

Celebrating the Life of Stephen Kalilec

Celebrant: Pastor Steph Brown
Homer Ave United Methodist Church

Greeting	Pastor Steph Brown
Opening Prayer	Pastor Steph Brown
Prayer	Psalm 23, The Funeral Prayer Pastor Steph Brown
Gospel Reading	John 14: 1-7 Pastor Steph Brown
Music	Gymnopedie No. 1 By: Erik Satie
Eulogy	Pastor Steph Brown

Prayer of Remembrance	Pastor Steph Brown
Music	We Will Meet Again By: Bill Evans
Benediction	Pastor Steph Brown
Closing Song	O Canada



WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

JoAnne Fassinger – Friend and Former Sister-in-Law
George Zdasiuk - Cousin
Eric Finkelstein – Cousin
Jim Walsh – Friend and Former Co-Worker
Mark Suben - Friend
Andy Kalilec - Cousin

The family of Stephen Kalilec would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and kind words of love and support.

All are invited to lunch at SUNY Cortland Alumni House following the service.
29 Tompkins St., Cortland, NY

SONG OF THE RIVER
W.R. Hearst

The snow melts on the mountain
And the water runs down to the spring,
And the spring in a turbulent fountain,
With a song of youth to sing,
Runs down to the riotous river,
And the river flows to the sea,
And the water again
Goes back in rain
To the hills where it used to be.

And I wonder if life's deep mystery
Isn't much like the rain and the snow
Returning through all eternity
To the places it used to know.
For life was born on the lofty heights
And flows in a laughing stream,
To the river below
Whose onward flow
Ends in a peaceful dream.

And so at last,
When our life has passed
And the river has run its course,
It again goes back,
O'er the selfsame track,
To the mountain which was its source.
So why prize life
Or why fear death,
Or dread what is to be?

The river ran
Its allotted span
Till it reached the silent sea.
Then the water harked back
To the mountain-top
To begin its course once more.
So we shall run
The course begun
Till we reach the silent shore.

Then revisit earth
In a pure rebirth
From the heart of the virgin snow.
So don't ask why
We live or die,
Or whither, or when we go,
Or wonder about the mysteries
That only God may know.

A Celebration of the Life of
Stephen Michael Kalilec
March 14th, 1953 – February 16th, 2026



February 27th, 2026
Wright-Beard Funeral Home
Cortland, New York