

A Thousand Winds

Do not stand at my grave, and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am the thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints in snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn’s rain.
When you awaken in the morning’s hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.

-Author unknown



“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”
John 11: 25-26

In Loving Memory of



Tom T. Kosaka
January 4, 1938 - May 6, 2021

Tom is survived by his wife Katsuko, son Robert, daughters Sharon and Kay (Derrick) and grandchildren, Matthew and Jonathan and sisters Fujiko (Kinji - deceased), Hideko (Victor), Shigeko, Elizabeth (David - deceased), and extended family. He is predeceased by his sister Emiko (Fumio – deceased).
Born in Raymond, Alberta, Tom and his 5 sisters were raised by their father Shiyozo and mother Kinu Kosaka. His entire family contributed to farming their land in Raymond and focused on growing crops such as mustard, rye, and barley.
As a child, Tom attended a small one room schoolhouse that hosted Grades 1 to 12. After school each day, he would work on the family farm helping his parents with day-to-day farm work. After graduating high school, Tom attended SAIT in the late 50s and early 60s.
After graduating from SAIT, Tom continued to help his family until they sold the farm where he then moved to Lethbridge. As a young man, Tom traveled to Japan several times where he met his wife of 51 years, Katsuko. Tom worked in the oil and gas plants in Picture Butte, then for Home Oil Gas plant in Carstairs for several years. He later relocated with his family to Calgary where he accepted a job with the University of Calgary and worked as a Power Plant and Steam engineer for over 25 years and then retired. Tom was a loving, caring, thoughtful father and grandfather. He had a great memory and was able to share his stories as a child and young man with his grandchildren. He had a love of food, singing, karaoke, and participated in several choirs: The Kerby Chorus, The Perfectly Imperfect, and the singing group Kotobuki Karaoke in Calgary. He also loved country music, westerns, old tv shows and movies and in his younger days, enjoyed the sports of target shooting and curling.

Funeral Service

Salmon and Sons Funeral Home, Lethbridge Alberta
Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 1:00PM

Officiating: Pastor Tom Horiuchi

- Welcome Pastor Tom Horiuchi
- Song *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*
- Tribute Derrick Chan
- Tribute Kay Chan
- Song *“In the Arms of An Angel”*
-Sarah McLachlan
- Tribute Cathy Chung
-Read by Sharon Kosaka
- Message Pastor Tom Horiuchi
- Video Tribute
- Benediction Pastor Tom Horiuchi

Pallbearers

- Blaine Takeda Robert Kosaka
- Derrick Chan Jonathan Chan

Interment to take place at the Temple Hill Cemetery,
Raymond Alberta