

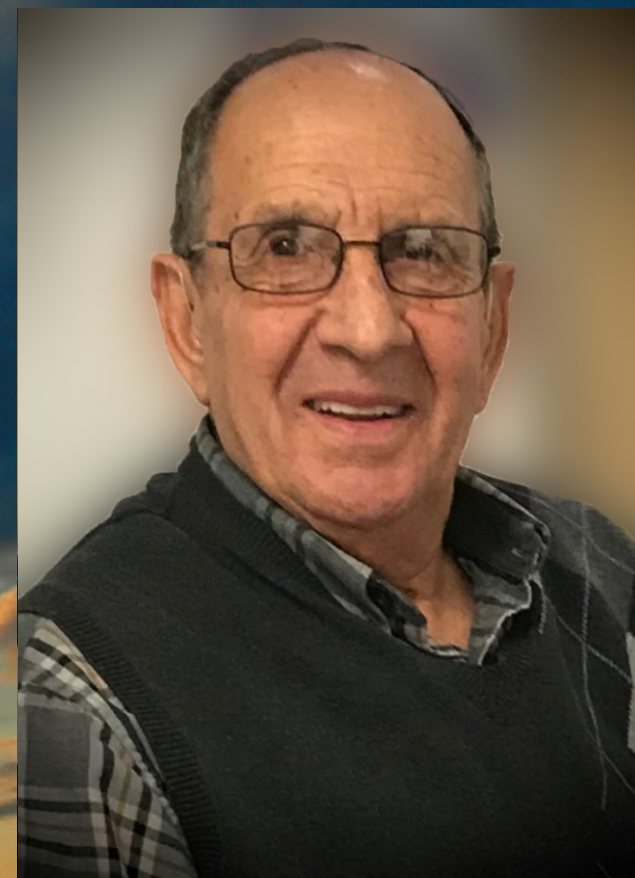


When I am gone, release me, let me go
 I have so many things to see and do,
 You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
 Be thankful for our **MANY BEAUTIFUL**
years
 I gave to you my love, you can only guess
 How much you gave
 to me in **HAPPINESS.**
 I thank you for the love you each have shown,
 But now it's time I travel on alone.
 So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
 It is only for a time that we must part,
 So bless the memories within your **HEART.**
 I won't be far away, for life goes on,
 So if you need me, call and I will come.
 Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
 And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,
 All my love around you soft and clear.
 And then, When you must come this way alone,
 I'll greet you with a smile, and say...

Welcome Home



LOVINGLY REMEMBERED



JOSEPH MANTELLO
 OCTOBER 9, 1935 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

I N L O V I N G
Memory
JOSEPH MANTELLO

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved husband and father, Joseph Mantello, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Joseph passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer.

Joseph was born on October 9, 1935, in Grimaldi, Italy. At the age of 16 and with no other family members, he left his beloved country and came to Canada, arriving in Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. From there, his journey across Canada began eventually being reunited with his father in Michel /Natal, BC. He took on various jobs over the next few years that included working in forestry, mining, and the railway. It was not until he moved to the West Coast to study welding that he discovered his true passion and calling. With a newly acquired education and skill set, he moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, where his career began. Originally employed with Horton Steel in the 60's, Dad's knowledge and talent really shone during this period. A majority of the work was for the oil and gas refineries, where anything less than perfect was unacceptable. It was in 1972 when he started working with the City of Lethbridge and stayed there until his retirement. He was very meticulous and detail oriented in all facets of his life. He took great pride in his work and that pride transferred in particular to his love of gardening.

On April 23, 1960, Dad married the love of his life Teresa Donato. Together they went on to raise four children.

Dad was very musically inclined. Back in Italy, he learned to play the French horn. He could be heard playing throughout the hills of his home town. His instrument of choice in Canada was the trumpet. He spent many years playing alongside his friends John Mazzuca, Armando Lavorato, and Aldo Vercillo, in a band they called The Southerners.

Joseph always planted a garden, and he was rewarded for his effort with an abundant harvest every fall. His retirement years also gave him the time to explore wine making, and he found great joy in reading. However, everything came to a standstill when either Inter Milan or the Italian National Soccer team was playing.

Joseph was a board member when the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre was constructed. He graciously gave of his time and labour during the construction of the building. He was honoured when the Centre recognized him as a life member.

Joseph's pride and joy were his grandchildren, whether it was time spent with them at his home enjoying an afternoon treat or cheering them on at the sports fields or dance recitals. He always had time for his grandkids. For those who had the pleasure of visiting Joseph at home, his greetings at the door were always welcoming and warm, and he graciously offered his customary hospitality. He always had an infectious smile and loved sharing an afternoon espresso or cappuccino with anyone who stopped by for a visit.

Besides his loving wife Teresa of 60 years, Joseph is survived by his four children - Emilio (Barb) Mantello and their sons Matthew (Brooke) and Gabriel (Kayla); Giulia (Dave) Boras and their daughters Nicole (Justin) and Rachel (Brett) DeBoer; Pierina (Gary) Saler and their daughters Jasmine (Wyatt) and Lyndee (Andre); Johny (Kris) Mantello and their children Brooklyn, Jeter, Tori and Addison.

Joseph is also survived by his sister Teresa Vercillo, brother Silvio (Maria) Mantello, brother-in-law Frank (Leona) Donato, and sister-in-law Flora Donato, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Joseph was predeceased by his parents Frank and Giulia Mantello, father and mother-in-law Pierino and Maria Donato, and brother-in-law Aldo Vercillo.

Vigil Rites (Prayers)

7:00 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020

Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel

Lethbridge, Alberta

Led by Deacon Bill Young

First Reading - Gabriel Mantello

Gospel - Deacon Bill Young

Responsorial Psalm - Piera Saler & Francesca Morris

Tribute by Emilio Mantello

Funeral Mass

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2020

St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church

Lethbridge, Alberta

Father Kevin Tumback, celebrant

Pallbearers

Emilio Mantello John Mantello

Matthew Mantello Jeter Mantello

Gabriel Mantello Dave Boras Gary Saler

Honorary Pallbearers

Ralph Fiorino Fernando Rose John Mazzuca

Vincenzo Rossi Tom Marrello Andy Suriano

Aldo Meli Aldo Vercillo

Organist - Cheryl Hudak

Readings

First Reading - Barb Mantello

Second Reading - Jasmine Saler

Gospel - Father Kevin Tumback

Interment to follow in the Mountain View Cemetery