was surrounded by her family. She enjoyed having a game of Canasta or Skip-Bo and going bowling. Her greatest joy was when she held her grandchildren and great grandchildren on her lap. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her and by those who had the opportunity to meet and care for her. Born, raised and educated in Holland, the late Grace Holtrop married her sweetheart, Bob, on May 1, 1952 in Holland and immigrated to Southern Alberta with her young family in 1955. In 1959 she moved to Coaldale, where she resided until her passing.

Grace is survived by her one son Jim (Deb Beringer) Holtrop; five daughters Wilma (Doug) Fujita, Shirley (Rob) Den Braber, Annie Van Herk, Jeanette (Barry) Bigford, and Teresa Holtrop; 16 grandchildren Tammy (Jon) Orsak, Kyle (Marta Bolek) Fujita, Ryan (Janine) Den Braber, Tania (Collin) Appelt, Cara (Keith) Townsend, Tony (Lysa) Van Herk, Jolene (Brody) Allen, Michelle (Peter) Vanderwekken, Danielle (Zach Delday) Van Herk, Robert Holtrop, Jordan Holtrop, Jeremy (Christine Irwin) Van Braak, Jessica (Steve) Smith, James (Lisa) Van Braak, Sarah (Blake Thompson) Reiersen, Rylan Reiersen and 17 great grandchildren; her siblings Peter (Hazel) Sandstra, Mike (Lila) Sandstra, Marvin (Wilma) Sandstra, Jenny (Wayne) Wright and Sid (Jeanette) Sandstra; her stepsiblings (Mary) DeJong, Jan (Joan) DeJong, Magda (Jim) Dykstra, Johan (Marian) DeJong, Joanne (Curt) Rozendaal, Tony DeJong, and Henry (Linda) DeJong. Grace is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

Grace was predeceased by her husband Bob (1974); sons Ernie (1979) Sidney (1980); granddaughter Sherri Den Braber (1986); and son-in-law Lorne Reiersen (2018); father Ulbe, mother Willemke, stepmother Johanna, sisters Tryntje and Ann, brother Henry, sister-in-laws Wilma and Nellie, brother-in-law Ed; stepbrothers Gerald and Dick.

Pallbearers

Jeremy Van Braak
James Van Braak
Rylan Reiersen
Robert Holtrop
Jordan Holtrop
Tony Van Herk
Ryan Den Braber
Kyle Fujita

Pianist

Tanya Hoekstra

Celebrating THE LIFE OF **Grace Holtrop**

1:00pm, Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel
Pastor Brian Kuyper, *officiating*

Welcome ~ Pastor Brian Kuyper

Song ~ *1000 Reasons*

Tribute to Grandma
Tammy Orsak & Jessica Smith

Matthew 6:34

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it's own."

Message ~ Pastor Brian Kuyper

Song ~ *Cornerstone*

Slideshow Tribute ~ by Kyle Fujita

Parting Blessing ~ Pastor Brian Kuyper

Song ~ *You Raise Me Up*

A Private Family Interment
was held prior in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Following the Memorial Service, the family invites you to join with them for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Martin Brothers Reception Centre.