



VALKS, Helena Margaretha

Peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa with family by her side on Wednesday August 2, 2017 in her 97th year. Beloved wife to the late Lambertus "Bert" Valks for over 50 years. Treasured mom of Henry (Helen), Martin (Gail), Helen (Paul), Albert and pre-deceased by first born Peter. Loving Oma of Eva-Lynn, Melissa, Rachel (Kevin), Jeffrey (Lauren), Jennifer (Kirk), Derek (Jessica), Andrew, Olivia, Benjamin and pre-deceased by Christopher. Great Oma of Rebecca, Adriana, Cameron, Andrew, Elena, Joshua Oostdyk. Helena will be missed by extended family and friends in both Canada and Holland. In Helena's spare time she enjoyed knitting, the card club with her Dutch friends and the occasional visit to the casino with her dear friend To. Helena was a long time member of St. Mary of the People Church. Relatives and friends may call at **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Monday August 7, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday August 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the People Church, 570 Marion Ave., Oshawa. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Helena can be made to Kidney Foundation of Canada or Casey House.

Condolences

Aug 4, 2017

Sr.Mary Boere csj

Dear friends of Heln : I offer my condolences and prayers at the loss of your friend who kept you on your toes at all times especially when you played cards. To , I always enjoyed Helen's and your visits when you came to St. Thomas .

Helena will be missed but our faith tells us that she is now in the fullness of God's life .

Peace

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Aug 5, 2017

Fam. van de Pitte Zus Rieky

5 augustus 2017

Hallo familie in Canada, wij zijn diep bedroefd met het overlijden van onze lieve Zus en Tante, Helena Valks en zullen haar missen als een warm persoon.

Het was ook altijd erg leuk als ze naar Holland kwam naar haar geboorteland en de verhalen die ze dan meebracht.

We blijven al onze herinneringen van haar in ons hart meedragen.

Rust in vrede.

Namens de familie van de Pitte (zus Rieky en Siena neven en nichten)

Aug 5, 2017

Jose

Hello dear family

First of all, we sympathy with regards to the loss of your mother grandmother and great grandmother.

Last year in March, I called your mother and told her that I would go to visit with Harry and she responded how she would like that,

She called me back a couple of times to see if she had heard it properly.

We arrived a little too early because she was at the hairdresser, she had to look perfect because that was how your mother had to present herself well.

We have been talking about Holland which she liked to do.

I had taken some clothes as gifts for her and she had to try them straight away she said o this makes me young again. and his one makes me a bit old she said and we laugh,

A lovely moment together

But it did not take long for us to go and play cards and she wanted Harry to participate..

And, of course, we had to stay for a meal, Henk had to take care of the roast, we're still talking about how big it was.

We went to sleep with Albert and the following day went back to your mother and they had the croquettes ready for that visit because we had to again eat well, but when it came time to say goodbye that was difficult because she knew that we would never see each other again she was grateful that we came by to visit with her.

The times we've been to Canada with your mom and you all, were amazing all was unforgettable.

Therefore, one final greeting in regards to your Mother Tante Leentje.

We hope that your sorrow may be over soon and you only have beautiful memories

Love Harry Jose and Hanneke Vos

Groetjes Jose

Hallo beste familie

Allereerst ons medeleven met het verlies van jullie moeder oma en grootmoeder.

Vorig jaar in maart belde ik met jullie moeder dat ik met Harry een dagje naar haar toe zou gaan en wat vond ze dat toch fijn ,

Ze had me een paar keer terug gebeld of ze het wel goed gehoord had.

We waren iets te vroeg want ze was naar de kapster ze moest er perfect uit zien want zo was jullie moeder alles moest goed geregeld zijn.

We hebben zitten praten over Holland wat ze zo fijn vond.

Ik had nog wat kleding voor haar mee genomen en ze moest het meteen passen ze zei o dit maakt me nog jong .en dit maakt me een beetje oud zei ze en wij lachen ,

Een mooi momentje samen

Maar het duurde niet lang of we gingen kaarten en ze kreeg het voor elkaar dat Harry ook mee deed.

En we moesten natuurlijk ook blijven eten, Henk moest zorgen voor het vlees we hebben het er nog wel eens over hoe groot dat was .

We gingen bij Albert slapen en de volgende dag weer terug naar jullie moeder ze had de kroketjes klaar voor onderweg want we moesten goed eten, Maar toen het afscheid was

Was dat moeilijk want ze wist wel dat elkaar nooit meer zagen ze was dankbaar dat wij bij haar geweest waren .

De keren dat we in Canada zijn geweest was geweldig door je moeder en jullie alle was het onvergetelijk.

