

**In loving memory of Ben Mulder
July 12, 1945 - February 21, 2008
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Ben was born on July 12, 1945 in the Hague, The Netherlands to parents Otto and Anna Mulder. His birth came at a time just two months after the country's liberation at the end of World War II. He was the fifth of seven siblings and was raised and schooled in the town of Scheveningen on the North Sea coast.

At the age of 18, Ben was conscripted into the Dutch army where he served as a medic.

In 1968, Ben emigrated to Canada where he met his love Dineke, and they were married in August 1969. They were blessed with four children, Eric, Ed, Ingrid and Jon, eight grandchildren and were foster parents for many other children over the years.

In the early 1970's, Ben worked and articulated at W. S. Gibson, OLS in Toronto. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor (#1350) on November 20, 1973. He began working at the City of Toronto, Survey and Mapping Section in 1976. He was a practical, hands-on, field surveyor who used his clever mathematical and calculating skills to solve the most difficult problems. The most positive individual, Ben led by example and was a mentor and a friend to all staff. The OLS's at the City benefited from his knowledge and experience which he was most welcome to share. Ben retired from the City of Toronto as Inspector of Legal Surveys in 2001.

Not one to stay still, Ben pursued a second career driving transport trucks. His love for the open road took him around the Province and to many points in the USA. Ben and his wife Dineke enjoyed travelling and the outdoors, and were active members of the Reformed Christian community.