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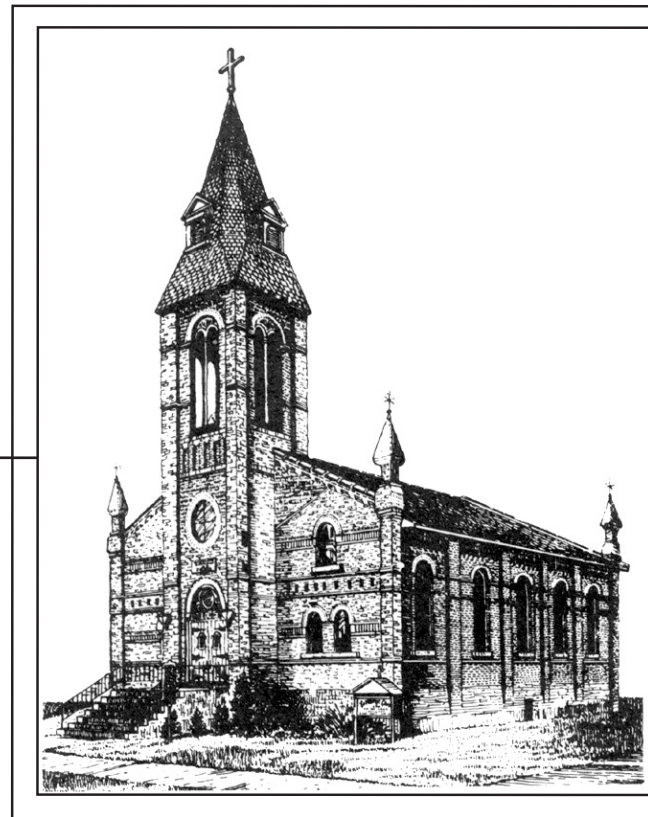
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MY BELOVED "RED" NOW HOME

This past Wednesday I had to let go of my "Baby Red", as I used to call him, as he appeared to have had a stroke the Friday before and did not make a recovery. At 10:30 am, Red left this world and my life much in the way he lived in it: quietly.



To anyone who has ever had a pet and had to say goodbye to them, either through natural old age or following an illness, it is difficult and heart-wrenching, to say the least. They become such a presence in your heart, life and home and when they are gone, it leaves such a void. Making the decision to put a pet down is far from easy as one tends to moralize

on whether it could have been different and the 'what-if's' ensue. Red, however, was ready to go and it was his time. Red was a rescue dog, brought to Ontario from Ohio after he was found abandoned in a shopping mall parking lot there. One wonders how people sleep at night after doing that to your dog who was roughly three years old at the time. I went to check out dog food that had been advertised just north of Brooklin and realized that they also board rescue dogs, many of them from Ohio. I saw Red, with his red coat, white markings and his bushy tail and remember thinking that he looked so scared. He was rather shy and quiet and I inquired about how he wound up in Brooklin. I wasn't looking for another dog as I already had two at the time. When I heard his story, I felt for the poor little guy and the manager asked me if I'd like to take him for a walk. I agreed, thinking I am not getting another dog but... as I walked, Red stayed by my side and kept looking up at me. After the walk, as I was speaking to the manager again, Red was behind me, gently placing his paw on the back of my leg. I felt as if he was saying, "You seem like a nice guy: can I go home with you?" But I wasn't getting another dog, remember.

The next day I was ironing a shirt and thinking of what a sweet dog Red was, hoping that someone would adopt him since he was so scared with the other 25 dogs at the shelter at the time, waiting for a forever home. I was ironing a shirt and listening to music when I heard the 1971 hit song, "I Need You", sung by the band America. "Like the flower needs the rain, you know I need you; like the winter needs the spring, you know I need you." 'I am not getting another dog', I told myself and yet here I was, in the car driving to get Red. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Red was a good 16-years-old and was a combination of breeds. He was actually red in colour and had a bushy tail, a line on his nose reminiscent of a beagle, but outside of that it is hard to pinpoint what he was. He was a mix, and a fine one at that. He would snuggle up to you on the couch or extend his paw to visitors while they were trying to hold a conversation. If they gave him attention, he would tuck his soft, furry head under their chin with his eyes closed. Everyone wanted to take him home. Yet, the one thing he wouldn't do was give you a lick (or a kiss). He looked like he'd rather die than do this.

Just as there was a tune in my head all those years ago which confirmed for me that I should adopt Red, there was also another song in my head that accompanied Red's last days with me. It was the 1966 hit sung by the Beach boys called, "God only knows". "God only knows what I'd be without you. If you should ever leave me...". It's a song, to be sure, from another time and written with a different meaning, yet it's strange how those lyrics and the tune can reach out to you and take hold of you. God only knows. Some may say, who never had a dog, that "it's just a dog", but I wholeheartedly disagree. A dog will give you far more than you could ever give that dog. And in that is found the great goodness of God once again. God, spelled backward. (FrC)

Where To Bury A Good Dog by Ben Hur Lampman

There are various places within which a dog may be buried. We are thinking now of a setter, whose coat was flame in the sunshine, and who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or an unworthy thought. This setter is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season the cherry strews petals on the green lawn of his grave. Beneath a cherry tree, or an apple, or any flowering shrub of the garden, is an excellent place to bury a good dog. Beneath such trees, such shrubs, he slept in the drowsy summer, or gnawed at a flavorful bone, or lifted head to challenge some strange intruder. These are good places, in life or in death. Yet it is a small matter, and it touches sentiment more than anything else.

For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, questing, asking, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps at long and at last. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture land, where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained, and nothing lost—if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog. One place that is best of all.

If you bury him in this spot, the secret of which you must already have, he will come to you when you call—come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel they should not growl at him, nor resent his coming, for he is yours and he belongs there.

People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper pitched too fine for mere audition, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them then, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing.

The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- Tuesday Nov 1
 - 8:30am Unannounced Mass
- Wednesday Nov 2
 - 7:00pm +For All the Faithful Departed
- Thursday Nov 3
 - 8:30am +Mark Stainback
Requested by Marcia & Hector Hickey
- Friday Nov 4
 - 7:30am Holy Hour
 - 8:30am Unannounced Mass
- Saturday Nov 5
 - 3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions
 - 4:30pm Living & Deceased Members of the Bondi Family
Requested by Geraldine & Frank Bondi
- Sunday Nov 6
 - 9:00am +Bernie Richer
Requested by The Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree. Fr. Lally Council
 - 11:00am For the People

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