



## Adriana Wilhelmina Daniels

January 14, 2022

On January 14, 2022, our precious mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Adriana Daniels (nee Gilsing) passed away peacefully at the age of 91. She is reunited with her beloved husband Martin (2006).

She leaves to mourn her children Antoinette (Chris), Henrietta (Mike), Michael (Patricia), grandchildren Michael, Martin, Andrea, Mathew and Justin, and great-grandchildren Dylan, Olivia and Mason.

Mom was born in the Netherlands in 1930 and was the eldest of 11 children. She married her one and only love - Martin - in 1955, and a few years later immigrated to Canada with her husband and two small daughters. Although she lived most of her life in Canada, her heart was always in the Netherlands. She was known by her Canadian family and friends as "Janie" and by her Dutch family and friends as "Sjaantje".

In her younger years, mom loved to keep busy with needlework and always had a project on the go, whether it was a cross-stitch tablecloth or power knitting socks for family. She often donated her handmade booties and caps to local hospitals for newborn babies. She loved doing crossword and word search puzzles or enjoyed a good game of BINGO and cards. Weekends were spent in hockey arenas where she was the loudest cheerleader when watching her son play. Most important to her was spending time with her

family, either sharing a meal, or simply sipping coffee and talking. Her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A year didn't go by where either mom would visit family and friends in the Netherlands, or family and friends would visit Canada, but someone was always traveling over that large pond. No matter, you could be sure of a few things, those times spent together would be loud, full of laughter, cheer, and songs, but most of all memorable.

Mom never complained about any illness in her life, but in her later years, she battled with advanced Alzheimer's Disease. She was lovingly cared for, until the very end, at home by her daughters, Henrietta on weekdays, and Antoinette on weekends. There was nothing these two wouldn't do to ensure mom received the best care, even though she no longer recognized them in recent years. Grandson Marty graciously did bedtime duties and would hold his nanny's hand until she fell asleep each night. Mom gave us all her love, and was loved 10 fold in return.

Due to covid restrictions, a private cremation and burial will take place with immediate family only. A celebration of life will be planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada, would be appreciated by the family.

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ *My condolences to Antoinette, Andrea and all of Janie's family.*

*Janie was an important part of my childhood. She helped us around the house and took care of my brother and me on occasion. She was like a bonus grandmother to me!*

*Despite my being a ferocious child, she was always caring and I have fond memories of her and Martin listening to hockey on the radio, by the garage.*

*The ripples of her love go far and I'm so thankful to have been graced by her presence and caring heart.*

*With love, Evelyn Lurz*

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**Evelyn** - June 28, 2022 at 11:44 PM

DK

“ *Dear family,*

*Our condolences go out to the family!  
Nice that everyone was always welcome with you.  
It used to be a happening when aunt Sjaantje came to Lieshout.  
Beautiful memories!  
Lots of love Erwin Danielle Viënne en Féline von Kriegenbergh*

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**Danielle von kriegengergh** - February 01, 2022 at 07:51 AM

LS

“ *Lieve tante Sjaantje,*

*Wij zijn erg dankbaar dat wij jou hebben leren kennen.*

*Je had een groot hart en wij koesteren de momenten die wij samen hadden als je in Nederland was.*

*Je vond het erg fijn als er familie naar Canada kwam.*

*En dat zei je ook tegen ons, dat vergeten we nooit.*

*Samen als gezin zijn wij verschillende malen in Canada geweest.*

*Wij werden met open armen ontvangen door de hele familie, en het was geweldig!*

*Dit waren onvergetelijke, fijne vakanties, waar wij het nog vaak over hebben.*

*Tante Sjaantje en ook oom Tini, wij zullen jullie liefdevol blijven herinneren.*

*Beste familie jullie allen veel sterkte en kracht gewenst.*

*Liefs,*

*Johan, Lisette, Anne, Nikki,*

*Anique en Swen.*

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**Lisette Slegers** - January 30, 2022 at 06:18 PM

LG

“ Dear family,

*My condolence ❤️*

*I remember tante Sjaantje as a very warm person with a heart of gold and she had zich a humor, lover it. Every time she came to visit us she spoiled us and it was fine to cuddle with her...*