Daarom nog een laatste groet naar jullie Moeder TANTE LEENTJE.

We hopen dat jullie verdriet over mag gaan naar de mooie herrineringen

Liefs Harry Jose en Hanneke Vos

Aug 5, 2017

van Pitte

Translation of earlier van Pitte message

Hello family in Canada, we are deeply saddened with the death of Our sweet sister and aunt, Helena Valks and will miss her as a warm person. It was also very fun when she came to Holland to her native country And the stories they brought. We continue to carry all our memories of her into our hearts. Rest in peace. On behalf of the family of the Pitte (sister Rieky and Siena cousins and cousins)

Hallo familie in Canada, wij zijn diep bedroefd met het overlijden van onze lieve Zus en Tante, Helena Valks en zullen haar missen als een warm persoon.

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Aug 5, 2017

Eva-Lynn

Love you forever Oma.

Xoxox

Eva-lynn, Josh & the girls.

Aug 5, 2017

Dwight and Tina

So sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of my "Tante Leentje". You were the family I had in Canada and Dwight has always thought of you as family as well. Wishing you all strength in your time of loss.

Aug 5, 2017

Wouter Manten

Good morning Henry and Helen.

It is with mixed emotion that we received Sister Mary's email reporting the passing of your Mom. Most people will agree that moms have a special place in our hearts, no doubt in part, because they brought us into the world and held us close through our formative years.

While having to let them go is contrary to our desire to hold on to them, it has to be a great comfort that our Lord and Savior was awaiting her with open arms. Now in the bosom of Jesus she too will hear the words "well done my good and faithful servant, welcome into everlasting joy".

It is our hope and prayer that you and your family will find comfort during this time of grieving and that the prayers of His people will help you through these difficult days.

With deepest sympathy.

Rose and Wouter.

Aug 5, 2017

Bruce Earle

Hi Henry,

Sorry to hear about your mom. I will always remember her as a fighter. Amazing, that she was able to spend time with family right up until the end. It is so comforting knowing someone was with her right until the last moment. Even though she was unconscious, they say that a person in that state knows that you're there. And what a send off! A clap of thunder and lightning bolt? I find that a fitting entry into heaven for a strong woman. Wow! The celebration is only just beginning.

Bruce

Aug 5, 2017

Sister Mary

I received this message in an email before she posted the earlier one at the funeral home. I thought it was so lovely that I am posting it here as well

Henry

Dear Henry and family:

It is both with sadness and Christian joy that I received the message of your Mom's passing into eternal life.

It sounds that you as a family had quality time with your Mom these last days, what a treasure to remember. That she passed into eternal life peacefully is another gift.

Your Mom's enthusiasm for all aspects in life made her so loveable . I always enjoyed it when you gave me an opportunity to visit your home when she came to St. Thomas.

My heartfelt condolences accompanied with my prayer Henry as you , your family and friends spend time together to celebrate the final rituals of a life fully lived on earth and which will continue in the fullness of God' s presence.

Peace and love .

Sister Mary

Aug 6, 2017

Mia Valks

Ik vernam afgelopen dagen dat jullie lieve moeder is overleden.

Ik wens jullie mijn oprechte deelneming en heel veel sterkte de komende tijd.

Ik herinner me jullie moeder als een lief en hartelijk mens en ik zal nooit vergeten hoe ze mijn zoon, Ton, opgevangen heeft toen die in Canada wilde gaan wonen. Geweldig!!
Verder herinner ik me de vele kaartuurtjes, die ik met haar gedaan heb als ze in Holland op vakantie was en als ik bij Ton in Canada op vakantie was. Die vele fijne uurtjes zal ik nooit vergeten.
Kinderen Valks, ik wens jullie allen heel veel sterkte voor de komende tijd.
Mia Valks Oirschot Nederland.

Aug 6, 2017

Van Herwijnen

From the Van Herwijnen Family

To the Valks family.

We are very sorry of your loss , we have none Helen and Bert and family for many years. And had good time and good laughs playing cards.

Aug 6, 2017

Mia Valks

This is a Google translation of her posting

I learned last days that your dear mother died.

I wish you my sincere condolences and lots of strength in the coming days.

I remember your mother as a sweet and warm person and I will never forget how she picked up my son, Ton, when he wanted to live in Canada. Awesome !!

Furthermore, I remember the many card games that I did with her when she was in Holland on holiday and when I was on vacation at Ton in Canada. I'll never forget those many hours.

Kids Valks, I wish you all a lot of strength for the coming time.

Mia Valks Oirschot The Netherlands.

