



By Roy Croft

*I love you, not for what you are,  
but what I am, when I am with you.*

*I love you not only for what you have made of yourself,  
but what you are making of me.*

*I love you for the part of me that you bring out.*

*I love you for putting your hand into my heaped up heart and  
passing over all the frivolous and weak things that you cannot  
help seeing there, and for drawing out into the light all the  
beautiful and radiant things that no one else has looked quite far  
enough to find...*

*I love you because you have done more than any creed could have  
done to make me good, and more than any fate could have done  
to make me happy.*

*You have done it without a touch  
without a word, without a sign.*

*You have done it by being yourself.*

*Perhaps that is what Love means after all.*



## *I Have Not Gone*

author unknown

*You think I've gone, that I am dead, and life has lost its will*

*But look around, I am right there, living with you still*

*I watch your tears, I feel your pain- I see the things you do*

*I weep as well, each time you cry, my soul, it lives with you*

*It gives such joy to hear you laugh, and do the things you do*

*And when you smile o'er by gone days, I smile right with you too*

*For we're still one, just you and me, one mind, one soul one being*

*Walking forward into life, through only you are seen*

*And in the stillness of the night, when the pain it really starts*

*Stretch out a little with your mind and draw me to your heart*

*For I am always right in there, always by your side*

*For you have been, all my life's days, my joy, my love my pride*



Martin Brothers  
Funeral & Crematory

## In Loving Memory of *Clair Handsaeme*

April 6, 1959 - May 19, 2020



*If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...there is  
something you must always remember  
You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem,  
and smarter than you think.  
But the most important is, even if we're apart..*

*I'll always be with you*



# Clair Richard Handsaeme

1959 ~ 2020

It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we, the family of Clair Richard Handsaeme of Lethbridge, beloved husband of Carolyn, and Father to Mathew and Carly, announce his sudden passing on May 19, 2020 at the age of 61 years.

Clair was born April 6, 1959 in Lethbridge, Alberta to Matt and Elaine Handsaeme. He grew up on the family farm in the Sunnyside Area and was surrounded by a large loving family of 8 siblings. Life on the farm was filled with joy and adventure which included horseback riding, trail rides, and riding his trail bike. Clair enjoyed snow skiing, playing football for the Kate Andrews High School team and playing hockey. His love of hockey carried on into adulthood as he played for the Ranch Hand Hockey team. He decided that welding was his vocation, and he worked for many years before forming his own company. He was a very hard working and responsible person, and all who knew him loved him for his kind way, sense of humor, and humble wisdom.

Clair married the love of his life in 1989 and they were blessed to have had 30 wonderful years together. His greatest joy was when Mathew and Carly were born. Clair was a person who loved children. His kind loving nature made him a favorite with his nieces and nephews and any child that got to know him. He took that love for children and coached hockey, instructed welding in the creative kids 4H club, and was President of the Lethbridge Synchrobelles Synchronized swimming club. Whether it was singing or playing guitar, dancing or gardening, Clair had many interests. He did them all with passion and dedication, but it was his family that was his greatest love and source of pride.

Clair is survived by his wife Carolyn; son Mathew; daughter Carly (Jared); sisters Betty Snyder, Mary-Ann (Don) Wehlage, Carol-Lynn (Dave) Harker; brothers Bob (Nola) Handsaeme, Jerry (Lis) Handsaeme, Bill Handsaeme, Jack Handsaeme, Mark (Brenda) Handsaeme; mother-in-law Elizabeth Sera; brother-in-laws Albert (Pat) Medve, Ron (Darlene) Sera, Allen (Dorothy) Sera, Bob (Evelyn) Sera, Richard (Carrie) Sera, and their families.

Clair was predeceased by his parents Matthew and Elaine Handsaeme; sister-in-laws Peggy Handsaeme, Sherry Handsaeme, Shirley Medve, and father-in-law Alex Sera.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 119 14 St NW #100, Calgary, AB T2N 1Z6, Alzheimer Society, 1202 2 Ave S #40, Lethbridge, AB T1J 0E3, or the Canadian Cancer Society, 325 Manning Rd NE #200, Calgary, AB T2E 2P5 .

## Memorial Service

2:00 pm, Friday, May 29, 2020  
Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Reverend Eva Stanley, *officiating*

## Eulogy

Harley Richards    Wayne Tsukishima  
Bryce Tsukishima    Brian Nishiguchi

## Honorary Pallbearers

Bob Handsaeme    Jerry Handsaeme  
Bill Handsaeme    Jack Handsaeme  
Mark Handsaeme    Dave Harker  
Wayne Tsukishima    Harley Richards  
Brian Nishiguchi    Bryce Tsukishima  
Ron Sera    Allen Sera    Bob Sera  
Richard Sera    Albert Medve

## Musical Tributes

*Amazing Grace* ~ Richard Sera  
*Smile* ~ Ron Sera

## Pictorial Tribute

*Somewhere Over The Rainbow*  
"IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole

*Unchained Melody*  
The Righteous Brothers

*When I Get Where I'm Going*  
Brad Paisley & Dolly Parton



## *In Memoriam*

By William Morecomb

*For a second you were flying  
Like you always wanted to  
Now you'll fly forever  
In skies of azure blue  
We'll see your smile in every ray  
Of sunshine after rain  
And hear the echo of your laughter  
Over all the pain  
The world's a little quieter now  
The colors have lost their hue  
The birds are singing softly  
And our hearts are missing you  
Each time we see a little cloud  
Or a rainbow soaring high  
We'll think of you and gently  
Wipe a tear from our eye.*