*When I was with you in Canada in 1993 with Harald i had the time of my life ... i never forget that trip, it was a warm visit, i enjoyed tante Sjaan's wortelstamp, no one could make it better than she could!*

*Lots of love and a big big hug for everyone, dear family! I think of you xxxxx*

*Linke, Robert, Neeltje & Mikki*

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**Linke Sterken - Gilsing** - January 23, 2022 at 03:22 AM

JD

“ Dear Oma,

*You were the best grandmother anyone could ever ask for. I will always remember the memories we shared together, like how you always had a box of pouties stashed away for us when we came over. We all miss you very much but we know you are with Opa now.*

*Love you Oma*

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**Justin Daniels** - January 21, 2022 at 09:56 AM

MD

“ Oma,  
*I will never forget all the good memories we had together. When we used to have lunch together, all the family dinners and how you would always give Justin and I \$5 every time you saw us. You were always so sweet and kind. Please say hi to Opa for me. Love you always*

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**mathew daniels** - January 20, 2022 at 06:28 PM

JG

“ Dear aunt Sjaantje,

*I was proud that you were my godmother. The aunt who lived on the other side of the ocean, very special.*

*I have always been very spoiled by you when I was in Canada, but also when you came here in Holland. I have many fond memories of you and Uncle Tiny.*

*Sandra and the kids loved you too.*

*Thanks for everything!! We will never forget you! And because of you and Uncle Tiny, we will always be connected to the rest of the family in Canada. We cherish this bond and always will.*

*Rest in peace dear aunt Sjaantje.*

*Jorn and Sandra, Lisa and Mauro*

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**Jorn en Sandra Gilsing** - January 20, 2022 at 04:01 PM

HT

“ Dear aunt Sjaantje,

*You travelled to your final destination. For sure many lovely people are waiting for you and will definitely welcome you! I, Harald, remember you as a warm person. Everybody was welcome at your house. As children we were privileged to visit Canada on a regular basis. We so much enjoyed our holidays overseas. We got spoiled and experienced many adventures. Also Dorith and Sten directly felt home in Canada. Tim hopes to fly to your country this year as well. As we became friends with your children and grandchildren we will for sure continue to make those trips and memories. Although physically the ocean is between us, in our hearts there have never been a distance. Thanks Sjaantje for everything you meant for me and my family. Please say hello to uncle Tiny. We love you 🌟*

*Harald, Dorith, Sten en Tim*

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**Harald, Dorith, Sten en Tim** - January 20, 2022 at 03:48 PM

EV

“ *Lieve tante Sjaan rust zacht en bedankt voor de leuke momenten. Beste familie jullie allen veel sterkte met het verlies van jullie moeder, schoonmoeder en oma. Gr Richard Migchels, Esméy en kinderen*

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**Esméy vd ven** - January 20, 2022 at 01:40 PM

SG

“ *Dear Gradwell, Vorstenbosch and Daniels families. Although we cannot be together during these difficult days, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Adriana was so very blessed to have had such a caring and loving family and may your wonderful memories of times together bring you all smiles, instead of tears. We send you all our deepest condolences. Steve, Lina and Gisa*

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**Steve, Lina and Gisa** - January 20, 2022 at 01:03 PM

KM

“ Lieve tante Sjaan!  
Vele bezoekjes naar Nederland altijd gezellig vele verhalen had je te vertellen ! Maar vooral lekker bezig zijn met kaarten dat deed je het liefst!  
Rust zacht !

