

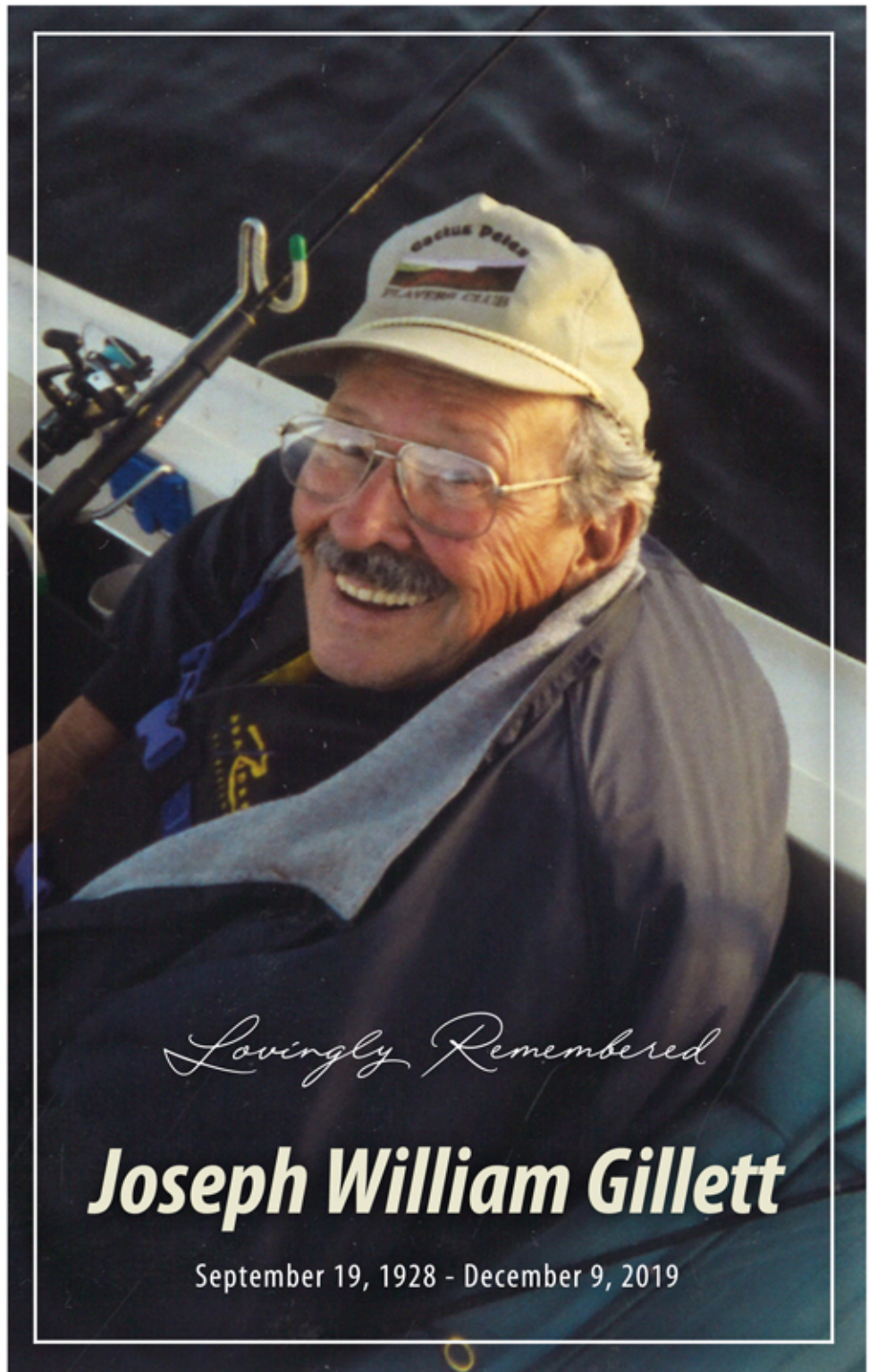
JOE'S ADOPTED CREED TO LIVE BY...

DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE, & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. ☹️ Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. ☹️ Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. ☹️ Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. ☹️ Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. ☹️ You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. ☹️ Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. ☹️ With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy. ☹️☹️



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Lovingly Remembered

Joseph William Gillett

September 19, 1928 - December 9, 2019

Joseph William Gillett was born on September 19, 1928 in Nelson, BC—the first born in a family of eight to Charlotte & George Gillett.

His family moved and lived in the river bottom in Lethbridge until flooding forced them to relocate to the north side, and like many people, they were no strangers to poverty. Joe's working career started in his early teens. In order to help the family make ends meet he took on many jobs: working in a butcher shop, a shoe repair shop, flipping burgers at the Bright Spot, acting as switchboard operator in the Lethbridge Fire Hall, delivering hats and selling pennants to the prisoners of war. Joe struck out on his own at the age of 16, when his lifelong friendship with Ken Moore began by rooming with him at the YMCA.

His first job away from home was at a lumber camp. Joe started his extensive career in construction as a labourer, working his way through the apprenticeship program as a carpenter. He was employed as a superintendent at Bird Construction for 20 years, after which he branched out on his own beginning Gillett Construction in 1966. Over the course of his working career, Joe was responsible for the construction of over 100 buildings including St. Martha's Retreat Centre, the Sportsplex, and CPR Car Shop. He was well known as an honest and ethical builder. His handshake was his word, without any exceptions.

Joe met the love of his life, Grace Bye, in the Trianon Ballroom in the forties. They spent many hours dancing to the big bands. Joe played both the violin and the banjo and entertained at many gatherings.

Joe & Grace were married on June 12, 1950, and remained married for 66 years until the time of Grace's passing in 2016. Joe & Grace were active members in the Eagle's where they formed lasting friendships. Over the years, they enjoyed many happy weekends in the family cabin at Beauvais Lake with their children and many of their friends. The couple vacationed in Hawaii, Spain and several US locations over the years, and wintered in the Good Life Resort in Mesa, AZ after retirement.

Joe was an avid golfer, and when his mobility was challenged, he became an armchair athlete watching many hours of golf on TV. He cherished the camaraderie with his golfing buddies who became his cribbage partners when weather kept them off the greens.

As a Dad, Joe was immensely proud of his family—his three children, Connie, Sandra and Joseph. He had a deep love for his grandchildren—Nicole, Ryan, Deanna and Gage—and was overjoyed with the births of his three great-grandchildren—Opal, Vienna and Andrew.

Joe touched many lives in his 91 years, and he will be greatly missed!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Joe Gillett

Cornerstone Funeral Home | 2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB
Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiant - Reverend Trevor Potter

ORDER OF SERVICE

Procession - *Autumn Leaves* by André Rieu

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading - *Psalms 121*

Eulogy - Greg Goodman

Musical Selection - *Yesterday* by Roy Clark

Words of Faith & Prayer

Musical Selection - *Unforgettable* by Nat King Cole

Announcements & Blessing

Recession - *What a Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong

RECEPTION

Following the service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Reception Room at Cornerstone for a time of fellowship and lunch

INTERMENT

Earlier in the day, Joe was laid to peaceful rest in Mountain View Cemetery

Pallbearers

Dustin Kazakoff - Gage Gillett - Barry Bartzen - Harold Loewen
Ivan Loewen - Dallas Loewen - Ken Moore (Honourary)

(Background watercolour by Connie Larson)