

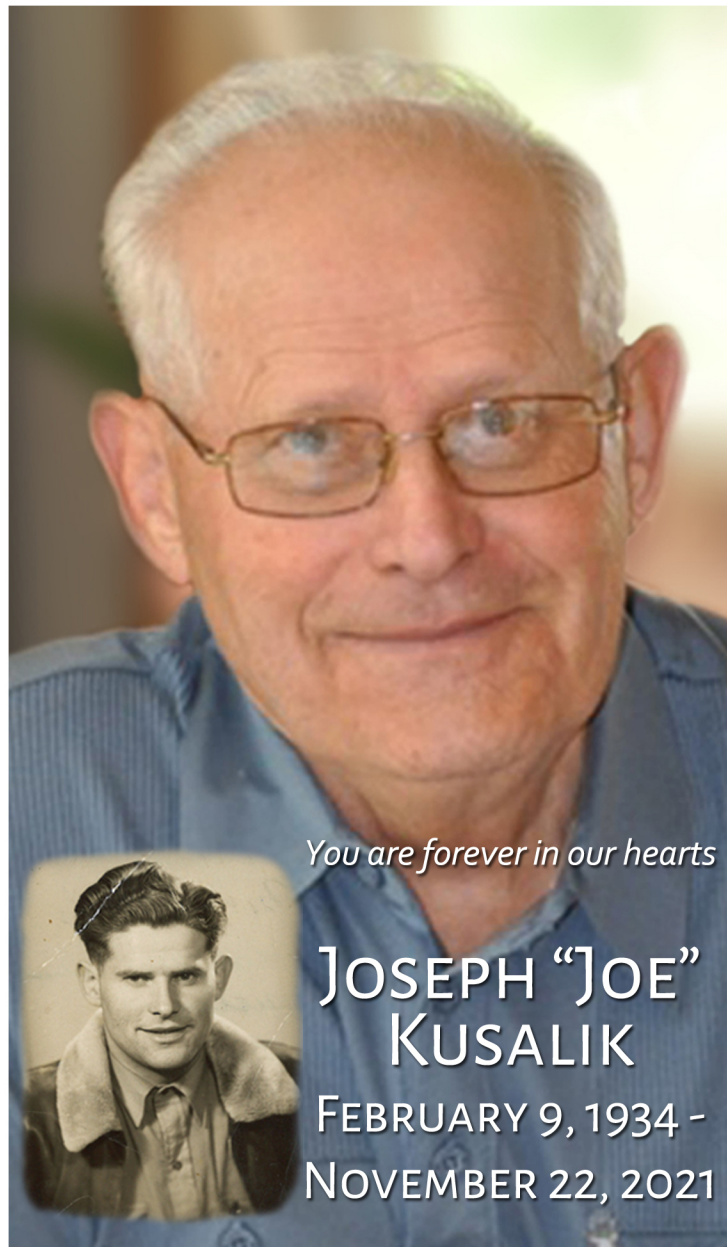
*Our lives go on without you, But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache, When someone speaks your name  
Sad are the hearts that love you, Silent are the tears that fall  
Living without you, Is the hardest part of all*

*You did so many things for us, Your heart was so kind and true  
And when we needed someone, We could always count on you  
The special years will not return, When we are all together  
But with the love in our hearts, You walk with us forever*

THE LOVE OF  
*Family*  
IS LIFE'S  
GREATEST BLESSING



Honoured to serve the family of Joe Kusalik  
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*You are forever in our hearts*

JOSEPH "JOE"  
KUSALIK  
FEBRUARY 9, 1934 -  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021

It is with great sadness, that we say goodbye to JOSEPH "JOE" KUSALIK, beloved soulmate of Mary. He passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Health Centre after a valiant battle with congestive heart failure at the age of 87.

Joe will be forever cherished by his six children: Anthony (Jane Mason), Peter (Mary Chan), Christine (Gerry) Kramer, Marianne Hellawell, Daniel (Rowena) and Mark, 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Joe is survived by sister-in-law Mary, his brother Edward, sister Helen Bruneel, many nieces & nephews, the Badura family, and numerous family & friends in Ontario and the Czech Republic.

Joe is predeceased by an infant son Joseph, his parents Steve and Stephanie, brother John, sister-in-law Joanne, and brother-in-law Roger Bruneel.

Joe was born in Fletcher, Ontario and raised on a farm. In May 1954, at the age of 20, he left Chatham, Ontario for Alberta, seeking employment where he met Mary, the love of his life. Joe and Mary were married Nov. 12, 1955 and settled in Taber where he built their first home. They raised five children on the family farm before moving to Grassy Lake, where their last son was born. There they spent many wonderful years working side by side farming with the help of their children. Joe enjoyed being out on an open John Deere tractor. He was instrumental in establishing the Southern Alberta dry bean industry. Work came first, but there was always time for family, fun and his faith. Joe was a man of many talents and ingenuity, and he was not afraid to take up new challenges. In 1987, at the age of 55, Joe and Mary retired to Lethbridge where he enjoyed many of his hobbies, such as growing grapes, making wine, traveling, carpentry and being a grandfather. Joe "loved to talk" and could make friends easily and carry on a conversation with anyone. He was extremely proud of his Czech heritage and truly enjoyed his polka music. Joe was an active member of Assumption parish, volunteered at LSCO, 60+, the Czech club and Knights of Columbus. In January 2016, Joe & Mary moved to Martha's House. Shortly after that Joe was diagnosed with cancer. He put up a strong fight overcoming it, but as a result developed heart failure. It was a difficult journey for him and his family. His quiet courage and sense of humor was with him to the end.

We will miss you and love you always. Till we meet again.

*"Sbohem Jožko"*

## PRAYER VIGIL

Cornerstone Funeral Home  
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta  
Friday, November 26, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Vigil Leader - Sharon Hagel

Tributes  
Peter Kusalik  
Joshua Hellawell

## FUNERAL MASS

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church  
2405 - 12th Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta  
Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 10:00 AM

Celebrant - Father Kevin Tumback  
Organist - Cheryl Hudak  
Soloist - Ed Hamel

Readings  
First - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a  
Psalm 23  
Second - Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12  
Gospel - John 12:23-28

Hymns  
Entrance - Be Not Afraid  
Communion - I am the Bread of Life  
Meditation - Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
Recessional - Prayer of St. Francis

## INTERMENT

*Following the Mass, Joe will be laid to rest in the  
Taber Memorial Garden.*

## PALLBEARERS

Scott Kusalik Vance Kramer Mathew Hellawell  
Liam Kusalik David Brecka Tom Badura Jeremy Kramer