



GROENVELD,

Adriaan

Dec. 13, 1926 - Nov. 13, 2016

Adriaan Groenveld, aged 90, passed away peacefully at home on November 13, 2016 in Chilliwack, B.C.

He is survived by his wife Jacoba, affectionately known as Koos; five children, John (Tanya), Caroline (Scotty), Adrien (Julie), Robert (Cathy) and Richard Groenveld; six grandchildren, Clayton, Brandon, Leah, Jody, Erin and Reesa and five great grandchildren.

Adriaan was blessed to enjoy a happy family life with many dear friends who were drawn to his kind and generous nature and often entertained by his witty sense of humour. Adriaan enjoyed travelling, reading, gardening and music. Adriaan, the fourth of five children, was born in Haarlem, Holland and grew up in New Vennep to parents Reier and Cornelia Groenveld. In 1952 Adriaan immigrated to Canada where he was joined by fiancée Koos making the CP Station in Amulet, Sask. their first home together in Canada. Adriaan first worked for CPR/CNR, living in various small towns in Saskatchewan, but later he and Koos opened "Groenveld's Lunch" in Simpson where they lived for 20 years before moving to Watrous. In 1995 they moved to Chilliwack, B.C. It was in 1987 Adriaan became one of Jehovah's Witnesses and thereafter spent countless hours in his volunteer ministry. He enjoyed immensely talking to his neighbours about the Bible and sharing the comforting hope of God's Kingdom with all who would listen (Matthew 24:14). Even as his health declined he continued to share in this activity so dear to his heart.

On November 19, 2016 a memorial service was held at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Watson's Road in Chilliwack. Adriaan will be warmly remembered and dearly missed by his family and all who knew him.