



## Mr. R.A "Loek" van der Meulen

December 23, 1938 - December 26, 2021

R. A. (Loek) van der Meulen passed away on December 26, 2021, at Tudor Manor in Okotoks, at the age of 83 years. Our hearts are heavy, but we are relieved to know that he is now at peace and free to join his three brothers, and his sister who predeceased him in the Netherlands. Loek is survived by his wife Joan, children Roel and Esther van der Meulen, and his two stepdaughters Sarah (Chris) ter Keurs, and Brenda (Aaron) Morton. Loek was especially proud to be called Opa to six amazing grandchildren, ages 13 to 19.

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Loek worked in the family construction company, building hundreds of houses as the country rebuilt after World War II. In 1979 Loek, along with a brother and their immediate families immigrated to Canada and settled in Calgary.

Loek understood the value of hard work, and in his retirement purchased the "In Cahoots Bar and Grill" in Okotoks in 2001. For 14 years he lovingly oversaw that operation, meeting and greeting the patrons with true Dutch hospitality.

In 2007, Loek and Joan relocated to High River where they felt they would benefit from the slower pace of small-town life. Loek always put his home and family first; he took great pride in his garden and loved to go RV'ing to the

Kannanaskis and West Coast area. He and Joan were grateful to be able to periodically get away for vacations to visit family in Holland as well as spend leisure time in Mexico, Dominican Republic, and cruising through the Carribbean.

Over the past few years Loek's health deteriorated, requiring his move to Tudor Manor in 2018. Unexpectedly, Loek experienced a severe stroke before Christmas and just wasn't strong enough to recover. The family realized the time had come for Loek to join his beloved family in Heaven.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Dr. C. Hoggard and the staff at Tudor Manor, Nottingham Unit for their excellent and compassionate care over the past three years, and especially during his end-of-life journey.

A private service celebrating Loek's life was held at the High River United Church on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Livestream

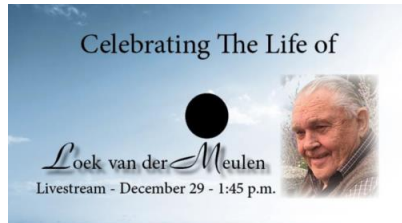
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Service Livestream

# Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. R.A "Loek" van der Meulen



Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 27, 2021 at 04:30 PM

PD

*We are sorry for your loss, Joan.  
Peter and Susan Davis*

Peter Davis - January 07, 2022 at 09:44 PM

DR

“ Was such a pleasure to have known Loek! He always brought a smile to my face! Even on days when he was feeling punk - he managed to smile that smile that would light up the room! His facial expressions and animation always reminded me of the great Red Skelton. He was truly one of a kind! He had a great impact on my life and will never be forgotten. My sincere condolences to Joan and the family.

*Debbie Remple*

Debbie Remple - March 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DB

“ WeI remember Loek when we moved into our house next door. We often saw him sitting on the patio feeding carrots to the deer and seed to the birds. He was a kind and caring man.  
we are sorry for your loss Joan.  
Doug and Ann Bourque

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**Doug Bourque** - January 09, 2022 at 11:21 AM

PG

“ Joan, our deepest condolencea to you and your family on Loel's passing.  
Albert & Phyllis Gow

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**Phyllis Gow** - January 07, 2022 at 02:48 PM

RB

“ Joan I'm so sorry to hear that Loek passed away. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.  
  
Rose Binczak

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**Rose Binczak** - December 30, 2021 at 09:23 PM

SM

“ Dear Joan.  
  
Our deepest condolences to you and family on Loek's passing.  
May he Rest In Peace.  
  
Sandy & Keith 🌹

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**S McCue** - December 29, 2021 at 07:08 PM

HK

“ Dear Joan,  
Our Heartfelt Condolences with the loss of Loek.  
He was a gentle soul; always ready to smile.  
We wish you and his children the best memories of him.  
He is at peace now and looks back on the friendships he left behind.  
Henk and Lenneke ter Keurs and family.

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**Henk Lenneke ter Keurs** - December 29, 2021 at 04:25 PM

JS

“ Lots of good memories on the back deck in days past.  
Jack Shapansky

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**Jack Shapansky** - December 29, 2021 at 12:42 PM

PM

“ PATRICIA MACiSAAC lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. R.A "Loek" van der Meulen



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**pATRICIA mACiSAAC** - December 28, 2021 at 10:07 PM

EC

“ My sympathies Joan on the passing of your husband Loek. I know  
from past conversations, he will be missed!

*Eileen Cross*

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**Eileen Cross** - December 28, 2021 at 08:49 AM

ML

*Dear Joan.*

*Our condolences on Loek's passing for you and the family. Even though we couldn't be there in person, it was a beautiful service and Esther's eulogy so touching.*

*We hope that the happy memories of Loek will take some of the pain away. He was a gentle, funny guy with a big heart. We will miss him.*

*Goodbye, tot ziens.*

*Love, Marjie and Case Locker.*

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**marjie Locker** - January 11, 2022 at 09:17 PM

LH

“ Linda Hurl lit a candle in memory of Mr. R.A  
"Loek" van der Meulen



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**Linda Hurl** - December 27, 2021 at 08:25 PM

CJ

“ Dear Joan. This final journey with Loek has been a hard one, but he is finally at peace. Please extend my wishes for each of Loek's children and your family at this difficult time.  
Blessings to you all.

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**Connie Lorraine Jewell** - December 27, 2021 at 05:27 PM