



## Jan Ederveen

January 27, 1934 - April 1, 2016

Jan Ederveen our beloved husband, father, Opa, and Great Opa 82, of Fort Collins passed away peacefully with his family at his side April 1, 2016.

Born in Ressen, The Netherlands on January 27, 1934 to Hendrik Peter Ederveen and Pietertje Ederveen (Emmerzaal), the middle child of 3. His father died in a motorcycle accident when Jan was 4 leaving his mother to raise 3 young children by herself during WW11 with the German occupation in The Netherlands.

He attended the Protestant Elementary School in Bommel, later transferring to public school in nearby Nijmegen and graduating high school there. He attended mechanical engineering college graduating in Haarlem, The Netherlands in 1956.

Jan immigrated to the United States in 1959 after accepting a three year contract with the Ministry of Economic Affairs at the Dutch Embassy Washington D.C. There he met Rita W.L. Gorter. They married April 7, 1962. They immediately moved to Rockford, Illinois where he began a 37 year career with Woodward Governor, retiring in 1999 when Rita passed away.

In June 1968, some 90 Woodward families were transferred to Fort Collins including Jan, Rita, and their children Yolanda and Robert when Woodward

moved one of their divisions here.

Their youngest Natasja was born at Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital.

Jan spent most of his career in commercial functions traveling for Woodward to Australia, Singapore, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and China.

On June 23, 2003 Jan married Isabel Oberg. They spent thirteen wonderful years together, traveling and spending time with their grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife Liz Oberg of Loveland; his three children Yolanda Ederveen Brown of Fort Collins, Robert Ederveen of Parker, Natasja Budzitowski of Greeley; grandchildren Emily, Jacob, Kayla, Britany, Christian, Cameron, Allisyn, and Makenna, and his very special great-granddaughter Reagan.

We want to extend a very special thank you to Carmy, Alyissa, and all the amazing staff at Aspen House and Pathway Hospice.

A Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016, 10 a.m. at Drake Road Christian Church, 608 E. Drake.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Pathway Hospice in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

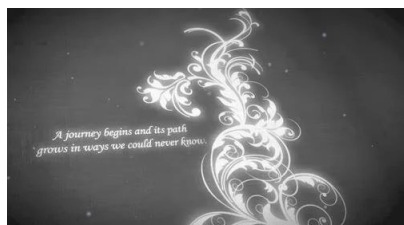
APR 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

Drake Road Christian Church  
608 E Drake Road  
Fort Collins, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jan Ederveen*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - April 07, 2016 at 01:50 PM

RI

“ *Dear family,*

*It was a true honor to know Jan. Jan has been my mentor at Woodward and Jan joined me on several business trips to the Middle East. I am really thankful for all the advise he gave me. I will remember his wisdom, his sense of humor and the time we spent together.*

*Richard & Nicky Brandwijk*



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**richard** - April 09, 2016 at 12:30 PM

KB

“ *It was a honor to know Jan. His passing leaves an empty place in our hearts for today, yet that emptiness is quickly filled with the memories of a great man!*

*Vaundeen and Kevin Bachus*

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**Kevin Bachus** - April 08, 2016 at 09:01 PM

MB

“ *Dear ones, what a loving memorial the video is for such a special man. We have been blessed to know Jan, as well as Rita and Liz, as friends and dear family members. Jan's quiet courtesy, friendliness and gentle charm will be well remembered.*

*These words express far better than we can:*

*"This handful of days on earth will slip away like shadows and be over. Strive then that God may shed His grace upon you, that you may leave a favorable remembrance in the hearts and on the lips of those to come." Jan evinced such a grace.*

*Thank you for sharing the beautiful photos, and all the details in his moving life story.*

*Steve and Margie Brown*

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**Margie and Steve Brown** - April 07, 2016 at 05:52 PM

CG

“ *Sorry for your loss, Yolanda. My condolences to your family.*

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**Cheryl Glanz** - April 06, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - April 06, 2016 at 04:48 PM