

# Giesbrecht, Abram (Abe/Al)

November 4, 2021





## Abram (Abe/Al) Giesbrecht

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our dearest father, **Abram (Abe/Al) Giesbrecht** on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 at Chez Nous Seniors Citizen Home in Moose Jaw, SK at the age of 92 years.

Dad was born in the village of Chortitz, SK and grew up on the family farm. His first language was German. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Velma Eureka (née: Annis); parents, Elizabeth and Johann P. (John) Giesbrecht; and brother, Pete Giesbrecht; and is survived by his siblings: John, Anna (Dyck), and Dave (Kay) Giesbrecht.

Dad will be greatly missed. His memories will be lovingly cherished by his two daughters Adrien (Gary) Amadeo of Vancouver and Shari (Ken) Keach of Calgary, granddaughters Shannon (Alexander) Graham, Jackie (Brandon) Ruhl, great-grandson Evan Graham, all of Calgary, dear friend and companion Emma Venables of Moose Jaw, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wow, there is so much to say about Dad's full and active life. He was a multi-faceted man. We are honoured to have inherited

so many of these characteristics.

We are proud to say that for 29 years our Dad served in the Canadian Air Force. During his military career, he was stationed in Greenwood, Nova Scotia – where he met and married our mother – in Trenton, Ontario twice, Ottawa and Alliston, Ontario, Moose Jaw, Baden-Baden (West Germany), and back to Moose Jaw, home of the Snowbird Aerobatic Team. He took mandatory retirement at the age of 50, retiring as a Master Warrant Officer. After retirement, Dad joined the Canadian Forces Supplementary Ready Reserve (SRR), was a school bus driver for the Moose Jaw Separate School System, and small business owner of A. Giesbrecht Radio & TV Repair.

For years Dad was a very active member and volunteer at Minto United Church where he taught Bible Study, was a member of the Minto Men's Club, and member of the church choir.

Dad loved wearing costumes, as many will remember from the numerous church plays he participated in over the years. He played a small part in an archeology dig scene in the 2000 TV movie "The Dinosaur Hunter", filmed in Moose Jaw. Of course, Halloween was a favourite time of the year for him.

He loved music and liked to dance. He sat by the hour enjoying our dear mother's beautiful piano playing. Secretly, he taught himself to play the accordion. One day he surprised us by playing one of his favourites, The Yellow Rose of Texas. He was an amazing artist as well.

Dad took great pride in restoring his two 1928 Model A Fords. He was a real antique car enthusiast. It was not unusual to find his two daughters in the garage helping him with the restoration process. He held numerous positions for over 35 years with the Sukanen Ship Pioneer Village & Museum in Moose Jaw. He was also a season ticket holder and preferred member of the Moose Jaw Warriors Hockey Club, where he and our mother could be seen jumping up and down cheering for their team.

As an adventurous world traveller, Dad visited 21 countries: Russia, China, Turkey, Greece, Czech Republic, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, England, Spain, Luxembourg, Belgium, Lichtenstein, Austria, Monaco, Holland and Mexico, where in his later years he spent many winters. His

daughters had often been his travelling companions.

He will always be remembered for his great sense of humour and his larger than life positive and outgoing personality.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the loving caregivers at Chez Nous who have been so compassionate and kind. We cannot thank them enough for their wonderful care. Leo the kitty, Chez Nous' frequent visitor, will miss Dad too.

**A Private Family Service will be held.** In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Chez Nous Senior Citizens Home, 1101 Grafton Avenue, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3S4, as an expression of sympathy.

Personal sentiments from us to you, Dad:

*Adrien – Dad, I will always be your little girl. Over the years, we had so much fun travelling together. I salute you now as you fly high and soar with the angels. I love you Dad!*

*Gary – I will really miss 'The King of Moose Jaw'.*

*Shari – Thank you for being my Dad. I will miss our talks and your loving hugs, and whenever I hear or say, 'oh well', I will think of you and smile. Love you!*

*Ken – I will always think of you when I work on the Model 'A'.*

*Shannon – Thank you for always being there when I needed a hand with a creative project, I will never forget those many hours perfecting those projects together. You also taught me how to fix just about anything with objects found around the house, which has come in handy more than once! I love you and miss you so much.*

*Jackie – Thank you for being such a huge part of my life. I wish you could have been here to meet your newest great-grandbaby. You'll forever hold a special place in my heart.*

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550



francinedobson on November 4, 2021 at 6:55 pm

So sorry for the loss of a father, grandfather and great grandfather. My sympathies to his daughters Adrien and Shari and to their families. R.I.P. Francine Dobson nee D'Entremont of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

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2.



Corliss Okerstrom on November 5, 2021 at 9:36 am

Remember the good times and your Dad will always be with you. Thoughts and prayers for all of you at this time of sorrow.

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Bonnie Groff on November 10, 2021 at 3:30 am

I first met Abe when my mother joined the Chez Nous family. He was always so funny and full of life and joking around... A great spirit. He reminded me of my Dad. I remember one Christmas I was helping them decorate and Abe was right in there coordinating at all. It was a lot of laughs. I will sure miss seeing him around the home. I never knew his age and now I am surprised because he sure seemed younger. Condolences to the family as he sure was a bright light in the world and I know he will be truly missed.

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3.



Craig and Darlene Beesley on November 5, 2021 at 9:53 am

Abe had a generous heart and was a man who showed great kindness to others. Darlene and I are sorry for your loss. We have many wonderful memories of Abe and Emmy in Puerto Vallarta, first in 1997 and again in 2005 forward. He shared stories of his worldly travels with his daughters. Abe was always fun to be around and relished in ordinary pleasures each day.

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4.



Karen timlick on November 5, 2021 at 8:02 pm

Our deepest condolences to you and your families. I told dad today about Al's passing. He said to me that he drove down 11th Ave and was just thinking about Al! Dave and Karen Timlick

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5.



Lorianne Amadeo on November 5, 2021 at 8:29 pm

My condolences to the daughters. The son in laws the grand  
and great grand children  
He did you all Proud

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6.



**Sheila Braun** on November 6, 2021 at 3:29 pm

Our deepest condolences to Uncle Al's family. Our thoughts  
are with you.

Henry and Sheila Braun(his brother Dave's daughter)

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7.



**David Lott** on November 7, 2021 at 9:25 pm

So sorry to hear of Al's passing. We were good friends and  
worked at the base at the same time. He always had a  
quick, witty, response to anything thrown at him. Sincere  
condolences to all the family.

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8.



**Adrien Amadeo** on November 8, 2021 at 5:28 pm

Oh my, such beautiful, beautiful sentiments from each of  
you! Thank you so much. It means so much to us. We are

blessed and honored to have been at his bed side until the very end. It just won't be the same without him....such wit, energy and zest for life. We love you dad! ♥ (Love, from Adrien in Vancouver, his eldest daughter)

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9.



[Dawn Luhning](#) on November 11, 2021 at 2:27 pm

My sincere condolences to all of you. I loved my visits with Abram so much. He was a bright light in my office many days; I will miss him. Cherish all of your beautiful memories. ~ Dawn

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