Aug 6, 2017

Vallerie Macdonald

Dear Henry and family I would like to offer my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. Please be assured of my prayers for her and all of your family.

Aug 6, 2017

Kal Somogyvary

It was with a heavy heart and a deep regret that I learn of the passing of your beloved mother, Henry, Helen, Albert and Marty. Know well that she is in a better place having slipped from her mortal coils and she is now able to guide all of you to carry on with your own walk in life. She was well known in the community that embraced her and she will most assuredly be sorely missed by all who knew her. Please take solace in that. God Bless.

Aug 6, 2017

Family Henk van den Biggelaar

With a heavy heart do we offer our condolences on the passing of Tante Leentje...

She was born and raised in the same street as we are, the Oudeweistraat, and that connection always kept us close. We spoke with her regularly, and last time only weeks ago, and she was happy and in great spirit as always.

She was a wonderful person with a great heart, that welcomed anybody into her house and life. We always enjoyed her visits to Holland, and will always cherish the wonderful times we spent.

We want to wish all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren a lot of strength to deal with the loss of tante Leentje.

Henk, Annie, Jacqueline
Las Vegas

Aug 6, 2017

Wim and Ria van den bighelaar

Beste Henk en familie.

Heel veel sterkte met het verlies van jullie moeder het is toch nog onverwachts. Wij denken nog steeds terug aan de mooie tijd die jullie moeder met vakanties bij ons in Velddriel was. Jullie hebben nog lang van jullie moeder mogen genieten.

Heel veel groeten aan Helen je kinderen en ook aan je broers en zus en verdere familie.

Aug 7, 2017

Jack & Nancy Overgoor

To the Valks Family

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Helen was a lovely lady. We are sure she'll be greatly missed.

Aug 7, 2017

Albert Valks

Mom. You and Dad created amazing memories for me but here are two that stand out most of all. First, summers and the front veranda of Burk Street and the social groups that gathered there! Coffee and the tray of what ever you could bring out always tasted great, there were many round table discussions and gossip fests had there but its importance was who all would come to them and "who all" was everybody including those from as far away as Holland. Second, every single Christmas, except one, totaling for me fifty-five that I got to experience with you...they were always a beautiful time and it was always and entirely about family with you. The warmth and caring you showed for every detail was the value of that time and enriched

me in so many ways.

Struggles, yes this family has had its fare share, loosing Dad and Peter were heartbreaking for everyone and for me the most heartbreaking is that my children really didn't get to know either of these great people. I will never ever forget the warm words you extended to Dad on his passing and often think of them. The love you showed for Peter was boundless and goes without saying. Regrets, yes personally I have one particular one...I'm sorry for being as abrupt as I always was with you in the decisions I was asked to make and apologize to you for not being more patient in explaining them. I can explain that the burden of decision making is simply making them and that there is nothing more tragic, and in some cases dangerous, than being at a cross road and not choosing a left or right turn. Still, even though I don't regret any of them, I'm sorry for not being a little warmer in my processes with you and this I will live with for the rest of my life for you deserved better than that from me.

But it stands to say that never would you ever let anyone or anything stand in the way of helping out your own. I know you and Dad were not rich but what ever you had, and in particular love, you shared with all of us. We did learn a great deal from how you both struggled and we now, for the most part, realize that family is the true wealth in our lives. Loosing you without any doubt will be the most difficult thing I have ever experienced and Christmas and any other Christmas that I will experience here after will be have an emptiness I hope to some how be able to fill - they say "the heart is a lonely warrior", mine is simply broken. I love you mom and thank you for being mine...

Aug 7, 2017

Elizabeth, Greg and Lyndsey Brown and family

Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the Valks family. Lentje was always a kind, gentle woman of strength, class and humour. My childhood memories include many visits with my parents, Jo and Toni Vandenbroucke, on a Sunday afternoon to go visit Bert and Lenje in Oshawa. She was always a happy lady and will be lovingly missed. Rest peacefully now.

Aug 7, 2017

Beatrice Valks Smith

My deepest condolences to the family of my dear Tante Leentje .
She will now be reunited with Uncle Bert Peter and my Mom and Dad.
She will be dearly missed by all the people who knew her and loved her!
I have many happy memories and will keep them and all of you in my prayers.

Much love from Beatrice

Aug 7, 2017

LeeAnn Maloney

Helen, my sympathies to you and your family. May your dear Mom rest in peace.

Aug 7, 2017

Hon. Gar Knutson Ottawa

My sincere condolences to Melissa and the rest of the Valks family on the loss of your Oma. After such a long life I am certain she now lives on with the angels.

