

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.



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IN LOVING MEMORY

Cal O'Brien

MARCH 6, 1947 - FEBRUARY 18, 2022

CALVIN ("CAL") ROSS O'BRIEN passed away peacefully after a long, extremely brave battle against cancer on Friday, February 18, 2022 at the age of 74.

He was born to Delman and Martha O'Brien on March 6, 1947, in Lethbridge, AB. Many of his earliest memories were of life on the research station.

He attended Catholic Central High School and was an excellent athlete. He played baseball, football, hockey, and basketball. He won the CCHS athlete of the year award in 1967.

Upon graduation, he attended the University of Lethbridge where he received his Bachelor of Education and, in later years, his Masters in Education.

His first teaching job would take him to Canmore, AB where he taught and coached, making life-long friends with teachers and students alike. The beautiful mountains and people of Canmore always held a special place in his heart.

Cal and his family returned to Lethbridge in 1976 where he began a 42-year career at CCH as a teacher, administrator, and coach. He coached numerous teams and went on to coach his high school students at the University of Lethbridge. He was so proud as the ladies 1985 Pronghorns team was inducted into the U. of L. Sports Hall of Fame. He graciously accepted his own Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame award in 2015.

During his teaching career, Cal travelled to many places with students. Included in these travels were trips to Europe, trips to the Cuernavaca Centre for Intercultural Dialogue on Development in Mexico, and student exchange visits to St. Ursula's school in Sendai, Japan.

Upon retirement, he loved to winter in Palm Springs and was always up for a competitive game of pickleball. He had a long-time love of golf and was a member of the Lethbridge Country Club.

He always looked forward to his weekly restaurant meetings with neighbours, the "Wingnuts," and Saturday morning coffee with friends. When friends could not gather in enclosed places in the last few years, he welcomed coffee with friends in his open-air garage. Cal loved to meet new people and would often say "they seem like a real quality human being." He loved life and touched the lives of all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Whaley, his brother, Colin O'Brien (Shirley), and the mother of his children, Lynne O'Brien; his children, Lisa O'Brien (Chris), Michael O'Brien (Cathy), Tracey Stroeve (Dennis), and stepchildren, Richard Moberg (Joanna), Geoffrey Moberg, and Bradley Moberg, as well as two children of Lisa O'Brien and Chris Palinkas, his grandsons Justin and Jorden Palinkas. He will be greatly missed by his two pups, Tucker and Sadie.

He leaves behind so many friends that it is impossible to list them all. A special mention must go to the great colleagues and staff at Catholic Central who were instrumental in his life and a source of strength and determination during the last four years of his battle with cancer.

Many thank you's to the kind and caring staff at the Jack Ady Cancer Centre who became like family, and so many doctors and nurses who did everything they could to support him through his journey.

PRAYER SERVICE

St. Martha's Catholic Church
355 Columbia Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Officiants - Francis & Cybele Noronha

Order of Service

Processional - *Prayer of St. Francis* (BB #528)
Welcome and Opening Prayer
First Reading - *Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39* read by Dori Rodzinyak
Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 103* (BB #664)
Gospel - *Mark 4: 35-41*
Prayer of Intercession - Ken Sampson
Concluding Prayers
Recessional - *How Great Thou Art* (BB #432)
Decade of the Rosary
Words of Remembrance - Carmen Mombourquette
Pictorial Tribute - Dennis Stroeve

FUNERAL MASS

St. Martha's Catholic Church
Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrant - Fr. Roque Pereira

Music - Catholic Central High School Community Choir,
led by Danielle Christensen and Chris Hartman
Accompanist - Coreen Packham

First Reading - *Isaiah 61: 1-3d* - Dean Rook
Second Reading - *Romans 8: 31-39* - Dan Ryder
Gospel - *John 14: 1-6* - Fr. Roque Pereira

Intercessions - Eleanor Munroe

Giftbearers - Lisa O'Brien, Tracey O'Brien-Stroeve, Justin Palinkas, Jorden Palinkas
Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Polec, James Spiess, Aaron Skretting

Hymns

Prelude
Entrance
Psalm
Offertory
Communion
Meditation
Farewell
Closing

Gabriel's Oboe by Ennio Morricone (Don Robb acc. by Coreen Packham)
Be Not Afraid (BB #435)
Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light (BB #765)
Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen (arr. Roger Emerson)
Taste and See (BB #332)
On Eagle's Wings (BB #437)
Going Home by Antonin Dvorak (Don Robb acc. by Coreen Packham)
May the Road Rise Up to Meet You (arr. J. Rouse)
Canticle of the Sun (BB #426)

The congregation is invited to join in the singing

RECEPTION

Catholic Central High School West Campus
251 Britannia Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB

Friends and family are invited to further share this day together in Cal's honour