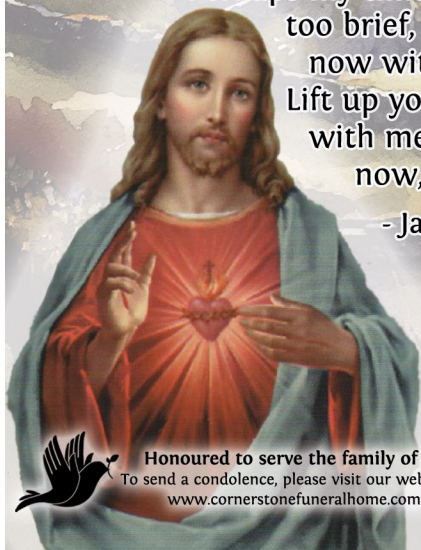


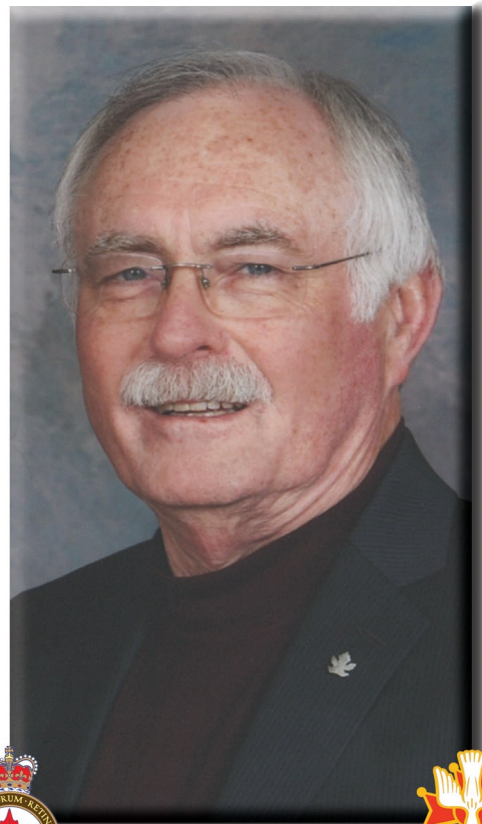
I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned
my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love,
to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've
found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with
remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah, yes,
these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish
you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much, good
friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed
too brief, don't lengthen it
now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share
with me, God wanted me
now, he set me free.

- Janice M. Fair-Salters



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Forever In Our Hearts

Michael Cormican

March 3, 1948 – August 6, 2023

MICHAEL JOSEPH CORMICAN, of Lethbridge, passed away peacefully with family by his side at home on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the age of 75 years.

Michael was born in Co. Tipperary, Ireland to Thomas and Kathleen "Kitty" Cormican. He is the oldest of his four siblings (Christopher 'Christy', Bridget 'Bridie', Patrick 'Paddy' and Mary) and is survived by his wife, Gloria Cormican (née Thielen); his four children: Sean (Sandra), David (Kristina), Aileen and Michael Lawrence (Shane); his six grandchildren: Neala, Skylar, Seamus, Brenna, Nenagh and Rosemary (with a seventh due in September); his brother Christy (Breeda); sisters Bridie Whelan (Lar) and Mary Moloney-Meaney (Donal); brother-in-law Derek Thielen (Karen); sisters-in-law Rae Schmitke (Glenn) and Agatha Cormican; his goddaughters Maura Brennan and Kiera Bouchard; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents; mother-in-law Margaret Thielen; his brother Paddy; and brother-in-law Martin Moloney.

Michael studied with the Carmelite Novitiate in Ireland, entertained brief stints in hotel and supermarket management before deciding on a career in psychiatric nursing. He graduated with a degree in Social Sciences from Cork University in 1971 then immigrated to Canada in 1972. In 1975 he graduated the University of Lethbridge with a degree in Psychology, Sociology and Political Science. He then became a proud Canadian citizen in 1977.

Throughout his career in Mental Health, he pioneered community nursing best practices and culminated as the Mental Health Programs Contracts Coordinator for the Chinook Health Region. He chaired and held countless positions across numerous organizations including, but not limited to, the Provincial and Regional Mental Health Councils, Parish Council, church ministries, the Knights of Columbus, Boy-Scouts Canada, the Liberal Party of Alberta and Canada, Habitat for Humanity, Social Housing in Action, Southwest Alberta Coalition on Poverty, Sik-ooh-kotoki 'Friendship Society', Aboriginal Housing and the Royal Canadian Legion. He also founded the Irish Society of Lethbridge.

In late 2021, Michael had to regrettably step back entirely from his community engagements to focus on his family and his own health, as he fought an inspirational battle against an aggressive brain cancer known as GBM, or glioblastoma multiforme. He recently made medical history in Canada as the first Albertan to be authorized and receive the groundbreaking and potentially life-changing Autologous Dendritic Cell Vaccine treatment for brain tumours.

Most recently, he published his memoirs entitled 'A Long Way From Tipperary'. The book is available for purchase through Brain Cancer Canada's website with 100% of proceeds being donated to fund crucial research for brain cancer.

After a tragic struggle from hospital-related complications, Michael passed away in his own home with the good fortune and blessing to have his entire family surrounding him as he took his final breaths. He lived a rich life full of deep friendships, community and love; he was surrounded by the same in his final hours.



Prayer Vigil

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825-32nd Street South, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, August 11th, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Officiant - Sharon Hagel

Eulogy - Written by Michael and read by Sean Cormican

Tribute - David Cormican

A Letter From Heaven - Aileen Cormican

Hymns

Processional: *The Prayer of St. Francis*
by James Kilbane
Meditation: *Irish Blessing* by The Priests
Recessional: *Sea Image* by The Chieftains

Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9 — Michael Lawrence
Psalm 23 — Theresa Cormican
2 Timothy 4:6-8 — Breeda Cormican
John 12:23-28 — Sharon Hagel

Funeral Mass

St. Martha's Catholic Church
355 Columbia Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB
Saturday, August 12th, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Celebrant - Father Roque Periera

Soloist - Karissa Schmidt

Pianist - Pat Toney

Gift Bearers - Neala Cormican, Skylar Cormican, Seamus Cormican

Hymns

Processional: *Amazing Grace*
Offertory: *Be Not Afraid*
Communion: *Panis Angelicus*
Communion: *I am the Bread of Life*
Meditation: *Ave Maria*
Recessional: *On Eagles Wings*

Readings

Wisdom 4:7-15 — Christy Cormican
Psalm 23 — Sandra Cormican
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
— Mary Moloney-Meaney
Matthew 5:1-12
— Father Roque Periera
Prayers of the Faithful — Wayne Gayford

Honour Guards

The Royal Canadian Legion
Knights of Columbus

Private Interment

Following the Funeral Mass, Michael will be laid to rest during a **Private Family Interment**

Honourary Pallbearers

Leanne & Wayne Gayford — Anne & Rod Schultz — Will & Corey Slattery — Bill & Sue Waugh
Chris Spearman — Teresa Spearman — Frank Sammon — Betty & Ches (t) Skinner
John & Marilynne Darroch — Ron & Bernie Forester — Karen & Barry Mahar — Rita & Jim Mahar

Pallbearers

Sean Cormican — David Cormican — Aileen Cormican
Christy Cormican — Michael Lawrence — Shane Lawrence
Glenn Schmitke — Derek Thielen — Seamus Cormican

Reception

Following the Interment, family and friends are invited to further share this day at the Lethbridge Royal Canadian Legion
324 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, AB