Aug 7, 2017

Toni Vandenbroucke

My deepest condolences to all the family and friends of tante Leendje
We loved her very much , may she Rest in peace, and thanks for the great memories

Aug 8, 2017

Jerry Van Olst

To the Valks family,

On behalf of Heather and myself, please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences. As you know Lentje and my mother were the best of friends. They had so many wonderful years of friendship, smiles, laughs, and fun. Lentje was a beautiful loving kind woman and I have such wonderful memories of our families growing up together on Burk St. I can still hear her unique voice and see her bright smile in my mind.

Perhaps Lentje and my mother are looking down at us now, having a great Dutch conversation, and getting ready to play cards once again as they talk about the most important thing in their lives, their families. It is always difficult to lose such a loving soul, but we are grateful for knowing them and showing us how to be kind and loving. Sincerely,
Jerry Van Olst.

Aug 10, 2017

Family ome Giel Pardoel

Dear family,

We want to express our deepest condolences to all of you.

We remember our dear Tante Leentje as a very strong and emancipated woman. She had the same humour as our dad (her eldest brother Giel). She was sharp minded, always positive, progressive and independent, in our eyes a very special and caring person.

Tante Cisca has warm memories to her very first visit to Canada together with Ome Brent and to her very special visit with Ome Giel, Mark and the Pardoel Sisters, Tante Siena, Tante Mien, Tante Rieky and Tante Annie to Canada on the occasion of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Tante Leentje and Ome Bert.

Leny remembers a very pleased Tante Leentje when she and Ome Johan (Tante Rieky's husband) played the accordeon for her, Tante Leentje loved music and could still sing a lot of Dutch songs of her youth in Holland. Leny was happy to play for her several times during her visits to Holland.

Gonny and Leo remember their visit to Canada in 1978, the jokes and nice chats with her and ome Bert on the veranda and on the selfmade bridge in their wonderful garden in Burk street, her hospitality and the enormous

turkey prepared as a good bye meal...The many Dutch souvenirs in the house were a very special memory to Holland and her dutch roots and family. We all remember her visits to Holland, especially the first trips to Volendam, 'de Amsterdamse grachten', to Schipholit were also some nice holidaytrips for us as children

Think she will play cards in heaven now with her dear ones and we are sure she will find the 'Black Wife' waiting on her.

It's sad, but unavoidable, another one lost of the Pardoel generation....at a very respectable age but always too early.... We are glad to have so many nice memories to our dear Tante Leentje.

Wish you all the best and lots of strenght in carrying this great loss
on behalf of,
Tante Cisca, Leny, Gonny, Cor, Harry, Frank and their families

Aug 11, 2017

Jacqueline Forget Andrew Brown

We had the pleasure of knowing Helen through the dialysis unit in Oshawa for the last 6 years. Her smile was always a welcome sight and we shared many a good chat waiting for treatment to begin. So sad that we learned of your passing so late, but our thoughts and prayers are extended to her family in their time of loss. You will be missed our friend. Fondly, Jacqueline & Andrew

Aug 11, 2017

Joanne Dunkley

Dear family

So sad to hear of your loss.Our deepest sympathy to all the family of course.

I remember lots of happy times spent with your Mom and Dad in Holland when i was little and felt so special because she always treated me that way.

In Canada I never saw her sad or upset,she was the sweeties person i knew.I will always remember her as a great, loving person and so very sad for your loss.

Joanne,Dave and family

Aug 18, 2017

Peter & Doris van munster

Tante Leentje was one of two aunts I had in Canada who I really got to know. Other aunts in Holland I barely, or never knew.

She was here to greet us when we first arrived in Canada and in fact shared a house with us. A Big old house in Whitby. The family Valks lived upstairs and the van Munsters downstairs.

She was a big help to all of us and especially to Mom and I'm sure even Dad

It was very comforting to Mom to be with her brother (Uncle Bert and Tante Leentje) in those early years. They saw us all through those growing pains of settling in a new country.

Many an evening would be spent visiting and yes "playing cards" her passion I would find out later.

I will always think of her with fond memories and although she was not my "Great Aunt"

She will always be remembered as a great aunt.

Peter and Doris van Munster

Mar 11, 2018

Thomascof

Living in France is one thing desired by many individuals. If you want to live in France then you have to get French property. You can read the advertisement section of the newspapers which has the section of houses for sale in France. After making a suitable choice, you should research about the properties for sale in France. French property is now a days very much wanted also.

If you want to live in France and spend your life there you should select a proper house. French property is not cheap and you need to make a major investment. You must also know about the properties for sale in France at various locations. The houses for sale in France come in different prices depending on the location

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