

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed*

*I hope you still feel small when you stand
beside the ocean, whenever one door
closes I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance*

I hope you dance, I hope you dance

Lee Ann Womack - I Hope You Dance

Remembering

THE LIFE OF



JOHN F. GERGEL

SEPTEMBER 9, 1925 - FEBRUARY 18, 2020

IN LOVING
Memory

John Gergel

1925 ~ 2020

John Gergel, beloved husband of the late Jean Gergel, passed away peacefully in Lethbridge, Alberta on February 18, 2020 at the age of 94 years.

John was born in Kostice, Czechoslovakia on September 9, 1925, the eldest child of John and Theresa Gergel. John is survived by his four sons, Rodney (Maureen), Leslie, Darren (Rosemary), Allan, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Theresa Papworth and Lillian (John) Davies.

John was predeceased by his parents, John and Theresa, brother Jack and grandson Jason Gergel.

John was just over two years old when his family immigrated to Canada in 1928, settling near Raymond where his extended family worked on local sugar beet farms. In 1932, John's family bought an eighty-acre farm near Turin and moved into a small one-room house. The family grew and their farming operation expanded with the purchase of more land.

John loved old-time dancing and met his future wife, Jean Arthur, at a dance held in Iron Springs. They married on November 18, 1952 in Lethbridge and honeymooned on a car trip through the United States. Their family grew with the arrival of four sons, and the farm grew as well. John and Jean worked very hard on their farm until they semi-retired to the Uplands neighborhood in Lethbridge in 2001. They continued to enjoy dancing, dining and spending time with their many grand and great-grandchildren. John fully retired from farming several years later.

John will forever be cherished in our hearts as a loving father, grandfather and brother.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to Sharon and the entire Cedar Creek Adaptacare staff for the tireless care and attention they provided to John over the past four years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Celebration of Life

11:00 am, Monday, February 24, 2020

Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel

Lethbridge, Alberta

Reverend Trevor Potter, *officiating*

Pallbearers

Barry Gergel Brandy Tonin Sueann Kovach
Devin Gergel Lindsay Koerselman Tracy Nagy
Dustin Gergel Brittany Gergel Jonathan Gergel

Remembering John

Brandy Tonin & Tracy Nagy

Written by Darren Gergel

Solo Selections

Soloist - Sheena Lawson

Pianist - Mary Lee Voort

Amazing Grace

Old Rugged Cross

Recorded Musical Selection

Green, Green Grass of Home - Tom Jones

Graveside Service

Graveside Service to follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Reception

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Martin Brothers Reception Centre.