

Choiceland Town is in the North  
It is a real good town  
We have a good Policeman  
He keeps the criminals down.

His name is JOHN ILNISKY  
He drives both day and night,  
We will never get a man like him,  
He keeps the traffic right.

ILNISKY is a good sized man  
He never will back down  
From the biggest man that he will meet,  
In the country or the town.

He chases all the law breakers  
He has a real good car,  
He will follow them to HALIFAX,  
Or even on to MARS.

When the people heard he's leaving,  
They all sat down to sigh  
You could see some little tear drops,  
And some began to cry.

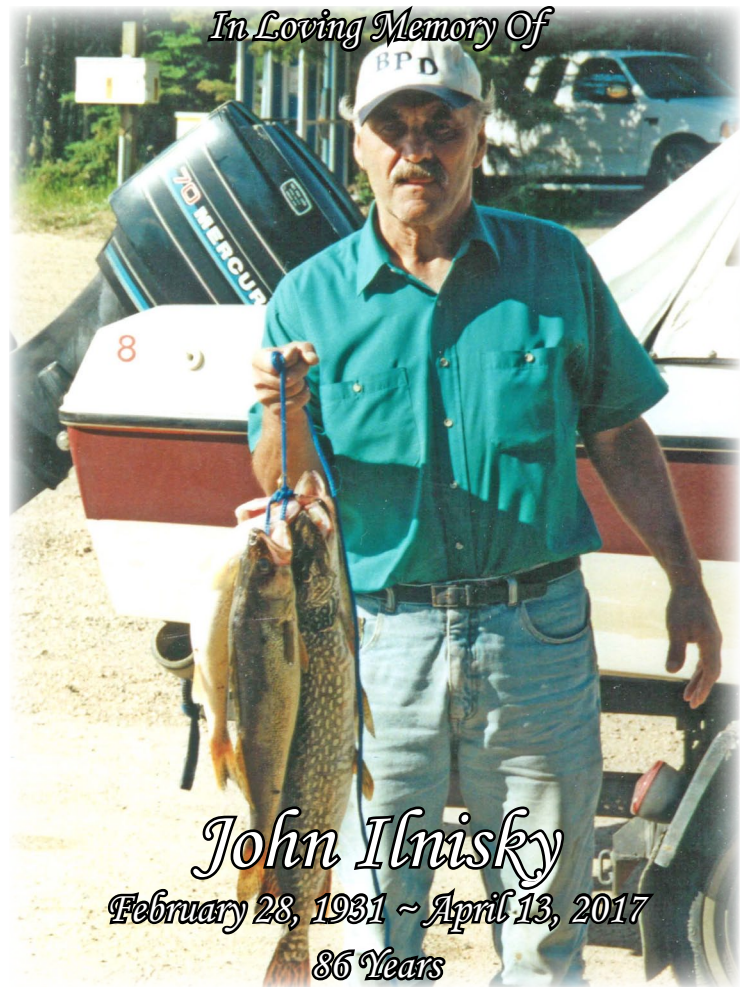
He's going to KINISTINO,  
It is a lucky town,  
There will always be a silence  
When ILNISKY is around.

**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."*



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:**

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

Schuler-Lefebvre Funeral Chapel Humboldt, Saskatchewan

**Officiant:**

Rev. Al Hingley

**Memorial Donations:**

Canadian Diabetes Association

or

Kidney Foundation of Canada

**INTERMENT:**

To be held at a later date



"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."  
(John 11:25-26 NKJV)

John was born February 28, 1931 in Gronlid to Ukrainian immigrants. He spent his youth on the farm. As a young adult, he worked various jobs including Slumber J Oil, auto body mechanics and Melfort Creamery. John met Nettie Gusnowski in Saskatoon in 1955 and they were married in Calgary in 1956. They lived in Melfort until 1965 and then moved to Choiceland where John started his career in law enforcement. In 1967 they moved to Kinistino where he continued policing and in 1970 they moved to Watson where John was the Chief of Police for Watson and surrounding municipalities until his retirement in 1980, where he earned the nickname "Watson John." He was passionate about hockey and he was the manager for the Watson Saints Jr. B hockey team for many years. John's hobbies included gardening with Nettie; fishing with his brother-in-law Ed and grandson Brandon; hunting and camping. He was a sports enthusiast, and enjoyed watching curling, hockey, baseball and football. He was a die-hard Rough Rider and Blue Jays fan. He loved to meet new people and never lacked for interesting conversation, he loved to tell stories and jokes, debate politics and he could sell sand in the Sahara Desert. John liked to reminisce about his trip to California, when he and Nettie took his grandson Christopher to Disneyland and Universal Studios and his trip to Whitehorse and Alaska where he fished and spent time with family. After retirement, John and Nettie enjoyed travelling to Alberta to visit family and road-tripping around the local communities in Saskatchewan visiting friends and selling JI's Mouse Deodorizer to farmers and small businesses. He was a friend to many, and he was loved deeply by his wife, children and grandchildren.

John will be greatly missed by his wife Nettie (nee Gusnowski) Ilinsky a nurse (retired) and homemaker; daughter, Darcy Halbreich (Ilinsky) from San Jose, CA; son, Leslie Ilinsky (Charlene) from Regina, SK; son, Richard Ilinsky (Tina) from Watson, SK, and grand-daughters Rachel and Jamie, 2 great-grandsons and 1 great grand-daughter; daughter Valerie Ilinsky (Clarence Nowosad) from Melfort, SK and grandson Christopher (Brittany), great-grandson Daeton Brice, and grandson Brandon Brice; his siblings, Walter Ilinsky from Gronlid, SK; Russel Ilinsky from Kinistino, SK; Elsie Woolsey from Kenora, ON; Ann Howorth from Winnipeg, MN; and Judy Ilinsky from Toronto, ON. John was predeceased by his parents Kost and Anna Ilinsky; and siblings: Paul Ilinsky, Anna Holodnuik, Mary Ilinsky.