



It is with deep sadness that the family of Robert Gerald Clay (Bob), announce that he passed away peacefully on May 5, 2023 at the Chinook Regional Hospital.

Bob was born November 18, 1933, in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, the youngest of the five children of Thomas and Hazel (née Smith) Clay. Bob spent his early childhood years in Swift Current before the family moved to Lethbridge when Bob was 6 years old.

As a young man, Bob worked in Waterton for several summers, and then joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he served as a firefighter. He was stationed in Comox, BC, then Senneterre, QC, where he met and married Therese, the mother of his four children.

A talent for bowling led Bob to a career in managing bowling alleys in Lethbridge and then Red Deer. Later, he earned a steamfitter/pipefitter ticket and began his plumbing business, Bob's Boiler Service. During his time in Squamish and Vancouver, he worked on large construction projects, including two Fairmont Hotels in Vancouver and Whistler.

After retiring, Bob moved back to Lethbridge to be closer to family and childhood friends. It was here, 23 years ago, that he met Barbara Marshalsay at the home of mutual friends. They married in 2005 and shared a wonderful life of travel, gardening, camping, holidays at the Waterton cabin, and other adventures for 18 years.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife Barbara, and his children: Carol of Sidney, BC, Angela of Calgary, AB, Patricia (Rob) of Kenilworth, UK, and Darren (Liz) of Vancouver, BC; and their mother Therese (Bill) of Calgary, AB. He also leaves nine grandchildren: Jordan Clay (Naomi), Benjamin Clay (Kim), Henry Clayton, George Clayton, Georgia Clay, Kate Clay, Hazel Clay, Sebastian Clay and Theodore Clay; and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by Barbara's sister, Lou Niven; brother Robert (Bea) Niven; sister-in-law Anita Niven; and many nieces and nephews, as well as Barbara's daughter Lynne Marshalsay and her family.

He will be missed by friends in Vancouver, including John Sawyer and his special friend Don Fleming of West Vancouver, B.C. He will be remembered also by friends of Dr. Bob and Bill W. both in North Vancouver, BC and Lethbridge, AB.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Hazel; siblings Donald, Ralph, Bertha, and Evelyn; and Barbara's son, Scott Marshalsay.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Chinook Regional Hospital for their care and compassion over the many months of his hospitalization. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Canadian Red Cross, or the Salvation Army, in Bob's memory.

## Memorial Service

Southminster United Church 1011 - 4 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Officiant - Reverend Taylor Croissant
Choir- Southminster Choir
Pianist - Chris Dittmann
Soloist - Kade Hogg

## Order of Service

Words of Welcome
Opening Prayer
Hymn - VU #595: We Are Pilgrims
Eulogy
Prayer for Illumination
Psalm 121 read by Carol Clay

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Hymn - VU #808: On Eagle's Wings Benediction

Sermon

Reception

Following the Memorial Service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Southminster Church Hall