

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love—
For it's in giving that we receive,
It's in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.

AMEN.



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Lovingly Remembered

JOSEPH C. SIKORA

September 7, 1944 — September 29, 2020

MR. JOSEPH SIKORA, beloved husband of Mrs. Margaret Sikora of Lethbridge, passed away at the Chinook Regional Hospital on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the age of 76 years.

Joseph was born on September 7, 1944 in Wayne, AB to Jan and Stanislaw and grew up in the coal mining town of Cambria, AB. In 1965, he began his teaching career in Oyen, first as a classroom educator and then as a teaching principal. In December 1972, Joseph married Margaret and in 1981 they moved with their two young sons to Lethbridge, AB. He taught countless young minds science, math and religious studies at St. Francis Junior High School until his retirement in 2000.

Joseph was a man of faith, a man of love for his family, friends, students and colleagues, and a man of hope for holiness wrapped in the ordinary and in suffering. He loved family and especially cherished his granddaughters Ella and Elizabeth. He was very patient, a good listener, approachable, kind and generous with time, and always grateful for kindness received. He was genuinely interested in his students and in their progress. He was the epitome of a fine teacher and a strong advocate for education with dedication to the teaching profession, leaving a lasting impact on many students.

Joseph was a member of the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed the comradery and friendships made, all the while volunteering his time for charitable purposes. His strong faith in the Catholic Church led to a spiritual life of compassion, selflessness of giving one's talents and time in the service of others.

Joseph loved to travel with Margaret and family with various trips by car in British Columbia, across Canada, overseas, or simply, to Saskatchewan and back. His retirement provided more opportunity to assist Margaret with gardening and keeping the flowers beautiful. He really enjoyed feeding the flocks of birds that appeared every winter in his backyard. He treasured visiting family and friends near and far on those special holiday times and events. He was always genuinely interested in receiving an update on each family member's pursuits, discussing activities and general goings-on whilst being generous of praise. When given the opportunity, he could be found playing bridge for hours, and never turning down a game of cribbage. He was an avid reader and a solver of puzzles. He was man of good humour and nature, and there would either be a wink or glint in his eye for even the youngest niece or nephew just to give reassurance that they were included in a joke.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Margaret, of over 47 years, sons Gregory and Christopher (Kristina) as well as two granddaughters, Ella and Elizabeth. He will also be dearly missed by his siblings: Jenny (Keith) Connell, Millie (Ron) Boruk, Carol Rippe, Helen (Henry) Shiloff, Stanley Sikora, and Lodja (Pat) Sloan; sisters-in-law, Rosallie Woloschuk, Patricia Stein-Jones and Anne Novakovski; and numerous nieces and nephews, former colleagues, members of the Knights of Columbus, and friends he met and treasured along his life's journey.

A special thank-you to Joseph's family physician, all his specialists, nurses, Home Care staff and all emergency personnel and caregivers of Chinook Regional Hospital for their support and compassion for Joseph's health and wellbeing.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul (www.ssvp.ca), the Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.ca) or the charitable foundation of one's choice.

PRAYER SERVICE

Cornerstone Funeral Home | 2825 - 32 St. S, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, October 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Officiant - Deacon Cliff Bogdan

Honour Guard - Knight of Columbus, 4th Degree

Eulogists - Christopher Sikora and Carol Rippe

Readings

First - *Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12*
Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 27*
Gospel - *Luke 12: 34-40*

Hymns

Processional - *Be Not Afraid*
Meditational - *Ave Maria*
Recessional - *Amazing Grace*

FUNERAL MASS

St. Basil's Catholic Church | 604 - 13 St. N, Lethbridge, AB
Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Celebrant - Father Derek Remus

Honour Guard - Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree

Organist - Cheryl Hudak

Pallbearers

Peter Mraz — Stanley Sikora — Brian Novakowski
Jim Bisakowski — Christopher Sikora — Gregory Sikora

Readings by Bradley Woloschuk

First - *Wisdom 3: 1-9*
Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 23*
Second - *Romans 8: 14-23*
Gospel - *Matthew 5: 1-12* read by Father Derek Remus

Hymns

Processional - *On Eagle's Wings*
Communion - *I Am the Bread of Life*
Recessional - *Sing a New Song*