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**Kelsey migchels** - January 20, 2022 at 08:00 AM

JJ

“ Lieve Sjaan  
Wat hebben we veel gelachen samen tijdens onze honderden potjes kaarten hier in Holland wanneer je hier op vakantie was Maar ook tijdens de vakanties toen ik bij jou in Canada was In Holland werden we ook goed verzorgd door onze OBER (Jan )  
Wat was het gezellig  
Het zijn allemaal mooie herinneringen waar ik graag aan terug denk  
Rust zacht Sjaan  
En voor alle in Canada gecondoleerd en heel veel sterkte met het verlies van jullie Moeder en Oma  
Tante Johanna en Ome Jan

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**Johanna en Jan** - January 20, 2022 at 07:31 AM

TS

“ Lieve Tante Sjaan  
Wat hebben we vaak gelachen als je in Holland op vakantie was En ook toen wij op vakantie bij jullie waren was het erg gezellig en hadden we veel lol  
Het zijn allemaal mooie herinneringen die we nooit zullen vergeten  
Rust zacht Tante Sjaan

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**Ton en Saskia** - January 19, 2022 at 03:49 PM

HA

*Wij willen jullie condoleren met dit grote verlies veel sterkte harriette v leuken*

harriette - January 20, 2022 at 09:42 AM

PA

*Wat een enorm verdrietig bericht. Ik heb haar wat ik me herinner 1x ontmoet. Ik heb een superfijne tijd gehad in Canada. Mijn oma vertelde altijd vele verhalen dus dit was erg leuk om het zelf eens te ervaren. Heel veel sterkte allemaal. Patricia Dobbelsteen*

Patricia - January 20, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CB

“ *Maria en ik hebben de zilveren bruiloft mee gevierd. En zijn nog een paar keer bij jullie geweest in Canada en daar hebben we mooie herinneringen aan overgehouden. Ik wens jullie heel veel sterkte met het verlies van moeder en oma. Groeten ome Cor*

Cor van den broek - January 19, 2022 at 03:26 PM

CG

“ *Lieve tante sjaan, Een lieve vrouw met humor en gastvrij! Mooie herinneringen aan de reis naar Canada met ons mam en oma en de bezoeken in Nederland. Gecondoleerd en veel sterkte gewenst voor de familie. Veel liefs van Carly Goossens - Niels Melger*

Carly Goossens - January 19, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ To the Daniels, Vorstenbosch and Gradwell families,

*Our most heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother and grandmother Adriana. Wishing you an abundance of strength and courage in the days ahead. Rest In Peace dear sweet Adriana.*

*Gianna Tonon, and the Romanin families (Italy)*

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**Gianna Tonon & Romanin Families (Italy)** - January 19, 2022 at 02:28 PM

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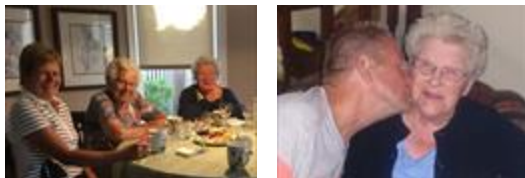
“ Dear sister,

*You are the oldest one of our family and I'm the youngest. I met you for the first time when I was 18 years old. There was an immediate click between us. The first words you mentioned where: 'there you have our little one'. This feeling and click remained and even strengthened. You became godmother of our oldest son Jorn. For many years we have seen each other by us visiting Canada and you The Netherlands. We always felt welcome. Two years ago we physically said goodbye, you will always stay in my memory. Now you have peace and you're back with Tiny.*

*Rest in peace dear sister, with love Nico*

*Dear Sjaantje. I got to know you because I married 'your little one' Nico. We visited you for the first time during our honeymoon. Many visits would follow. Whether I visited you alone or with 10 other people, we were always welcome and really got spoiled. I will always remember your 50th wedding anniversary, this was fantastic! Our mom and dad were also loyal visitors. Every few years they flew to Canada. It felt like their second home. Four years ago mom (and I) visited you for the last time. As both mom and you were on a respectable age, we all knew this would be the last physical meeting. Thanks Sjaantje for being who you are and what you meant for us. You're back with Tiny and maybe you will see dad as well.*

*Rest in peace dear friend, with love Tonnie and Joke*



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Nico & Joke, Tonnie - January 19, 2022 at 01:54 PM

JE

“ *Jeanne lit a candle in memory of Adriana  
Wilhelmina Daniels*



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**jeanne** - January 19, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JE

“ *First of all I want to give my condolences to Everyone.  
We have been to Canada a few times.  
And every time we were received very hospitably.  
It was a great time with Uncle Tiny and Aunt Sjaan.  
Good memories of that.  
We hope you find strenght and support in and with each other.  
Many greetings Johnny and Jeanne from Holland.*

