

# Forever In Our Hearts

## **A Fisherman's Prayer** *God grant that I may fish until my dying day.*

*And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then most humbly pray.  
When in the Lord's safe landing net  
I'm peacefully asleep,  
That in His Mercy I be judged as  
big enough to keep.*



## **A Farmer's Prayer**

*I've planted many a kernel of wheat  
Welcomed many a morning sun.  
I've eaten the dust and tasted the wind,  
And I've gotten many a good job done.*

*I've climbed off the tractor with dirt on my face,  
And pain in my weary bones.  
But somehow, I always can master a grin,  
When I see the lights of home.*

*As I trudge once more through the field of my years,  
And separate chaff from the grain.  
I thank the good Lord, I can say in my heart  
That I'd do it all over again.*



**Piché-Hawkins-Grondin Funeral Chapels**  
Assiniboia & Gravelbourg

Noel Blanchette passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2024, in Moose Jaw, SK. Noel was born on December 13, 1929, in Gravelbourg, SK. He lived and farmed in the Courval district for 85 years. Noel married Jeannine O'Reilly of Scout Lake, SK, on July 18, 1959, at St. Victor, SK. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last month. They were blessed with five children: Gilbert, Richard, Denis, Suzanne, and René. Noel was an avid sports enthusiast playing fastball, hockey, curling and a passionate fisherman. Since 1998, he and his wife, Jeannine, enjoyed their cabin at Thomson Lake. In 2014, Noel and Jeannine retired to the Fairview Manor condos in Moose Jaw. He enjoyed playing cards, ice fishing at Buffalo Pound and watching sports on T.V. The news was also of great importance to him. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandkids. Noel is survived by his beloved wife, **Jeannine**; his children and their families: Son **Gilbert** (June), grandson Jerrod (Hilary), great-grandchildren Kate and Tessa, granddaughter Michelle (Ryan), great-grandchildren Ryker and Tegan. Son **Richard** (Erlinda), grandson Joshua (Shekinah), great-grandson Elijah. Son **Denis** (Christina), granddaughter Mikayla, grandson Kalan. Daughter **Suzanne** (Brent) Gibson, grandson Jeremy (Sarah), great-grandchildren Beau and Summer, granddaughter Alyssa (Chris), great-grandchildren Jett and Nash, grandson Donavon. Son **René** (Rhonda), grandson Jordon (Jessica), great-grandchildren Everleigh and Bauer, grandson Matthew (Renée), great-granddaughter Adisyn, granddaughter Cassandra (Brady), great-grandson Colt, granddaughter Jenna (Tristan). He is also survived by his sister Laurianne Gaucher and many extended family members, including sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Claire Blanchette, Doris O'Reilly, Marthe Wolensky, André & Doris O'Reilly, Gerald & Irene O'Reilly, Roger & Pauline O'Reilly, Sr Berthe O'Reilly OM, Guy & Diane O'Reilly, and Henri & Aline O'Reilly. Noel was predeceased by his parents Laureat and Exilina (née Gaudreau) Blanchette; brother Conrad Blanchette; sister and brother-in-law Rose-Aimée & Alex McGregor; parents-in-law William and Thérèse (née Beauregard) O'Reilly; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Edgar Gaucher, Léo O'Reilly, Laurent & Juliet O'Reilly, Roger Wolensky, and Gilles & Jeanne O'Reilly. Noel's legacy of hard work, love for family, and passion for the land and sports will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him.



## Noel Blanchette

In Loving Memory of  
**Noel Adrien Joseph Blanchette**

### **Born**

December 13, 1929  
Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan

### **Passed Away**

August 1, 2024  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
at the age of 94 years

### **Funeral Mass**

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph Parish  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant** - Father Adelberto "Bert" Lillo

**Readers** - Joshua Blanchette, Richard Blanchette

**Responsorial Psalm** - Shekinah Blanchette

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Everleigh Blanchette, Jordon Blanchette, Alyssa Gibson, Michelle Keck  
Matthew Blanchette, Jenna Blanchette, Cassandra Blanchette

**Offertory Gifts** - Denis Blanchette, Mikayla Blanchette

**Music** - St. Joseph Choir

**Eulogists** - Gilbert Blanchette, René Blanchette

**Special Music** - Sarah Gibson

**Urn Bearers** - Jeremy Gibson, Jerrod Blanchette

**Interment** - St. Joseph Cemetery, Courval, Saskatchewan

### **Reception**

*The family wishes to express their deepest thanks for your many expressions of kindness and for your attendance at the funeral today. Following the funeral you are invited to share in this day by joining the family for lunch in the lower Parish Hall*

### **Memorial Donations**

Heartland Hospice, Pioneer Lodge, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan