



Lovingly Remembered

James Hajime
O K A

August 18, 1932 — August 23, 2020



Honoured to serve the family of James Hajime Oka
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James (Jim) Hajime Oka passed away at St. Michael's Care Centre on August 23, 2020, at the age of 88 years.

James was born on August 18, 1932 in Port Haney, British Columbia and was the only child of Yatsuko and Sozaburo Oka. In 1942, his family was evacuated from the west coast and they relocated to the Village of Stirling where they worked in the sugar beet fields. He grew up with his cousins: Keiko [deceased] (Aki) [deceased]; Yoriko (Kaz); Miki (Cecil); Lillian [deceased] (Gordon); Peter; Ken (Betty); Kathleen (Ralph) and Bruce and their families. He is also survived by a special nephew Michael and niece Leslee and her husband Craig whom Jim often referred to as being like a daughter and son when acknowledging their consistent support and help during his failing health. He also will be missed by his special friend Barbara.

After high school, Jim attended the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art (now known as SAIT) in Calgary taking Industrial Electricity and became a journeyman electrician working in Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, and North Dakota. The last job he worked on was the Caroline Gas plant west of Bowden.

Jim was a faithful member of the Anglican Church of the Ascension in Coaldale. The church not only provided him spiritual comfort, but also the congregation became part of his family. He always enjoyed the coffee, snacks and hugs after the service.

Jim was always devising efficient ways to do everything. When computers came out, Jim was one of the first people to own a Tandy personal computer bought from Radio Shack and the rest is history; he became a lifelong learner. He was an active member of the Chinook Computer Club until his passing. The members of the computer club became his friends and with the help of Leslee, Jim was able to join his last meeting from his hospital bed.

Jim had an affinity and talent for numbers and meticulously tracked the stock market. At the age of 75 he discovered the world of travelling and enjoyed many cruises all over the world with his family. Jim enjoyed being with everyone, taking in all of the sites and was fascinated by the mechanics of the cruise ship. Jim was also an avid sports fan and especially liked to follow baseball and hockey. Tuesdays were coffee with the gang at Tim Horton's. Jim was a quiet man, always listening, watching and enjoying every moment. It was a good life. He will be missed.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32 St. S., Lethbridge, AB
Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Officiants	Reverend Dr. Carolyn Langford Reverend Canon Erin Phillips
Tribute	Leslee Rennie Takeda
Musical Selections	<i>Amazing Grace</i> <i>The Lord is My Shepherd</i> <i>How Great Thou Art</i>
Photo Tribute	Created by James' family
Thank-You	Bruce Oka
Pallbearers	Deborah Kalma, Don King, Mark Murakami, Scott Murakami, Michael Rennie, and Craig Takeda

