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A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
celebrating the life of Sadley John Shindruk

9 April 2021 • 1:00 PM

Welcome to Cloverdale United Church! As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

We know that gathering in the midst of the death of a loved one can be among the most challenging of moments any of us face in the journey of life. We hope that in our words and actions together as we worship this day, not only will your mind and heart feel free to express the sorrow, grief, and other emotions they carry, but that your spirit will be lifted up in gratitude and even joy as we celebrate the life of a beloved child of God. Moreover, we hope that by what we do together today, you will hear and experience something of the gracious embrace of God and the good news of our ultimate hope in God’s victory over death and promise of new life. After all, as the Christian church it is our purpose and privilege in these moments to witness to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of life and for the gift of life eternal, and to comfort all who mourn with the assurance that *nothing* in all creation, not even death itself, can ever separate us from the love of God.

 **Washrooms** can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).

 Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

Many thanks to today’s ...

service host: Jamie Brown

digital ushers: Doug Sowerby, Terry Wright

reception hosts: CUC volunteers, coordinated by Lorrie Brown

GATHERING

Prelude

Dianne Nichols, accompanist

Opening Sentences and Words of Welcome

The Rev. Matthew Emery

Call to Worship — Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Many: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters;

One: You restore my soul and lead me in right paths for your name's sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

* Hymn — “How Great Thou Art”

Voices United #238 – vv. 1, 2, 4

* Prayer of the Day

Many: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Sadley. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, comfort us who mourn. Illumine our lives, so that we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Words of Remembrance

*Averyl, Fraser, & Alexa Shindruk
Brian Rystephanuk
Perry Shindruk*

A Remembrance in Picture and Video

Scripture Readings

Psalm 1:1-3

1st John 4:11-21

pew bibles, OT p. 489

pew bibles, NT p. 241

* Hymn — “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Voices United #266

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, *ending in* The Lord’s Prayer

Many: Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

* Commendation

One: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Sadley.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a child of your own redeeming.

Many: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,
but life everlasting. Amen.

One: All of us go down to the dust,

Many: yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Hymn — “I’ll Fly Away”

this bulletin, pg. 6

* Benediction

One: ... Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* Postlude

All are invited to join in a reception following the service in the Hall.

*In lieu of a time of sharing during the service,
the family joyfully invites your sharing in stories and remembrances
at the reception.*

Sadley John Shindruk

Born: 5 July 1936

Born to Life Eternal: 14 February 2022

Sadley John Shindruk, aged 85, passed away peacefully at Burnaby General Hospital on Monday February 14, with his family by his side. “Slim”, as he was known to his many friends, and “Gido”, as he was known to his grandchildren, was born in Sandy Lake, Manitoba on July 5, 1936, the second eldest of John and Lena Shindruk’s four children. He attended school in Sandy Lake, and in 1960 he began farming on his own on the east shore of the lake.

On July 1, 1961, Sadley married Evelyn Szwaluk, from Shoal Lake. While Evelyn taught school in the area, Sadley farmed, operated a grader for the Sandy Lake Municipality and had a gravel business. They soon welcomed two sons, Perry in 1962, and Barry in 1968.

He was a talented carpenter and built their own family home on the lake and his parents’ home in town. Over the years they welcomed many people to their beautiful farm on the lake, hosting numerous church, 4-H, and sports gatherings, as well as school picnics and family reunions.

In 1979, the family moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia. This was followed by several years in Clearbrook, and then thirty years in Cloverdale. While Evelyn taught at various schools in Abbotsford and Langley, Sadley’s first job upon arriving in B.C. was at a copper mine in Port Hardy, where he was proud to drive a giant mining truck. He then worked at the Stag Timber lumber mill in Fort Langley, and finished his career at the maintenance department of the Langley School District.

Sadley participated in many sports. He played baseball and fastpitch with Sandy Lake teams for more than 20 years, and enjoyed curling in local bonspiels. He was an excellent swimmer, taught swimming lessons and earned several distinctions as a lifeguard. He even played street hockey with his family well into his 80’s, frequently astounding them with his goalkeeping skills.

In his later years he spent many enjoyable hours watching and cheering on his children and grandchildren as they participated in their many sports and other activities.

Sadley was also an artist. After retirement, he taught himself to play the Mountain Dulcimer, and he and Evelyn performed in local festivals and seniors’ homes as the West Coast Dulcimer Duo. He enjoyed woodworking and construction, and shared his skills helping Perry and Barry with several home projects over the years. Many lucky friends and relatives cherish the beautiful cedar chests and other creations he designed, built and presented as gifts.

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"Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)"

I'LL FLY AWAY

1 Some glad mor-ing when this life is o'er,
 2 When the shad-ows of this life have gone, I'll fly a-
 3 Just a few more wea-ry days and then, fly a-way

way. To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore,
 Like a bird from pris-on bars has flow,
 To a land where joys shall nev-er end, fly a-way

Refrain
 I'll fly a-way. I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry,
 fly a way, fly a way, fly a way,

I'll fly a-way; in the morn-ing; When I die, hal-le-
 fly a-way,



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Sadley and Evelyn also enjoyed travelling the world. They visited Europe, Asia and Australia on cruise ships and bus tours, and explored many parts of North America in their motorhome. For several years they enjoyed travelling and making new friends while attending the Canadian and the World Curling Championships. A highlight for both of them was a family trip to Ukraine in 2013, where they met distant relatives and saw the villages their grandparents had left in the early 1900's.

Sadley is survived by Evelyn, his loving wife of 60 years; son Perry (Linda) and their children Averyl, Fraser, and Alexa; and son Barry (Darby) and their children Mason and Carter. He is also survived by his sister Frances Yanchycki and his brother Orest Shindruk, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Lena, and his sister Leona MacMillan.

Sadley's happiness and sense of humour were constant, even in the face of life's difficult challenges. After Evelyn's stroke in 2018, he inspired us all with his unwavering positive outlook and the loving care he provided.

Wherever he went, Sadley made true and lifelong friends. He always greeted others with a smile on his face and a teasing comment. His happiness was infectious and he will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

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