

I Love A Tree by Samuel Baxter

When I pass to my reward.
Whatever that may be,
I'd like my friends to think of me
As one who loved a tree.

I may not have a statesman's poise
Nor thrill a throng with speech
But I may benefit mankind
If I set out a beech.

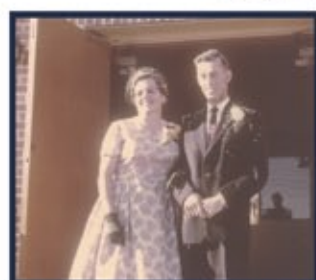
If I transport a sapling oak
To rear its mighty head
Twill make for them a childhood shrine,
That will not soon decay.

Of if I plant a tree with fruit,
On which the birds may feed,
Then I have fostered feathered friends
And that's a worthy deed.

For winter when the days grow short
And spirits may run low
I'd plant a pine upon the scape
T'would lend a cheery glow.

I'd like a tree to mark the spot
Where I am laid to rest
For that would be the epitaph
That I would like the best.

Tho it's not carved upon a stone
For those who come to see
But friends would know that resting there
Is he, who loved a tree



Honoured to serve the family of Bernard S. Blust
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Mr. Bernard Blust, of Milk River, AB, beloved husband of the late Lena Blust, passed away peacefully in Milk River Long Term Care, surrounded by his family on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the age of 92 years

Bernard is survived by his children, Paul (Charlotte) and children Stacy (Aaron), Adam (Lea), Michael (Jenn) and Warren; Gail (Arnie) Bushulak and daughter Dawn (Coogan); Cindy (Duane) Middleton and children Scott (Lansey), Kevin (Jayme), Lisa (Trevor) and Jodi; Myles (Colette) and son Michael; Kevin (Liz) and children Jessica, August and Emma. Bernard's memory will also be cherished by his nine great-grandchildren, his extended family: Janine (Rick) Ireland and Steve (Jacque) Cooney and their families; three sisters Barbara Jensen, Rose Marie Hallonquist and Dorothy Malinowski; three sisters-in-law Clara Blust, Maria Blust and Ann Blust.

Beside his beloved wife Lena "Lee", Bernard was predeceased by his granddaughter Kimberly Bushulak, parents, five siblings and his brothers and sister in-laws.

Bernard was born in Allerston on August 15, 1926, the fourth of nine children. His parents moved the family to the farm in Masinasin in 1930, where he resided until 2008. He married Lee in 1963 and together they raised a family of five. In 1975 Bernard began working at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park as Maintenance Foreman until his retirement in 1994. Bernard and Lee stayed on the farm until 2008 when they moved to the Prairie Rose Lodge in Milk River.

Dad had a strong faith and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He was always happiest when he was surrounded by family. Dad was taught the value of hard work at a very young age and carried that with him throughout his whole life. Not only did he pass that on to his children but also to each person that worked beside him. You would always find dad in the garden, the barnyard or picking weeds, always doing something. It was never work for dad – that was just who he was. :)



Lovingly Remembered

Bernard S. Blust

August 15, 1926 - March 29, 2019

Prayer Service

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Officiating - Father Salvador Ahumada

Congregational Hymns

How Great Thou Art
On Eagle's Wings
Be Not Afraid

Reading - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 read by Adam Blust

Tribute - Aaron Skretting (*I Love a Tree* by Samuel Baxter)

Funeral Mass

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Celebrating - Father Salvador Ahumada

Organist - Cecile Poelzer

Pianist - Janice Wilson

Choir - St. Peter's Choir

Soloist - Bob Williston

Honour Guard - Knights of Columbus

Guestbook Attendants - Anna Skretting, Kaylee Middleton & Savera Shergill

Congregational Hymns

Prelude: *Jesus Remember Me*
Processional: *Lead Me, Lord*
Offertory: *Lord, You Have Come*
Communion: *Holy is His Name*
Meditation: *Welcome Home (Solo)*
Recessional: *Here I Am, Lord*

First Reading - *Revelations 21: 1-5A, 6B-7* read by Kevin Blust
Second Reading - *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11A* read by Michael E. Blust
Gospel - *Matthew 5: 1-12A* read by Father Salvador Ahumada

Giftbearers

Stacy Skretting - Dawn Mitchell - Lisa Middleton
Jodi Middleton - Jessica Blust - Emma Blust

Active Pallbearers

Adam Blust - Warren Blust - August Blust - Michael E. Blust
Scott Middleton - Kevin Middleton - Michael J. Blust

Honourary Pallbearers

Bernard's nieces and nephews

Reception

Following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to further share this day in the St. Peter's Catholic Church Hall

Interment

Bernard will be laid to rest at a Private Family Interment in the Allerston Cemetery