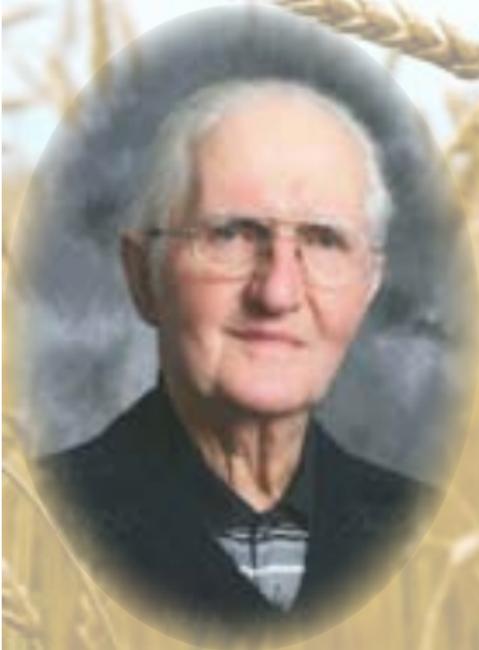


**In Loving Memory Of**

*Melvin Reiter*

June 26, 1926 - March 14, 2015

Age - 88 Years



## ***CLOSE THE GATE***

*For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.  
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.  
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.  
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.  
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,  
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.  
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.  
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,  
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.*

*Nancy Kraayenhof.*

### **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."*

## FUNERAL MASS:

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Humboldt, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ephraim Mensah

**Scripture Readers:** Tracy Smith & Cindy Polreis

**Crossbearer:** Lindsay Schommer

**Intentions:** Kim & Chris Griffith

**Urnbearer:** Jody Vedress

**Giftbearers:** Great-grandchildren

**Memorial Table Attendants:** Patricia Kunz & Wayne Kunz

**Music Ministry:** St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

**Honorary Pallbearers:** "All those who shared in Melvin's life."

**INTERMENT:** At a later date.

### Memorial Donations:

St. Mary's Villa Foundation or Humboldt District Hospital Foundation Equipment Fund

**Memorial Luncheon:** St. Augustine Parish Hall

Melvin was born on June 26, 1926, in Winnipeg, MB, and at the age of four, was taken to an orphanage in Regina, SK. On March 17, 1931, at the age of five, a move was made to Annaheim, SK, where he was adopted by Wenzel and Clara (nee Ebert) Reiter. Melvin attended Schuler School completing grade 8, and while in school he was the pitcher for the Schuler baseball team. An injury early in his teens prevented him from participating in sports but he still refereed hockey for a few years. He was a sports enthusiast all his life. On November 15, 1955, Melvin married Marcella Kunz at Annaheim and they were blessed with two daughters, Sherry and Brenda. They resided on his father's 1904 homestead and operated a mixed farm of grain, dairy cattle, hogs and chickens. In 1963 they purchased the Ray Willems farm to expand their farming operation. Disaster struck the farm in 1971, but they managed to rebuild and kept on going. Besides farming, Melvin worked with the Humboldt School Unit and drove school bus for ten years. He served as secretary on several committees such as the Annaheim Wheat Pool, Schuler Snow Plow Club and Seniors Club. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Annaheim Male Choir and served on the board of directors of the Annaheim arena association and St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation. When Marcella became ill, Melvin became her main caregiver until her passing in 1985. In the late 1980's, Melvin rented out the farm and began working with Hail Insurance in sales and adjusting, keeping him involved with the aspects of farming. In 2004, he received the Century Family Farm Award. He was an active seniors bowler and won numerous trophies as well as a provincial silver medal in 1994. On March 17, 2007, he retired and moved into Humboldt, 76 years to the day he moved onto the farm. In 2014, he became a resident of St. Mary's Villa, his home until the present. While being semi-retired, Melvin was a strong supporter of his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's academic and sporting events. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always his pride and joy and said "his great-grandchildren made his last years worth it".

Melvin is survived by his two daughters, **Sherry** (Ed) Vedress and **Brenda** Reiter; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren: **Tracy** (Linsey) Smith and family, *Dakota, Dylan, Barrett and Brock*; **Jody** (Nicole) Vedress and family, *Rhett, Colton and Kiersten*; **Lindsay** (Mike) Schommer and family, *Dayne, Abby and Kya*; **Kim** (Chris) Griffith and family, *Reid, Emmy and Jersey*; sister, Doreen Herrick; in-laws, Ted and Bernarda Kunz, Wilfred Kunz, Celestine Kunz and Kathy Kunz; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Marcella (nee Kunz) Reiter (1985); parents, Wenzel and Clara (nee Ebert) Reiter; sister, Marion (Bernard) Schultz; brother, Allan Reiter; brothers-in-law, Steve Herrick, Norbert Kunz and Alois Kunz; and sister-in-law, Irene Kunz.