# YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore;
As time goes by, we'll miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face;
No one can fill your vacant place.





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

**BENITO PAOLETTI**, beloved husband of Esther Paoletti, of Lethbridge, passed away peacefully at the Chinook Regional Hospital on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the age of 82 years.

He was born November 1, 1939, in Buroli, Italy (now Croatia). Benito and his parents ventured across the ocean via ship to finally dock at Pier 21, Halifax, Canada. From here they boarded a train and made their way West to ultimately settle in Lethbridge.

Benito married Esther (Antal) on January 29, 1966, his loving wife of 56 years. Together they raised three beautiful children. Benito is survived by his wife Esther, daughter Katherine (Vittorio), son Roberto (Jodi) and son Richard (Jennifer). He also leaves behind five grandchildren: Cara (Tyson), Isabella, Marco, Oakley, and Jackson. He is predeceased by his parents Giovanni and Caterina Paoletti and granddaughter Kimberly Oliverio.

Benito was a very hard worker and held many skilled jobs until finally finding full time employment with the City of Lethbridge Electric Dept where he retired from in 1999 after 28 years of service. He enjoyed life... from camping, fishing and hunting to gardening, wine making, and traveling and everything in between. He further enjoyed these things with the company of his family and friends. He was very proud of his heritage and helped build the Italian Canadian Hall and was a member until the end. You could follow his boisterous laugh and want to be part of the party, to which he usually shut down. To make his life complete, were his grandchildren, his pride and joy, all of them stealing Nonno's heart.

## PRAYER SERVICE

Cornerstone Funeral Home 2825 - 32 St. S, Lethbridge, Alta. Friday, June 17, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Officiant - Sharon Hagel

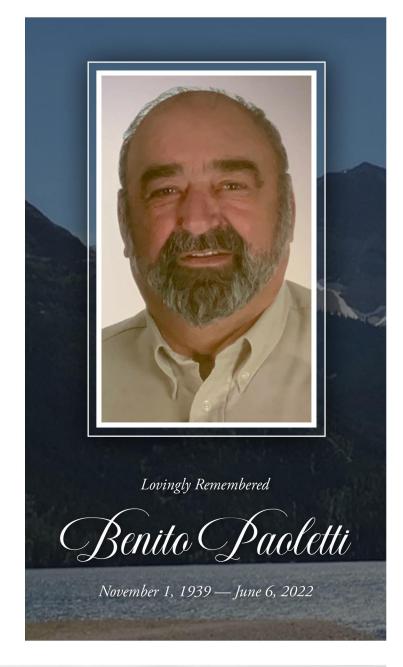
Tributes from Katherine Oliverio, Roberto and Richard Paoletti Reading from Vittorio Oliverio Pictorial Tribute created by Benito's family

Musical Selections

Time to Say Goodbye by Andrea Bocelli

Wings of a Dove by Barbara Fairchild

Ave Maria by Andrea Bocelli



## **FUNERAL MASS**

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church 2405 - 12 Ave. S, Lethbridge, Alta. Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Celebrant - Fr. Kevin Tumback Organist - Cheryl Hudak Soloist - Elaura Lillenthal

Hymns Processional - *Be Not Afraid* Communion - *I Am the Bread of Life* Meditation - *Ave Maria* Recessional - *Amazing Grace* 

Readings

First - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11a read by Leona Donato Second - Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12 read by Marlene Pasquotti Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12 read by Fr. Kevin Tumback

### INTERMENT

Following the Funeral Mass, Benito will be laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery

Pallbearers

Steve Dudas Sr. - Steve Dudas Jr. - Frank Donato Rob Dudas - Rino Pasquotti - John Laturnus Vittorio Oliverio - Tyson Baldrey

Honourary Pallbearers George Antal - Dean Antal - Don Antal - Ed Jankowiak

### RECEPTION

Family and friends are invited to further share this day at the Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, 526 Mayor Magrath Dr. S, Lethbridge Alta.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Benito, donations may be made to: Alberta Diabetes Foundation (albertadiabetesfoundation.com) Heart and Stroke Foundation (heartandstroke.ca)