



*"I have fought long and hard for my Lord, and through it all, I have kept true to him. And now the time has come for me to stop fighting and rest. In heaven, a crown is waiting for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And not just to me but to all those whose lives show that they are eagerly looking forward to his coming back again."*

2 Timothy 4:17

On Thursday, September 15th, our dear Gerald, surrounded by his family, found rest in the arms of our Lord.

Gerald was born on a cold, wintry day, February 16th, 1950, to Peter D. Keryluk (predeceased) and Zenovia Keryluk (Karbashewski) in the Town of Two Hills, Alberta. He was the oldest of nine. When he was born, his parents had no vehicle, and so they were driven to the hospital by a neighbour. Gerald lived in a small house surrounded by farmland, with no running water and a wood stove. His family has deep Ukrainian roots, and Gerald grew up eating borscht, pyrohy, holubtsi, lots of sauerkraut, and pork. He loved his mother's cinnamon buns and doughnuts.

He attended the University of Alberta (BSc Biochemistry) and, afterward, at the University of Saskatchewan (MSc Food Science). He worked for 44 years at the Lethbridge Research Station (Agriculture Canada), and he always found it a joy to work with students and help them in any way he could to achieve their educational and career goals. He particularly enjoyed working with colleagues from other cultures, such as China and India.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Kereliuk, children John-James Kereliuk (Courtney) Jackson and Scarlet; Andrew Kereliuk (Robyn) Leo; Ann-Elise Leal (Jordan) all of Lethbridge, AB; his mother, Zenovia of Two Hills; his brothers, James of Dauphin, MB (Carolyn deceased), Christian and Jaime Lynne; Brent of Two Hills, AB, Janine and Jacqueline; and Glenn of Vancouver, BC (Jay); sisters, Arlene of Edmonton, AB (Gene), Kevin, Joel, Philip, and David; Myrna deceased, Reid, and Neil; and Lana of Beaver County (Rodney) Lindsey, Lauren, and Luke; Christine of Vegreville, Nick; Tracy of Vegreville, Jesse. Gerald also has many aunts, uncles, and cousins and other extended family, some of whom have predeceased him and some of whom are still here. All of his family, in some way, helped form this very special man.

The family would like to thank his GP Dr. Aramide, his Oncologist Dr. Albaba, his Orthopedic Oncologist Dr. Monument, Medical Oncologist Dr. Yip, the staff at the Jack Ady Cancer Centre, particularly the chemotherapy staff, the staff of ward 4 C, especially Matthew Pigeau, the kind and compassionate staff of St. Michael's Health Centre who made Gerald's last days so comfortable, and we send out a special thank you to Dr. Smuts and Nurse BJ of Palliative care. You both always went above and beyond for Gerald, and you never gave up hope. Thank you to the people of St. Augustine's, to Rev. Steve Bateman and Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge, and to all the people who prayed and hoped during Gerald's illness.

## *Celebrating the Life of Gerald Kereliuk*

St. Augustine's Anglican Church  
411 - 11 Street South, Lethbridge AB  
Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

### *Officiating*

Rev. Steve Bateman  
Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

### *Musical Selections*

Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Lord's My Shepherd  
One Bread, One Body  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

### *Readings*

Romans 8:38-39  
Matthew 11:28-30

### *Pallbearers*

John-James Kereliuk — Andrew Kereliuk  
Jordan Leal — Glenn Keryluk  
Jesse Keryluk — Nicholas Hlady

### *Interment*

Following the Service, Gerald will be laid to rest in  
Royal View Cemetery

### *Reception*

Following the interment, family and friends  
are invited to further share this day  
in the St. Augustine's Church Hall