



The *love* of a family



Is life's greatest *blessing*.



Dzsida Jenő

Hálaadás

Köszönöm Istenem az édesanyámat !
Amíg ő véd engem, nem ér semmi bánat !
Körülvesz virrasztó áldó szeretettel.
Értem éjjel-nappal dolgozni nem restel.
Áldott teste, lelke csak érettem fárad.
Köszönöm, Istenem az édesanyámat.

Köszönöm a lelkét, melyből reggel, este
imádság száll Hozzád, gyermekéért esdve.
Köszönöm a szívét, mely csak értem dobban
- itt e földön senki sem szerethet jobban ! -
Köszönöm a szemét, melyből jóság árad,
Istenem, köszönöm az édesanyámat.

Te tudod, Istenem - milyen sok az árva,
Aki oltalmadat, vigaszodat várja.
Leborulva kérlek: gondod legyen rájuk,
Hiszen szegényeknek nincsen édesanyjuk!
Vigasztald meg őket áldó kegyelmeddel,
Nagy-nagy bánatukat takard el, temesd el !

Áldd meg édesanyám járását-kelését,
Áldd meg könnyhullatását, áldd meg szenvedését !
Áldd meg imádságát, melyben el nem fárad,
Áldd meg két kezével az Édesanyámat !

Halld meg jó Istenem, legbuzgóbb imámat:
Köszönöm, köszönöm az édesanyámat !!!



Celebrating THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH MESZAROS 1921 - 2019

Grief and sadness fill us once again as we announce the passing of our beautiful ‘Mother Elizabeth’, ten days after the death of her eldest son Joe.

The pain a mother endures in losing a child is an experience one should never have to have. Watching that pain and her will to live, subside by the day, was tremendously hard. She cried and cried and asked, ‘why wasn’t I taken first, why my son?’ Our mother dwelled on this to the moment she took her last breath. She was surrounded by her family, sending her off on her eternal journey with words of love and peace on Sunday, June 30th, two days after attending Joe’s funeral.

Mother was born on Feb 18, 1921 in Kunsziget, Gyormegye, Hungary. Elizabeth and Joseph Sr. were married May 30th, 1943 in the middle of the second World War. Son Joe was born April 13th, 1945, followed by Steve August 19, 1952.

Those were tough times in Hungary raising two children. Communism brought many hardships on the Hungarian people. Mistrust in your fellow man, degradation, segregation, using food stamps, ration lines and shortages of virtually everything including staples like bread, milk, fruit, meat and more. Our family escaped during the Hungarian Revolution, made it to Austria and then were accepted to Canada as Immigrants, sailed the Atlantic Ocean and arrived at Pier 21, Halifax Nova Scotia on March 23rd, 1957.

The family arrived in Southern Alberta soon after and worked on sugar beet farms. Lethbridge became our permanent home in 1959. Mom started working at St. Michael’s Hospital in the house keeping department for the Sisters of St. Martha. Many of the Sisters became lifelong friends and still keep in touch by mail from their Mother House in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

After sharing a hardworking and wonderful life, raising two sons, Mom and Dad retired early enough to enjoy 26 years of retired life together before Dad passed away at 88 years old in October 2001. Mom survived that heartbreak to live another 18 years, reaching the grand age of 98.

From the time we told Mom of Joe’s death her life became filled with tears and mourning. Our conversations always lead back to... This is not fair... Why not me instead of Joe? Mom had reached the point of no longer having a will to live, losing her beautiful smile and laughter, her spirit was broken. Mom died, not of old age, but of a broken heart...She was our Matriarch! All who knew her were very fortunate to be touched by the spirit of a true angel. Mom showed and brought out love, devotion, understanding and compassion from virtually everyone she met. She gave and shared more than she ever took. Mom was always ready to welcome, hug, kiss, laugh, endear to whomever crossed the threshold of their simple but beautiful home. She would busy herself preparing drinks and

food of the highest quality and variety. No one ever left hungry or unsatisfied. Mom rests now with Dad and Joe in eternal life.

You are all in our hearts forever! Left on Earth to carry on, Steve (Maxine) Meszaros, Daughter-in-law Helen, Grandson Chad (Kate) Eggebrecht and their children Owen and Ava, Granddaughter, Jodi (Brent) Merriman, their children, Ethan and Evan, Noel (Blair) Stolz, Ashlyn (Robbie) Gunderson, Jodi and Brent’s grandchildren Morgan and Avery, Granddaughter Heidee Meszaros and her children, Shayla, Hayden and Joey, Granddaughter Erika (Mark) Dubbelboer and their daughters Macey and Elise.

Our adopted family members are too numerous to mention but you all know who you are and in our hearts. A special thank you to those who helped our mom with love, care and attention. Those who especially stand out are Elizabeth’s best friends Magdi and Joe Rabl, Charlie and Teri Rabl, Bea and Rob Niven, Ann, Margaret, and Aniko Ott, and a very special thank you to Maxine, Helen , Jodi, and Heidee who washed her clothes, tended to her hair, and looked after her wellbeing.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband Joseph on October 19th, 2001 and her son Joe, June 20th, 2019 and infant great granddaughter Christina December 28, 2006.

Our family would like to thank Drs. Dionne Walsh and Jennifer Kennedy, Sister Josephine of the Sisters of St. Martha and the many staff at St. Therese Villa who lovingly cared for Mother.

Graveside

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at a later date in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Reception

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge in the Essies Ballroom, 320 Scenic Drive South, Lethbridge, Alberta.



Prayer Service

7:00pm, Friday, July 5, 2019
Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel
Lethbridge, Alberta
Led by Deacon Cliff Bogdan



Musical Selections

Panis Angelicus - Luciano Pavarotti & Sting
Time To Say Goodbye - Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman
I Will Never Forget You - Carey Landry

Readings - Read By Ashlyn Gunderson

1st Reading - *Paul To Romans 14:7-12*
2nd Reading - *Luke 12: 35-40*

Solo Selections

Soloist - Elizabeth Martin-Jong
Organist - Cheryl Hudak
Ave Maria
Amazing Grace

Memories In Photos

Supermarket Flowers - Ed Sheeran
10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman
Mamma - Andrea Bocelli

Funeral Mass

10:00am, Saturday, July 6, 2019
Our Lady Of The Assumption Catholic Church
Lethbridge, Alberta
Father Kevin Tumback, *celebrant*

Pallbearers

Joe Rabl Tony Rabl Charlie Rabl
Christopher Rabl Nicholas Rabl Tamas Virag

Honorary Pallbearers

Sister Theresa Perot Magdi Rabl Teri Rabl
Bea Niven Ann Ott Betty Deak Sister Josephine Keyser
Margaret McKillop Aniko Kucheran

1st Reading Read By Noel Stolz - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a

Psalm 121 - Elizabeth Martin-Jong

2nd Reading Read By Shayla Walshe - #2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

Gospel - *Matthew 25:31-46*

Resurrection Choir

Pianist - D'Arcy George
Prelude: *Eat This Bread*
Entrance: *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*
Offertory: *Be Not Afraid*
Communion: *Taste And See*
Meditation: *Ave Maria* - Elizabeth Martin-Jong
Recessional: *How Great Thou Art*