

Close The Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard,
but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well
and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;
your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life,
often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,
and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;
the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed
rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord would
provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more
sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is heaven;
no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land,
and we will close the gate



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Forever In Our Hearts

Robert "Bob" Horvath

July 9, 1958 — July 30, 2023

The world lost a truly incredible man on Sunday, July 30th, 2023. **ROBERT (BOB) KENNETH JOHN HORVATH** passed away peacefully at his home.

Bob is survived by his wife Lindy and their son Kyle (Kandra). As well as his mother Marie; his brothers: John (Anna), David, Joe (Kathy); his sister Laura (Terry) Jorgenson; his sister-in-law Marisa (Ken) Hakstol; and nephews Rhys and Keilan Hakstol. He is also survived by his nieces: Jenny Horvath, Lindsey Horvath (Derek Schimanski), Grace (Gabe) Kastelic and their sons Jack and Felix, and Nadine Jorgenson; his nephews: Matthew (Caitlyn) Horvath and their son Carver, Riley Horvath (Samantha), Nathan Jorgenson and Adam Jorgenson; as well as numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father John; and his in-laws Mariano and Antonia Biscaglia.

Bob and Lindy knew each other from church. He was shy, but he could manage a smile and to say hello to her on the steps those Sundays. One day, he built up the courage to ask her out. He phoned her at home (God only knows where he got her number) one Sunday night. He asked Lindy if she would like to go to a dance recital with him. She of course said yes, unknown to her that she would meet at least half of his immediate family that evening. The rest being history they were happily married approaching 37 years this August.

Anyone who met Bob would be drawn to his positive and joyful energy that he seemed to exude. Ignoring the age-old rule of talking with strangers, he actively engaged with those unknown to him. Often by the end of a short shopping trip we'd find him comfortably making friends, imparting wisdom or reflecting on life and the weather.

Bob was born in Lethbridge on July 9th, 1958. He lived on the family farm until he married Lindy on August 24th, 1985. When first married they lived in a little White House on his uncle's farm. A couple of years later they built their house a half mile away from where he grew up. They were blessed by having a son (Kyle) in March of 1989.

Bob worked on the farm most of his life. He liked farming, it was a step up from harrowing the dirt pile outside as a child. But his passion was always in cattle knowing every cow, calf and bull by number or name.

Later on, he worked at Southern Stationers during winters doing various jobs. He then spent 4 years with RPH Irrigation selling pivots and irrigation equipment. Followed by a 4-year term as a Lethbridge County Councillor for Division 3. He was shy as a child, but definitely thrived around people and conversation as he grew up.

Bob loved the outdoors, going camping and having fires in the evening. Although on camping trips he'd start the fire as soon as he got up.

He was a kind man, never had a bad word to say about anyone and was happy and grateful for each and every day. Even as he suffered from different ailments throughout his life, he always walked on the bright side of life.

Rest easy my love, we will both miss you forever.

Prayer Service

St. Basil's Catholic Church
604 - 13th Street North, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, August 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Officiant - Sharon Hagel
Tribute - Len "John" Horvath

Musical Selections

Processional: *Be Not Afraid*
Meditation: *I Will Never Forget You*
Recessional: *On Eagle's Wings*

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a Lindsey Horvath
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Grace Kastelic

Funeral Mass

St. Basil's Catholic Church
604 - 13th Street North, Lethbridge, AB
Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.

Celebrant - Father Kevin Tumback
Soloist - Elaura Lilienthal
Pianist - Carol Treadwell

Musical Selections

Processional: *Morning Has Broken*
Offertory: *Prayer of St. Francis*
Communion: *We are Many Parts*
Meditation: *Ave Maria*
Recessional: *Sing to the Mountains*

Readings

Isaiah 25: 6-9 Lindsey Horvath
Psalm 27
1 Corinthians 15:20-24a, 25-28
Grace Kastelic
John 12:23-28

Interment

Following the Funeral Mass, Bob will be laid to rest in
Royal View Cemetery
5920 - 13 Street North, Lethbridge, AB

Pallbearers

Rhys Hakstol — Keilan Hakstol — Matthew Horvath
Gabe Kastelic — Nathan Jorgenson — Adam Jorgenson

Reception

Following the Interment, family and friends are
invited to further share this day at the
Italian Canadian Hall
1511 Street Edward Boulevard North, Lethbridge, AB