

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me be your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.



Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring you hope.

Where there is darkness only light,
And where there is sadness ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.



THE LOVE OF
Family
IS LIFE'S
GREATEST BLESSING



Honoured to serve the family of Edward Smulders

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in Our Hearts and Prayers

Edward Smulders

November 2, 1926 — April 26, 2023



EDWARD GERRIT GERARDUS SMULDERS passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the age of 96 years.

Edward will be greatly missed by all of his family: his loving wife, Edith Smulders; daughter, Inga (Bruce) and their sons Rory (Meagan) and Maxton; daughter, Karen (Chris) and their daughters Kailey (Curtis) and their children Raylee and Hayes, Courtney (Kevin) and Karissa (Scott).

He was predeceased by his parents, Geraldus and Johanna; and his son, Ralph.

Edward was born in Den Hauge, Holland on November 2, 1926. He served in the army in Indonesia during the declaration of independence in 1945. Edward came to Ottawa, Canada in 1953. He worked as an orderly in the hospital there and later took a train to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1954. Edward attended the University of British Columbia where he obtained his Bachelors of Agriculture. Edward met Edith in 1957 on a trip back to Holland and Germany, and in 1958 he brought her back to Canada. Ed and Edith were married in 1959 and Ed devoted his life to Edith for 64 years. In 1959, they welcomed their son Ralph. In 1960, the family moved to Innisfail and their daughter Inga was born in 1961. In 1964, the family settled in Lethbridge and daughter Karen was born in 1968.

Edward worked many years in Agriculture, he was the manager for Shur-Gain (Canada Packers) and worked well into his 70's at the Picture Butte Feed Mill. During his career, Ed made many close friends. Edward's passion was his family, they were his pride and joy. His hobbies included swimming, painting, yardwork, and his green house. In his retirement years, Edward built a ranch and cow-calf operation alongside his son, Ralph. He enjoyed time spent with Edith travelling and enjoying his children, grandchildren, and especially his great-grandchildren.

Edward "OPA" will be remembered for his extremely positive (glass full) attitude, his calm nature, incredible humour, wisdom, patience, giving to others, beautiful blue eyes, and his contagious smile! He will be deeply missed by all those who he knew and loved in his lifetime.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Ed by donating to a charity of one's choice and by "spreading kindness through acts of charity, good deeds and love in your own personal way".

Celebration of Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB
Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Order of Service

Introduction and Welcome by Kailey Jakober

Scripture Readings by Inga Anderson

Prayers by Kevin Veluw

Reflection Song: *How Great Thou Art* by The Priests

Eulogy by Karen Vavra

Tributes to Edward (OPA)

Pictorial Tribute

Closing Prayer

Reception

Following the Celebration of Edward's Life, family and friends are invited to further share this day, and **memories** of Ed (OPA), in the Cornerstone Reception Room

Funeral Mass

St. Basil's Catholic Church
604 - 13 Street North, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, May 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Ed's (OPA) inspirational kindness and spirit will live forever in the hearts of his family.

We love you, OPA!