



## Mr. Joe van Berkel

March 1, 1929 - July 1, 2014

Mr. Joe van Berkel of High River passed away at the High River Hospital on July 1, 2014 at the age of 85 years. Joe is survived by his wife of 34 years, Kathryn; daughter Erna (Bernie) Biltek of Florida; son Rudy (Debbie) of Calgary and son Carlo of Edmonton; Kathryn's children, Gale Jacobs of Black Diamond; Sherri Woods (Jeff) of Vulcan; and Mark van Berkel (Colette) of Ottawa. He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Joe was born in Haarlem, The Netherlands and lived through the 2nd World War. He emigrated to Calgary in 1974 and became a very proud Canadian Citizen. He had a great love for animals, most recently his precious cat Ginger. A Celebration for Life was held on Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 909 - 9th Street S.W., High River, AB T1V 1B1 . To send condolences and view Joe's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints  
909 9th St. SW  
High River, AB T1V 1B1 (CA)  
(403) 652-4141

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Dear Rudy & Debbie,

*So sorry to hear about your father - just seeing this picture brought back a lot of great memories when you and I were growing up in Calgary. We're keeping you in our thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Mike and Chrissie Brandt*

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**Mike Brandt** - July 26, 2014 at 03:11 AM

WP

“ Dear Kathryn and Family,

*Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of Joe. He was a very unique individual who always had a smile and a hello for Fifi and myself. He had a great smile which I can still see. He loved to share some anecdote with me and I considered him a good friend. May your many memories sustain you at this time.*

*Take care,  
Wendy Peterson*

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**Wendy Peterson** - July 16, 2014 at 11:43 PM

ST

“ I'm feeling sorry for myself on mission out on Joes memorial. I just found out today. .July 8th. Joe touched me in a lot of ways. He talked to me about his presence in world war 2. He talked to me about his daughter, his wife Kathryn, his cat. Joe and I had a special bond. He needed someone to listen to him and I was very interested. Today is a sad day for me. Kathryn I'm sorry for your loss. I'm so glad a knew him but so sad I missed out on saying goodbye. God bless his family. Goodbye Joe

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**Sharon Terrio** - July 08, 2014 at 07:16 PM



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**R** - July 05, 2014 at 12:48 PM

BC

*Dear Kay  
So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Just read about him in today's HR Herald. You and your family have my deepest sympathy at your loss. Love and thoughts to you all. Brian (Chick)*

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**Brian Chick** - July 08, 2014 at 04:56 PM

FB

“ Kathryn and family!! So sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Now he's in eternity waiting for the time when you can join him Kathryn. When we left High River, I remember Joe writing in our little remembrance book, that everyone wrote in; that meant the world to me. This is EXACTLY what he wrote:: "I don't agree , but there's nothing I can do about it!!.... Joe" Cut and dried, I appreciated that about Joe, right to the point. Really enjoyed his teasing at the Fitness Factory, and h is all around good naturedness. Joe you will be missed!!!

*Fran and Gabe Baksza*

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**Fran Baksza** - July 04, 2014 at 11:05 PM

HG

*Aunty Kay and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Joe's passing! Sending much love, hilary!*

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**hilary gale** - July 07, 2014 at 01:05 PM