

Life Well Lived

*A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure*

- Author Unknown



mb Martin Brothers
Funeral Chapels

In Loving Memory Of



BRUCE VAN RAALTE
MARCH 16, 1949 - FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
BRUCE VAN RAALTE
1949 - 2020

Bruce Van Raalte, of Lethbridge, Alberta, passed away peacefully after a hard fought battle with cancer on February 20, 2020.

Bruce was a young hearted and vibrant 70-year-old who was known for his booming laugh and his contagious smile. He was happily married to the love of his life Gwen for 44 wonderful years.

Besides his loving wife Gwen, Bruce is survived by his four beautiful children, his daughter Carla (Robert) Jensen and their sons Cooper and Gibson, his daughter Erica Van Raalte, son David Van Raalte and his children Tatum and Flynn, and son Dennis (Nicole) Van Raalte and their daughters Ireland and Addyson. He is also survived by his brother Joseph Van Raalte and his sister Beverley (Michael) Borody, brothers-in-law Duane (Gloria) Illerbrun, Paul (Teresa) Illerbrun, Peter Illerbrun, Grant (Patti) Illerbrun, Marcel Illerbrun, and sisters-in-law Anne (Brent) Wilkins, and Nicole (Rick) Spetz, along with numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents Alfred and Jean, brother Bobby, and sister Peggy Blomme, parents-in-law Leonard and Germaine Illerbrun, brother-in-law Les Illerbrun, and sister-in-law Dana Illerbrun.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Michael's Palliative Care Centre, 1400 9 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4V5 or the Canadian Cancer Society, 325 Manning Rd NE #200, Calgary, AB T2E 2P5.

Celebration of Life

1:30pm, Sunday, March 1, 2020

Southminster United Church, Lethbridge, Alberta

Reverend Trevor Potter, *officiating*

Eulogy

Gloria Illerbrun, Ian & Julie Sanderson

Solo Selection - *The Prayer*

Soloists: Elizabeth Martin Jong &

Cathie Martin-Weersink

Organist: Mary Lee Voort

Musical Selections

Everything I Own - Bread

Long As I Can See The Light - CCR

Pictorial Tribute

Everyday - Buddy Holly

Baby I Love You - Andy Kim

Kids Of The Baby Boom - The Bellamy Brothers

Daddy's Hands - Holly Dunn

Reception

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Southminster Church Hall.

Cremation has been entrusted to Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels.

Floral tributes lovingly crafted by Audrey Matyka Turnbull.

