Beloved father, grandfather, sibling and friend, Ben Van Hees passed away suddenly in his Lethbridge, AB home on July 18, 2011 at the age of 84.

Ben is survived by his son David Van Hees (Daryl), her son Jeremy (Alisha) and their son “great grandson” Paxton, of Lethbridge, AB; his daughter Janet Robinson (Marvin) and granddaughter Cheryl (Peter) of Yellowknife, NT; as well as his brothers Fred, John and Derk; sisters Francis and Loucille. Ben is predeceased by wife Kathleen (2008), father Bernard (1961), mother Willa (1995), sisters Wilhelmina (1996) and Josanne (2008), and grandson Gary (2004).

As a civil engineer since 1949, Ben completed numerous projects for firms and clients throughout many Canadian provinces and in both territories, as well as in Jamaica, Barbados, Alaska, Greenland, Bolivia and Mexico. Ben was a member of APEGGA (received special award in 1998), CSCE and CWWA. He was the founding president of NAPEGG and of the Saskatchewan branch of the Resources Development Association and the director for Saskatchewan of the Canadian Water Resources Association.

As a philanthropist and active community member, Ben was past-president of the Yellowknife Rotary Club, elected director of both the Regina Chamber of Commerce and Yellowknife Stanton Hospital Board and served in various membership and directorial positions for Kiwanis Clubs in Lethbridge, Red Deer, Edmonton, Regina and Jamaica.

**As per his wish, an immediate family gathering was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Lethbridge, AB to remember Ben Van Hees.**