

Louis (Lojze) Andrew Grebenc

Tuesday, March 30th, 1943 - Monday, November 2nd, 2020

Passed away peacefully at home on November 2, 2020, All Souls' Day. Lou was born on March 30, 1943 in Slovenia to Janez Grebenc (1982) and Marija Zidar (2013).

Education was key and highly encouraged in the Grebenc family. He attended St. John the Baptist School (Burlington) and Cathedral Boys' High School (Hamilton). At (Western) St. Peter's Seminary, Lou received a B.A. in Philosophy and Theology. As a priest, Lou served various parish communities in Waterloo and Hamilton, as Chaplain at the Henderson Hospital and as a participant in COR. He was further called to actively contribute to the mission in Guatemala with his good friend, Earl Talbot.



In 1978, Lou attended the University of Toronto where he received a B.Ed. As a teacher, he enjoyed working with the school communities at St. Leo and St. Ambrose (TCDSB), and, Holy Family, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary and Assumption Secondary (HCDSB).

In retirement, Lou loved to travel, listened to classical music and attended performances at Stratford, Shaw and in Toronto. He enthusiastically enjoyed sports events and was especially supportive of the Montreal Canadians and the Toronto Blue Jays. Lou was a caregiver to his dear mother and would help out with the large garden. Lou was an active volunteer member of the Canadian Slovenian Historical Society (Etobicoke) and in establishing the Slovenian/English Library at St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church (Hamilton).

Lou loved life, his faith, people, food, socializing with family and friends. He was a voracious reader of a wide variety of books that covered a multitude of topics. Lou had a sharp memory so he enjoyed healthy discussions especially in History and Religion. He possessed the natural ability to engage people in conversation who were from many walks of life and was genuinely interested in their background and heritage. Lou was proud of his Slovenian roots and his Canadian home. He was most thankful and grateful for his parents who endured hardships in order to escape the horrors of WWII in Europe.

Lou will be remembered by his siblings: the late John (Marci), Frank (Donna), Joseph (Lilian), the late Thomas (Lori), Mary, Peter and his many nieces and nephews. - Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church.

A memorial donation to a charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated.