

John's Family

Wife of 60 years Dorothy Knudsen
Daughter Cathy Knudsen
Daughter Bonnie Knudsen (Rob Miller)
Son Allan (Anita) Knudsen
Grandchildren
Zachary (Courtney) McIntosh
Allyson McIntosh
Matthew Miller
Miranda Miller (Riley Beler)
Taylor Dingwall (Misty Boutin)
Holly Knudsen
Ashley Knudsen
Great-Grandchildren
Eva McIntosh
Scarlett McIntosh



Siblings Peter (Pat) Knudsen, Ken (Maxine) Knudsen
Donald (Marion) Knudsen, Evelyn (Jim) Speck
George Knudsen (Anna Bolvin)
Norman (Marilynn) Knudsen, Marilyn (Ron) Althouse
Sisters-In-Law Roberta (Richard) Essex, Karen (Brent) Silvester
and numerous nieces and nephews

Predeceased by Parents Isabel (Scott) and Gerould Knudsen
Parents-In-Law Benjamin and Lena Hughes
Son-In-Law Ronald McIntosh

Piche-Hawkins-Grondin Funeral Chapels
Assiniboia & Gravelbourg

Forever In Our Hearts



John Knudsen
1932 - 2022

John was born in Chaplin, Saskatchewan on October 6, 1932 to Isabel (Scott) and Gerould Knudsen. Raised south of Porcupine Plain with seven siblings, it was a busy and close-knit home full of love and faith. Together, they explored, worked, and played. After attending school at Pei-Wei and Porcupine Plain, John spent a short time in Ontario and B.C., working at a sawmill and fighting forest fires. The lure of Saskatchewan brought him home with the opportunity to farm at his grandparents' homestead near Shamrock under Uncle Waldemar's guidance. Joined by brother Ken, a life-long partnership began for the farm. The two of them, along with brother Peter, started the Knudsen Bros. Sawmill. The south country brought the most important part of John's life, Dorothy Grace Hughes. Married on July 15, 1961, John and Dorothy lived, laughed, and loved side-by-side for the rest of his life. They were blessed with three children, Cathy, Bonnie, and Allan. Wanting to focus on farming and family, the sawmill was closed in 1972. John loved the farm-life, growing crops and raising cattle. He had an appreciation and knowledge of nature and the land. Farming also gave him the opportunity to use his mechanical, welding, metal-working, and carpentry skills. When the grandchildren came along, Papa was beside himself with joy and pride. Family times included camping, boating, water skiing, down-hill skiing, sports, family trips, games, and kids' activities. He also enjoyed reading, hunting, puzzles, drives, auction sales, watching curling and the Toronto Blue Jays. John spent many hours volunteering in the community. He was known by all as a strong, soft-spoken, friendly man with a huge heart who could build or fix anything. To his family, he was a loving and completely devoted husband, dad, and Papa who was always kind, patient, and gentle. He was smart and had a good sense of humour, though it was often subtle. He was a man of character and quiet faith. He will be dearly missed, but his strength, love, and character are a part of us and will continue to influence us in our daily lives. Memorial donations may be made to Canadian Foodgrains Bank (website or local project John supported: "Wiwa Growing Project" Box 67, Shamrock S0H 3W0) or to Shamrock Community Hall (Box 8, Shamrock S0H 3W0).

In Loving Memory of

John Allen Knudsen

Born

October 6, 1932
Chaplin, Saskatchewan

Passed Away

January 23, 2022
Swift Current, Saskatchewan
at the age of 89 years

Celebration of Life

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 2:00 pm
Shamrock Community Hall
Shamrock, Saskatchewan

Service Leader

Murray Althouse, Nephew

Eulogy

Read by Allan Knudsen

Grandchildren's Memories of Papa

Read by Miranda Miller & Allyson McIntosh

Photo Presentation

Created by Miranda Miller

Active Pallbearers

Matthew Miller, Taylor Dingwall, Zachary McIntosh
Miranda Miller, Allyson McIntosh
Holly Knudsen, Ashley Knudsen

Interment

Shamrock Cemetery