

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.

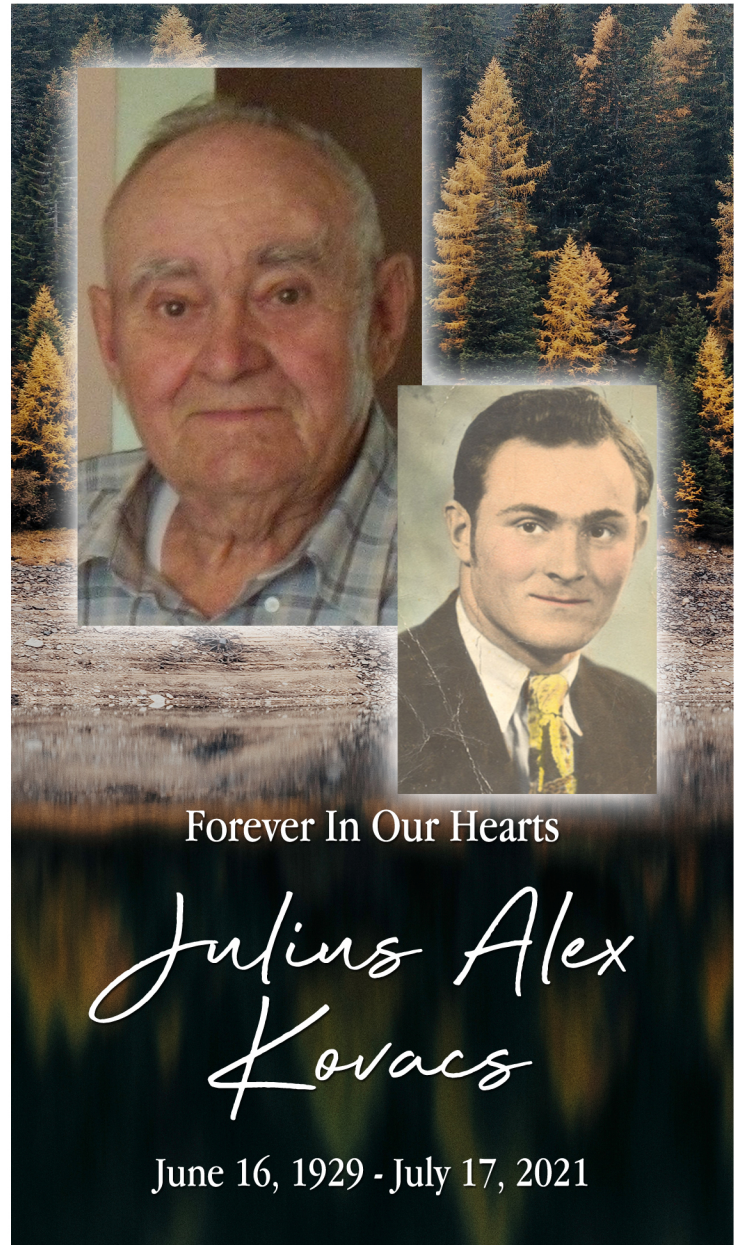
Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.



Honoured to serve the family of Julius Kovacs  
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Forever In Our Hearts

Julius Alex  
Kovacs

June 16, 1929 - July 17, 2021

Julius, born in Raymond, Alberta on June 16th, 1929, was the second oldest child of Geza and Julia (Peto) Kovacs. As a young child growing up in the 1930's, he and his family experienced some hard times, which shaped who he was. Every object no matter how old or worn had a value, not to be thrown away but to be reused in another way. He had a strong work ethic, and although his real passion was art, he did not have the opportunity to pursue that.

At fifteen, Julius and his family left Raymond and moved to a farm his parents bought near Broxburn. Like many of the farmers in the area, the main crop grown was sugar beets. For many years, Julius did a lot of the planting, harvesting, and delivering of the beets. He also helped his father build houses and do carpentry work. In addition to this, he went to work at the Number Eight Coal Mine at the age of 16. At 17 he wanted to be part of the war effort and got his reluctant father's permission to join the army reserve. Fortunately, the war ended before he was called for active duty. He continued his work in the coal mine which lasted only six years due to a mining accident; Julius survived but suffered a broken back. From 1953 to 1986, Julius worked for the CPR – first as a scale man at Alberta Government Stockyards weighing livestock before they were loaded into railcars and later as train maintenance supervisor.

On Boxing Day 1949 Julius entered his favorite café and noticed Annie sitting with family. Knowing the owner of the café, who at the time was seeking a good waitress, Julius convinced the owner to talk with Annie and hire her. After a year of courtship they were married and celebrated 70 years of marriage. When he was asked what his greatest accomplishment was, he replied, "Marrying Annie".

In 1954, they built a house on a small acreage that Julius' father had given them. They remained on that acreage for 60 years, and during that time they raised three daughters: Julie, Kathy and Susie.

Julius was skilled with his hands, which was demonstrated in his carpentry, welding and gardening. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and after retirement he had a passion for lapidary. Julius gave very generously from his garden, his lapidary work and his time, serving on various committees and executive positions, including president, for both the Hungarian Old Timers Society and the Alberta Rockhounds. He was also an ace at difficult crossword and jigsaw puzzles and trivia.

Julius loved nature and the acreage and what those things gave him but most of all his family. He will be dearly missed.

## Service

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 11:00 AM  
Cornerstone Funeral Home  
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta

Reverend Lois Punton Officiating

Organist - Mary Lee Voort

Soloist - Lisa Mulgrew

Processional - *It is Well with My Soul* - Lisa Mulgrew  
Prayer

Eulogy - Leonard Lorenz

Tributes - Katharina Kovacs Burns & Kristen Scheuerman

Congregational Hymn - *Amazing Grace* - Page 2

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a - Susan Withers

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 - Julie Lorenz

John 14:1-7 - Lois Punton

Meditation - *A Firm Foundation*

Congregational Hymn - *How Great Thou Art* - Page 13

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional - *Lord of All Hopefulness* - Lisa Mulgrew

## Interment

Following the Service, Julius will be laid to rest  
with his beloved Annie in Mountain View Cemetery

## Pallbearers

Chester Kovacs Doug Snowden Dean Kovacs  
Jim Snowden Ken Snowden Carl Scheuerman