

God Looked Around His Garden

God looked around His garden
and found an empty space;
He then looked down upon this earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain,
He knew you might never
get well upon this earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you never went alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.



In loving memory of

LEOPOLD HENRI SPIER

December 11, 1945 – September 9, 2025

OBITUARY

Leopold "Leo" Henri Spier, age 79, went peacefully to be with Jesus on September 9, 2025 in Abbotsford, BC surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. He was born December 11, 1945 in s'Graveendaal Netherlands. He was born to Reverend Johannes and Hendrika Spier. He was number 10 of 11 children and is survived by his brothers Arie Spier (Emmeloord, Netherlands) and Renus Spier (White Rock, BC).

Leo served in the Royal Netherlands Navy where he trained to be a cook, from 1962 until he immigrated to Canada in 1967, settling in Vancouver, BC. He met his loving wife, Elly, shortly thereafter and they were married in May of 1970. They went on to have three daughters and raised them in Abbotsford, BC. Leo and Elly were the proud owners of the Deli Hut Bistro in Abbotsford from 1980 to 1993 where he thrived in serving his community.

Leo was a man of deep faith and simple joys. After selling the Deli, he found his purpose in working with people with disabilities. He was a fan of soccer and hockey, but will be most remembered for his cheerful disposition and great sense of humor. Leo and Elly very much enjoyed travelling and were blessed to see many places around the world. He was a man with a generous spirit in every way, loved his church community and loved his family with his whole heart.

He is predeceased by his eldest daughter, Donna (1972-1996) and survived by his wife of 55 years, Elly, his two daughters, Shannon (Geoff) and Anita (Derrek) and his beloved grandchildren Danica (Ray), Carlyn and Noah. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

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