

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.



Honoured to serve the family of Mel McAllindon
To send a condolence, please visit our website at
www.cornerstonefuneralhome.com | 403-381-7777 (24/7)

Lovingly Remembered



Mel McAllindon

December 16, 1939 - November 25, 2019

Mel McAllindon passed away on Monday, November 25, 2019 at St. Michael's Palliative Care Centre after a long battle with cancer, surpassing all timelines given to him.

Mel was born in Montréal, QC on December 16, 1939 to James & Mary McAllindon, the youngest of nine children. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Helen; his three children, David (Yordanos) of Dartmouth, NS, Brenda (Steven) Dudas of Lethbridge, Wendy (Fergus) Lynch of Red Deer; and seven grandchildren, Dylan & Maris McAllindon, Ty & Blake Dudas, and Kate, Declan & Emmett Lynch; his sister, Dorothy, of Brantford, ON, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Ed, Kathleen, Robert, Veronica, Rita, Patricia and Joan.

Mel received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from the University of Windsor majoring in Physics and Chemistry, and received his teaching certificate from the Ontario Teachers' College. He spent the first three years of his teaching career in Nigeria where he taught Physics and married his soulmate, Helen. In 1969, Mel received a posting to Uganda with Canadian International Development Agency where he taught Physics for another three years; however, political disruption brought the family back to Canada.

After spending a year at the University of Alberta to finish his B.Ed., Mel accepted a position at Catholic Central High School in 1973 where he taught mostly Physics for the next 32 years. He organized graduation events, coached badminton and served as timekeeper at football games for many years. He was instrumental in establishing Holy Spirit ATA Local #5 and served as its first president for many years. When a new parish was given the go-ahead for West Lethbridge, he was involved in negotiating the land swap for the site of St. Martha's Church and the arrangement with the dental clinic that now shares the property. That facilitated fundraising efforts and the new church opened in 1994. He also served as the chair of its first parish council for a number of years until ill health caused him to reduce his activities.

Retirement meant more time to spend on sports activities. There was continuous rivalry with the older grandkids on the golf course, ski hill, tennis court and bowling alley. Papa spent many hours with the younger grandkids in swimming pools, and playing board games, Uno, and mini sticks in the hallways and the driveway. He also enjoyed many wonderful travel adventures, many of them with travelling companions, the Muellers, covering much of the USA and Europe, the Panama Canal, Lebanon, Jordan, the Baltic countries, and New Zealand.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorial tributes may be made to:
Jack Ady Cancer Centre | 960 - 19 Street South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 1W5, or
St. Michael's Palliative Care Centre | 1400 - 9 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4V5

Prayer Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home | 2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB
Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Officiant - Deacon Michael Pollard

Readings

First - *Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7* read by Donna Longson
Psalm - *Psalm 122*

Gospel - *John 14: 1-6* read by Deacon Michael Pollard
Prayers of the Faithful - Ty & Blake Dudas and Kate & Declan Lynch
Eulogy - Brenda Dudas, Wendy Lynch and Peter Mueller

Musical Selections

You Are Mine by David Haas
Time to Say Goodbye by Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman

Mel's Life in Photos - Arranged by his family

Funeral Mass

St. Martha's Catholic Church | 355 Columbia Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, November 29, 2019 at 12:00 Noon

Celebrant - Father William Monis

Congregational Hymns (led by Amanda Orr and the Voices of St. Martha)

Processional - *Here I Am, Lord*

Psalm - *Psalm 23*

Offertory - *Come to Me All Who Are Weary*

Communion - *Like a Shepherd*

Meditation - *Be Not Afraid*

Commendation - *On Eagle's Wings*

Recessional - *City of God*

Readings

First - *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11a* read by Lee Koran
Second - *2 Timothy 4: 5-8* read by Lynn Stanley
Prayers of the Faithful - Celeste & Kyril Mueller, Alison McDonald and Elysha Cohrs
The Holy Gospel According to John read by Father William Monis

Giftbearers

Ty & Blake Dudas - Kate, Declan & Emmett Lynch - Dylan & Maris McAllindon (Honourary)

Honour Guard - Knights of Columbus Third Degree, #9280

Pallbearers (Active)

David McAllindon - Steven Dudas - Fergus Lynch
Doug Longson - Ty Dudas - Blake Dudas

Pallbearers (Honourary)

Peter Mueller - Lee Koran - Frank Peta - Dorothy McAllindon

Following the Funeral Mass, family and friends are invited to further share this day at CCH West Campus, 251 Britannia Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB, for a time of fellowship and refreshments