

# Joseph S. Meszes

May 1935 - July 30, 2012



*“And what a life lived...  
if ever there was one  
lived to the fullest,  
it was Joe’s!”*

BORN IN SZOMBATHLEY, HUNGARY, Joe was a middle child with two sisters. He immigrated to Canada in 1956 and was a fiercely proud Hungarian Canadian. Oh, how he loved Canada!

Joe lived a remarkable life. Full of adventure, heartache, war, revolution, triumph, success, loss, sorrow, love and friendship. If a true measure of a man is his friendships, then Joe was a giant. Joe’s personality and humour was one that naturally drew people to him and he left a special place in the hearts of all those lucky enough to have known him.

He was the heart of our family, our rock, our support, our wisdom and conscience.

He was kindness, generosity, love, wit, strength, humour, intelligence, faith and trusting to a fault.

He had such a strong sense of family: The joy of our lives, the spark that made our family fun.

Joe had many dear friends he loved to talk and visit with. Storytelling, laughing; he loved a good joke.

Joe loved music, to sing and to dance. He whistled when he was happy and he whistled when he was sad. He had a singing voice of a choir boy.

He loved to travel and he was well read and knew a little bit about a lot of things.

Joe battled so many illnesses from childhood on but you would not have known it for he endured his illnesses with great spirit and fight. He exuded strength beyond imagine.

It would be three aggressive cancers that would eventually take his life at age 77.

A loving husband, father and “super special papa” to this grandchildren.

We will miss how his face would light up when we would walk into the room.

How he made us feel like we were the most important person in the world.

We will miss his warm embrace, his kind words, optimism, stories, his time and his love.

Lovingly remembered by childhood sweetheart and wife Eva, daughter Fiona (Kevin) Tyler and Hana. Son Steven (Lisa) Aaron, one surviving sister and extended family in Hungary, and many, many friends.

Having lived in Hay River and Yellowknife for 30+ years, Joe was a long time northerner and lifetime member of the Elks Club. If northern friends wish to, a remembrance tribute can be made in Joe’s name to the Yellowknife Elks Club Children’s and Seniors Charities.

Messages of condolence can be forwarded to the family at [calgarysw@hotmail.ca](mailto:calgarysw@hotmail.ca). **A Celebration Of Life** will be held on **Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 2:00 pm** at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Calgary, Alberta.

We will miss him dearly but he will live forever in our hearts until we meet again.