

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant:** Fr. Richard Meidl, OSB

**Music Ministry:** Lake Lenore Choir

**Crossbearer:** Taylor Tarasoff

**Scripture Readers:** Garrett Olver & Tina Kaufhold

**Intentions:** Jari Fleck

**Eulogist:** Bryan Fleck

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

All those who shared in Ralph's life.

**Urnbearers:**

Chad Hopfner                      Brendon Kleiter  
Kyle Bodnarchuk                Alex Tarasoff

**INTERMENT:**

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Donations:**

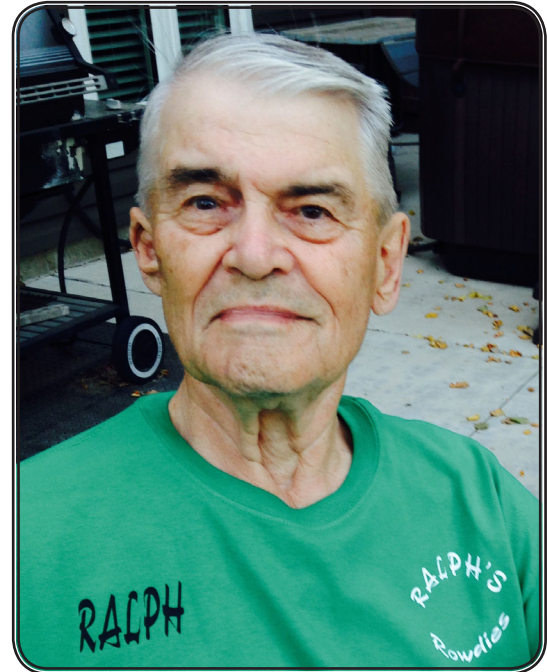
St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Care Unit      Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Luncheon:** St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church Basement

Ralph was born on December 5, 1928, to Bernard and Lorene (nee Politeski) Hopfner at home on their farm in the Lake Lenore district. He grew up there and attended Lenore Valley School until grade eight, and then St. Peter's College in Muenster for two years. Following his education, Ralph worked for SaskPower and then moved to British Columbia where he was employed at a plywood mill. He returned to Saskatchewan and, on October 16, 1956, married Dianne Struck at St. Bernard's R.C. Church in Pilger. During the first six years of their marriage, they resided in British Columbia. Four children, one son and three daughters, were born to them. Ralph and Dianne moved back to Saskatchewan and lived in Saskatoon and area for 46 years, where Ralph worked at various jobs, mainly in security at the University of Saskatchewan. He retired in 1989, but kept busy doing yard work and spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren. Ralph also loved cleaning and making beer. In 2007, he and Dianne settled in Cudworth where they continued to reside. Ralph was diagnosed with cancer in 2011 and was very proud to have beaten it. "Family first" was his motto. He was indeed a loving husband, father, grand-father and great-grandfather whose greatest source of joy and pride was his family.

Ralph will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 58 years, **DIANNE** (nee Struck) Hopfner; their four **children**, 13 **grandchildren**, and 19 **great-grand-children**: **Reg** (Linda) Hopfner and family, **Chad** Hopfner (Courtney), **Shelby** Hopfner (Nick) and children **Ethan** and **Zander**, and **Kara** Hopfner (Maurice) and children **Aliyanna** and **Payton**; **Debbie** (Robert) Bodnarchuk and family, **Darci** Bodnarchuk and son **Adam**, **Jami** (Garrett) Olver and children **Emri** and **Gracyn**, **Jari** (Bryan) Fleck and children **Marlie** and **Avery**, **Dani** (Gino) Santoro and children **Nico**, **Aria** and **Vito**, and **Kyle** Bodnarchuk (Danielle); **Arlene** (Kevin) Kleiter and family, **Tina** (Rob) Kaufhold and family, **Kenzen**, **Kyen** and **Koven**, **Brittany** (Mike) Defries and children **Hallie**, **Kayden** and **Rylan**, and **Brendon** Kleiter and son **Jaxson**; and **Lisa** Tarasoff (Tracy) and family, **Alex** Tarasoff and **Taylor** Tarasoff; one brother, **Roy** (Pauline) Hopfner; and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Bernard and Lorene (nee Politeski) Hopfner; and by three brothers: Delmer (Gen) Hopfner, Don (Phyllis) (Jennie) Hopfner, and Bernard Hopfner.

In Loving Memory Of



*Ralph Hopfner*

*Cudworth, Saskatchewan*

**BORN:**

December 5, 1928  
Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan

**PASSED AWAY:**

June 25, 2015  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**AGE:**  
86 Years

RALPH'S  
Rowdies

**APPRECIATION**

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL**

*Humboldt, Saskatchewan  
"Dedicated to those we serve."*