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**jeanne** - January 19, 2022 at 12:58 PM

RG

“ *Tante Sjaantje, we will always remember you as a sweet, loving and  
caring person. Warm greetings from Nederland. René, Franka,  
Melissa en Niek Gilsing. Xxx*

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**René en Franka Gilsing** - January 19, 2022 at 09:21 AM

AC

“ Mom, I will never forget you and you will always be in my thoughts and in my heart. All the things we did over the years, like taking you to the hairdresser every Saturday to get your hair done. My heart is broken at the thought of not seeing you, but I know you are with Dad. Say hello to him and tell him I love him. You had a heart of gold, and everyone loved you. I love you very much and will treasure all the memories of you over the years. Forever and always in our hearts.

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**Antoinetta and Chris** - January 19, 2022 at 08:57 AM

DG

“ Groot gezin , elf kinderen waarvan jij de oudste was ! 91 jaar geworden en ver van huis ! We zullen je missen , altijd stond je voor iedereen klaar en altijd waren welkom en was je een geweldige gastvrouw . Beste zus rust zacht bij je man Tiny !

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**Dre en Leny Gilsing** - January 19, 2022 at 07:12 AM

GG

“ *Ik heb een vrouw gekend  
Oh, wat was zij sterk  
Altijd was zij bezig  
Altijd aan het werk*

*Ik heb een vrouw gekend  
Die vol met liefde zat  
En ondanks al haar zorgen  
Haar kinderen nooit vergat*

*Haar familie was Haar leven  
En al stond zij dan alleen  
Of was het soms heel moeilijk  
Zij sloeg er zich doorheen*

*Van Haar kleinkinderen  
Genoot zij met volle teugen  
Haar liefde en zorgzaamheid  
Zal mij altijd blijven heugen*

*Ik heb een vrouw gekend  
Onze zus en schoonzus  
Ons welkom heten in dat verre land  
In Haar huisje klein en knus*

*Ik heb een vrouw gekend  
Die ik nooit mee zal vergeten  
Doe ze allemaal de groetjes  
Daar in dat verre hemelse land*

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gerda gilsing - January 19, 2022 at 04:00 AM

MG

“ My beautiful absolutely the best Nanie. You broke my heart when u left us but I have so many special memories I will always keep close to my heart. Every minute I spent with you I will treasure. Rest In Peace my special Nanie . Loved you always and forever. ❤️

Martin Gradwell - January 18, 2022 at 06:15 PM

MG

“ RIP sweet mamma. Luv you ❤️

mike gradwell - January 18, 2022 at 05:50 PM



Michael Gradwell

“ I can't put into words how I feel. You will be forever in my heart. The best Grandma in the world. Dylan loved making you laugh and laughing with you. I am sure Grandpa is waiting for you, better get your heavenly coffee ready for him.

Michael Gradwell - January 18, 2022 at 04:46 PM

HG

“ You were the best Mom. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel. We will miss you so much. Love you Mommy. RIP Mom. Say hi to Dad we will never forget you.

Henrietta Gradwell - January 18, 2022 at 04:11 PM

MG

“ I can't put into words yet how much you mean to me. Forever in my heart - so glad your with grandpa now.



Michael Gradwell - January 18, 2022 at 04:02 PM

AL

“ Nannie! I do not even know where to start in paying tribute to you. You were the best and I will always remember you going to the hairdressers every Saturday (even though you were already beautiful) and coming with me and mom on many weekend shopping sprees. I will cherish those memories amongst a lifetime of more.

I will remember the good in the last few months of seeing you every week. I will remember you sitting with us in the living room, and every now and then reaching out to Mason to grab his hand.

While you are in heaven now with Papa, you leave a gap here with us. I will continue to stay strong for Mason as you had told me many many times to do (although lately its getting hard) But I know you are up there watching down on the 2 of us and sending hugs and hope.

Say hi to Papa and everyone for me in Heaven.

Miss you but never forget you

Andrea

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**Andrea Laws** - January 18, 2022 at 03:14 PM