

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter **Mary** (Saltcoats), son **Theo** and Lenore (Saltcoats), son **Gordon** and Shelly (Saskatoon), son **Paul** and Angie (Saskatoon), son **John** and Lori (Yorkton) and daughter **Wendie** (Vancouver), and grandchildren Anika (Chris) Southam, Carla (Brian) Earl, Jessica, Shona, Janet, Neil, Gregory, Marissa, Chelsea, Alicia and Theodosa, as well as his many other relatives and friends.

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly,

In death, we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,

Your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you,

You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,

And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again.

Services directed by Bailey's Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory Of



William Cornelius den Brok
August 20, 1921 – November 4, 2011

Prayer Vigil

*Tuesday, November 8, 2011
St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church
Yorkton, Saskatchewan*

Presider – Fr. Francis Hengen

Pianist – Lorraine Lysak

Hymns

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' Psalm 23

'Holy Mary, Full of Grace'

'Though the Mountains May Fall'

Pianist – Lorraine Lysak

Funeral Mass

*Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 2:00pm
St. Gerard's Church*

Celebrant - Rev. Father Francis Hengen

Hymns

'How Great Thou Art' Psalm 145

'Eye has Not Seen' 'Be Not Afraid'

'Song of the Angels' 'Amazing Grace'

Pianist – Pam Yaremko

Interment - Yorkton Memorial Gardens

Casketbearers

Theo, John, Paul, Gordon, Wendie, Gregory

*Please join the family in the Parish Hall for coffee
following prayers, and for a memorial luncheon
following the funeral.*

William Cornelius den Brok was born August 20, 1921 in Schaijk, Holland; son of Reinier and Maria den Brok (nee van Hintum). On April 16th, 1952 William was united in marriage to **Francisca Waltera (Frances) van der Ven**. William's education in Holland consisted of apprenticing in 5 trades - electricity, plumbing, masonry, blacksmithing and mechanics. "Wim and Cisca" emigrated to Canada in 1952 by ship and set up their home in Saltcoats, Saskatchewan. They moved into an old blacksmith shop and renovated it into their family home, with a small shop at the rear. William ran a welding and blacksmith shop. Six children were born to William and Frances from 1953 to 1968. In 1967 he built the present shop in Saltcoats and his sons joined him in the family business repairing vehicles and farm machinery. William took great pride in his work. He especially enjoyed solving unusual repair problems that others were unable to fix. He was also devoted to his church donating time, money and his talents for numerous church projects. He was a long-serving member of the Knights of Columbus. He retired from working at the shop in 1984 and began to build a house for their retirement. Each detail was crafted by hand with his amazing skills, down to kitchen cupboards made from old oak church pews. William, Frances and Mary enjoyed this home until the loss of Frances in 2002. William also built a workshop where he spent his days on woodwork projects, and crafting inventions to make life easier. He took pride in his yard work, and spent many hours gardening right up until his death at 90 years of age. His last project was putting a new roof on his deck which he finished last Thurs. He died at the end of the afternoon Friday working out in his yard.

William was predeceased by his parents, Reinier in 1976 and Maria in 1954 and his eleven siblings.