

In Loving Memory of



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Widower of his dear wife of 63 years

Elbertje (Ellie) van Beek

(November 20, 2015)

Beloved Father, Father-in-law,
Grandfather, Great-Grandfather of

Erna and John Moedt

Jonathan Moedt, *John, Nathan*

Katie (Eric) Nielson

Christina and Ed DeKoning, *Brianna, Joshua, Sean*

Daniel Moedt

Michael and Sheryl Moedt, *Keith, Ada, Max, Casey*

Steven Moedt, *Tristan*

Bill and Brenda van Beek

Hendrik van Beek, *Royson, Shannay, Tymeena, Zaleigha*

Timothy and Emma van Beek, *Arielle, Judah, Caius*

Deborah and Eric DeRuiter

James and Jaclyn van Beek, *Nathan, Lincoln, Greyson,*

Madison

Peter and Heidi van Beek, *Ellia, Trenton, Kyra, Jaxon*

Jeanette Huisman

Ellen and Dave Shpak

Heather Shpak

Darryl and Ali Shpak, *Eden, Leo, Nora*

Lisa and Andrew van den Hoven, *Nikolai, Alexa, Mikayla*

Pamela Shpak

Tina and Ed Harke

Cheryl and Tom Lane, *Abby, Dean*

Laura and Josh Bakker, *Baby Bakker*

Ellie and Colin Termeer, *Camden, Amory, Emmet, Maliya*

Order of Ceremony at the Funeral Service
for
Hendrik (Henk) van Beek

Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm
Grace Canadian Reformed Church in Winnipeg

Rev. J. Poppe officiating

Singing: Hymn 66 (*Sing refrain after each verse*)

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-39

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Address: Romans 8:38-39

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Singing: Hymn 64

1. What is in life and death my only aid,
my comfort when I am by troubles swayed?
I am not mine but Christ's, who fully paid
for all my sins and saved me.
His precious blood for my offences gave he,
freed me from all the devil's power and slavery,
for in the book of life God did engrave me,
and me his own he made.

2. My faithful Saviour keeps me in his care;
without my Father's will cannot a hair
fall from my head; he shall for me prepare
a heavenly habitation.
All things must serve to further my salvation.
His Holy Spirit brings me consolation;
he makes me willing now with dedication
in hope his yoke to bear.

Words from the family

Singing: Psalm 130:3,4

3. *O God of my salvation,*
my soul, with longing stirred,
waits for your consolation,
hopes in your steadfast word.
More keenly I am yearning
for you, O faithful One,
than watchers for the morning
await the break of dawn.

4. *Hope in the LORD, O nation!*
With him is steadfast love,
and he with full salvation
will bless you from above.
The LORD will in compassion
for Israel atone;
yes, from all their transgression
he will redeem his own.

Prayer

Singing: Hymn 74

1. Our outer nature wastes away;
yet inwardly, from day to day,
we are in you renewed, O Lord.
Our suffering here is soon endured:
the harvest it for us prepares
by far outweighs our woes and cares.

2. A weight of glory, unsurpassed,
will then be ever ours at last,
for we find no security
in things that with our eyes we see;
for what is seen will fade away,
what is unseen will not decay.

3. We know that if our earthly tent
falls to the ground, all worn and rent,
our God as gift to us extends
a heavenly house not made with hands,
a building steadfast and secure
that will eternally endure.

4. The Spirit we as pledge possess
of everlasting blessedness.
So let us of good courage be;
our God himself will make us free.
Let it be here and now our aim
to please him and exalt his name.

*Interment will take place at the Sage Creek Cemetery
at the corner of Navin Road and Symington Road (south of Hwy. 1)
following the memorial service.*

Order of Ceremony at the Graveside of Hendrik van Beek

Reciting of the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
he was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.

On the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
I believe a holy catholic Christian church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lowering of the Casket

Reading: John 14:1-3

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Reciting of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.



Hendrik (Henk) van Beek

On February 15, 2021, at God's appointed time, He called home our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was predeceased by his wife Ellie of 63 years on November 20, 2015, and will be missed by his children and their spouses: Erna and John Moedt, Bill and Brenda van Beek,

Ellen and Dave Shpak, Tina and Ed Harke. He was beloved Opa to 18 grandchildren and their spouses and 38 great-grandchildren, plus one due in May.

He was born in Enschede, the Netherlands on February 3, 1927, first-born to Albert and Hermina. He was predeceased by an infant brother and sister, and his sister Gea Kroezen in 1976.

When he finished school, he began working in a Textile Factory. Shortly thereafter, he contracted TB and spent several of the war years in a Sanatorium where he was living when Holland was liberated. Since his lungs could no longer handle that type of work, he had to learn a new trade. He had a variety of jobs, and later went to night school to become an electrician.

On July 22, 1952 he finally married his sweetheart, after being engaged for nearly 4 years. They were waiting to get married because there was no housing available. Eventually they decided to wait no longer and instead moved in with his parents where they lived until 1956. By that time they had two children, with a third on the way. The fourth was born 3 years later, completing their family.

In 1965, trusting God's hand in their lives, Henk and Ellie immigrated to Canada with their four children. Henk decided a cruise ship would be a good way to travel to their new country, since it would then become a family vacation. The family of 6, along with Ellie's sister Carla and her new husband Andy Piepers, left Holland on April 2nd and arrived in Quebec on April 11th. They continued their journey by train and arrived in Winnipeg on April 14th, where they were greeted by Ellie's brother Henk Slaa and his family.

He began to work with his brother-in-law at SS Plumbing and Heating, until his retirement in 1991. Although that was his “paid work”, he loved to tinker and fix things. Because of his electrical training he was able to repair many items and earned the nicknames “Handy Henk” and “Opa fix”. In his retirement, Opa took up baking and wine-making. His cinnamon buns and wine were well-received at many a family function.

Although always a devoted husband, this was especially notable when his wife’s health began to fail. He supported her in every possible way and spent countless hours by Ellie’s side when she was a resident at Bethania Personal Care Home. He missed her terribly these past five years.

Henk’s Christian faith was of utmost importance throughout his life. He was an active member of the Canadian Reformed Church in Winnipeg, serving as elder for multiple terms. It was important that his children and grandchildren were raised in the faith.

Perhaps no one was more surprised than Henk himself that he lived to be 94 years old. First afflicted by TB in his teens, he then had a reoccurrence in 1977. In 1997 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and although it was treated, he opted out of a surgical approach as he was already 70 years old and he did not come from a family of longevity. Each passing birthday was met with awe, especially his 90th. In 2019, the doctors declared there was nothing further they could do for Henk’s cancer. It was difficult for Henk to wait on God’s timing to take him home.

The family would like to thank the Community Palliative Care program for helping us keep him in his home for as long as possible. We also thank the staff of 3E at Riverview Health Centre for the care he received in the past month.

The funeral will held on Saturday, February 20, at 1 pm, and will be livestreamed at <https://gracecanrc.ca/funeral-HvB/>

Rev. Joe Poppe, officiating. We thank him for the care and compassion he has shown Henk over the past years.

