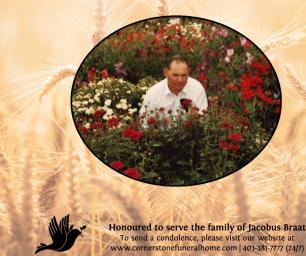
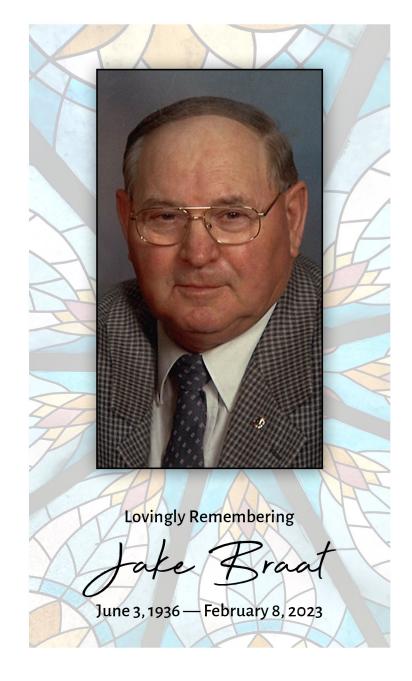


A Farmer once sat upon this seat,
tilling fields and raking wheat,
to feed family, friends, strangers too,
reminding himself what hard work can do.
He raised his kids, fed his wife,
giving thanks to God for a simple life.





ACOBUS "JAKE" BRAAT, of Lethbridge, beloved husband of Shirley Braat, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at St. Michael's Health Centre on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the age of 86 years.

Along with his loving wife Shirley, Jake is survived by his children: Jack (Lucy), Frances (Dennis), Dean (Ellen) and Mitch (Raelle), as well as six grandchildren Mishel (Desmond), Braden, Darryl, Lindsay, Connor (Seairra) and Kayla (John) and three great-grandchildren: Silas, Elaina and Devin. He is also survived by his brothers Case (Katie) and Fritz (Lisa), sister Anne (Hank) Koot and sister-in-law Mildred.

Jake was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. His life was the definition of true compassion and love. He successfully built an internationally progressive hog breeding operation, while raising a family.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth "Beth" and daughter Carol, as well as siblings John (Bep) Braat, Morris (Jane) Braat, Peter Braat, Gerry Braat and Joanne Braat.

In retirement, he always had time for coffee, whether it meant stopping for three, if not four breaks each day. Jake enjoyed time at Perlich's Auctions, as there was always time for a coffee and a piece of pie with his coffee group friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Dalphond for her care and compassion throughout the years, as well as to the staff at St. Michael's Long-Term Care for their patience, understanding and kindness.



St. Ambrose Catholic Church 1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Celebrant - Father Ian Gagne
Choir - Happy Gang Choir



Honour Guard
Knights of Columbus

Musical Selections

Entrance: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Offertory: Ave Maria
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life
Meditation: Be Not Afraid
Recessional: I Will Rise and I'll Fly Away

Readings

Isaiah 61:1-3d (Lindsay Coté)
Psalm 23 (Happy Gang Choir)
2 Timothy 4:6-8 (Marina Grant)
Matthew 11:25-30 (Father Ian Gagne)
Prayers of the Faithful (Greg Schmidt)

Reception

Following the Funeral Mass, family and friends are invited

to further share this day at the Coaldale Community Centre 1217 - 20 Avenue, Coaldale, AB

