

Mass of Christian Burial to Celebrate the Life of  
**George Purshega**

Monday, November 15, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Cathedral,  
The Pas, Manitoba

Presider: Fr. Shantha Gandamalla, MFSF

Music Ministry: Rochelle Rydberg

**Order of Service – Eucharist Celebration**

Pre-Music/Song:

Welcoming and Opening Prayer

**HYMN: Amazing Grace**

Memories of the Heart: Brenda Johnston

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes

**Psalm: 27** *“I believe, I believe I shall see  
the goodness of the Lord. In the Land, In  
the Land of the Living.*

Gospel:

Homily: Fr. Shantha Gandamalla

Prayers of Intercession

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Preparation of the Gifts

**HYMN:**

Eucharistic Celebration:

(Consecration of Bread and Wine)

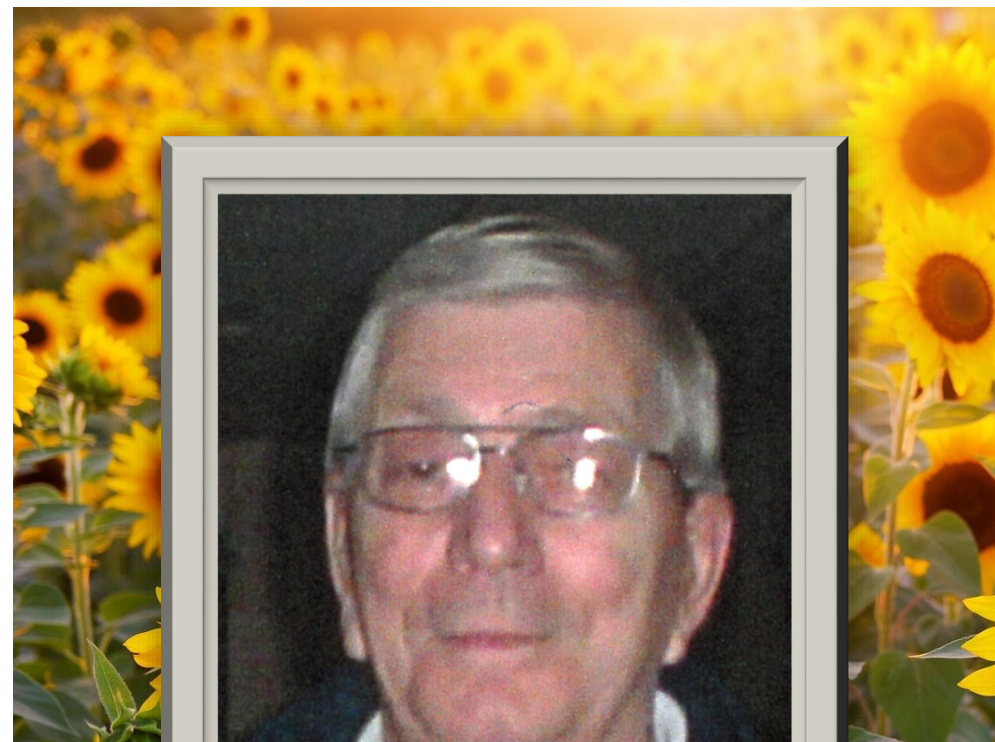
Lord's Prayer and Communion Rite

**HYMN: Bread Of Life**

Prayers of Commendation: “Songs of the Angels”  
CBW 10C

**HYMN: Canticle Of The Sun**

*Following the interment at Lakeside Cemetery, a time  
of fellowship and refreshments will be held at Brian  
and Kelly Purshega's home, 41 Bodnar Road.*



In Loving Memory Of  
**George Purshega**

May 7, 1937 - November 7, 2021



Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

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### Until We Meet Again

Those special  
memories of you  
Will always bring a smile  
If only I could have you back  
For just a little while  
Then we could sit  
and talk again  
Just like we used to do  
You always meant  
so very much  
And always will do too  
The fact that you're no  
longer here  
Will always cause me pain  
But you're forever  
in my heart  
Until we meet again

Peacefully on Sunday, November 7th George passed away at the age of 84 years surrounded by family at St. Paul's Care Home in The Pas, Manitoba. George was born on the family homestead just outside of Calder, Saskatchewan on May 7th, 1937. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Rosie Purshega, his brother John Purshega, and his sister Mary Rublitz (nee Purshega).

Left to mourn his passing, his loving wife of 58 years, Rose Purshega (nee Milcharek), daughter Brenda, son Brian (Kelly), son Brent and 3 grandchildren Jenna (Bryan), Garrett and Matthew (Erika). As well as his sister Jenny (Al) and brother Alec (Elaine) and many nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law.

George's family was his life, nothing brought him greater joy than being surrounded by family and friends.

He met the love of his life at a summer dance in Roblin, Manitoba and were happily married on July 16, 1963. A few years later their daughter Brenda was born, Brian followed and the family found themselves living in The Pas, Manitoba where George found employment at the Pulp and Paper Mill. Son Brent completed the family in 1972. As a young family they spent lots of vacation time with their extended family in the Roblin and Yorkton area for major holidays and also enjoyed camping trips together.

George retired from Repap Manitoba Inc. Pulp and Paper Mill on September 1, 1997 after 27 years of service just as the mill was transitioning to Tolko Industries. He enjoyed putting around the house and took great pride in keeping a well-kept lawn and flower garden, by making it the envy of the neighborhood. George and Rose enjoyed adventures with Myrna and Tom on their East Coast tour of the Maritimes and driving down to Branson, Missouri for some country music. A lot of trips were taken to Winnipeg to visit their daughter Brenda and grandson Garrett. He also enjoyed watching sports such as curling during the winter and became an avid Jets and Bomber fan keeping stats on their wins and losses. George loved the furry grandbabies but had a special place in his heart for his beloved cat Whiskers.

The family would like to thank all of the medical staff for their support during this time but special thanks to Jana Harnes and to the wonderful staff at St. Paul's Personal Care home for their compassion and support. Lastly, thank you to Hemauer Funeral Home for taking such great care of George.

Sleep well George, Dad, Grandpa - you are forever in our thoughts and hearts.

### *Interment*

Lakeside Cemetery, The Pas, Manitoba

### *Pallbearers*

Brian Purshega, Brent Purshega, Matthew Purshega,  
Bryan Armstrong, Dean Janz, Jim Hrabowich.

### *Honorary Pallbearer*

Garrett Johnston and Ryan Hrabowich.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society,  
193 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2B7,  
would be appreciated by George's family.*