

*Memories Build A Special Bridge*

*Our memories build a special bridge  
When loved ones have to part,  
To help us feel we're with them still  
And soothe a grieving heart.*

*Our memories span the years we shared,  
Preserving ties that bind.  
They build a special bridge of love  
And bring us peace of mind.*

*(Emily Matthews)*

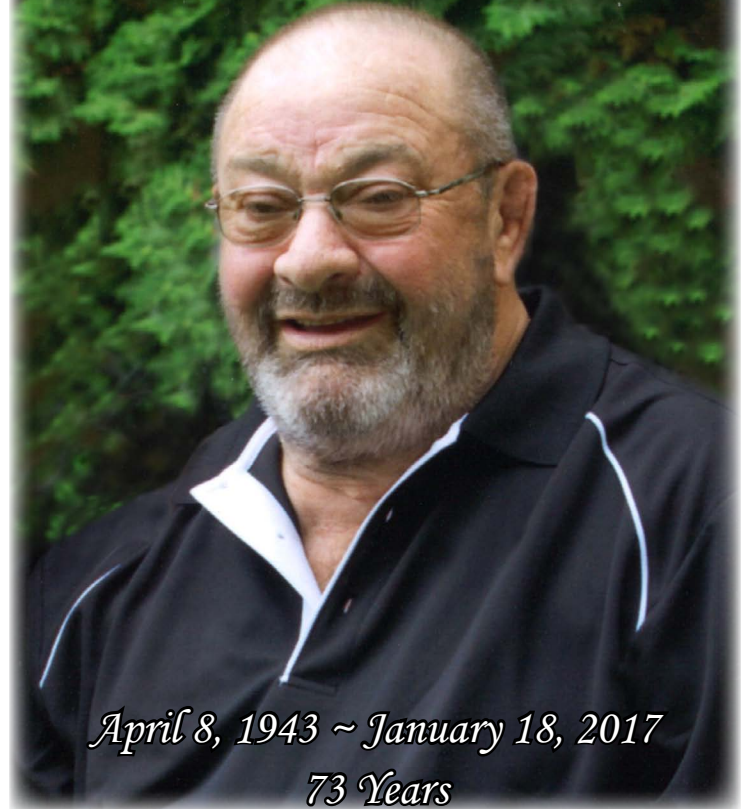


**APPRECIATION**

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."*

*In Loving Memory Of  
Melvin Messmer*



*April 8, 1943 ~ January 18, 2017*

*73 Years*

## **FUNERAL MASS:**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

### **Celebrant:**

Fr. Joseph Salihu

### **Crossbearer:**

Mason Arnason

### **Mass Servers:**

Benji Schlosser and Bill Bergermann

### **Scripture Readers:**

Kendall Freriks and Shyla Freriks

### **Intentions:**

Chase Arnason, Nathen Stuckel and Branden Stuckel

### **Giftbearers:**

Shelby Hastings and Jasmine Messmer

### **Music Ministry:**

Director: Loretta Schugman Organist: Dolores Hinz  
and members of St. Augustine Parish Choir

### **Memorial Table Attendants:**

Mary Schlosser and Kathy Tumback

### **Honorary Pallbearers:**

“All those who shared in Mel’s life.”

### **Urnbearer:**

Calen Stuckel (and all the rest of the grandchildren)

## **INTERMENT:**

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Cemetery Humboldt, Saskatchewan

### **Memorial Donations:**

Humboldt District Hospital Palliative Care Unit or Sask Abilities Council

### **Memorial Luncheon:**

St. Augustine Parish Hall, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Mel was born on April 8, 1943, to Mike and Agnes (nee Lanz) Messmer in Humboldt, SK. He completed his education at St. James School. Mel grew up on a farm near Stoney Lake and helped on the family farm, where his love for horses grew. Mel also had the gift of music which was showcased at an early age when he played his accordion at his Grade 1 school Christmas concert. He was very mechanically inclined and at age 16 started his first job working for Len Kommes at Humboldt Motors in 1959. His mechanics career saw him working at several garages around town including Dust Motors for Donny and Boots Dust, Bernard Motors, Leo Tonn’s Garage, and then back to Humboldt Motors where he worked for Herb and Cliff Schlosser. Mel’s love for everything “Ford” began early in his life. He retired in 1988 from Humboldt Motors when a disabling shoulder injury took him away from his passion. One of his fondest memories was touring the Ford Factory in Detroit in 1979 – a trip he truly enjoyed. His mechanical expertise was not only limited to the auto industry but to anything that needed fixing. Mel met the love of his life, Jean Frank, at a young age and they were wed on July 13, 1963. They had three daughters whom he adored. They lived in town for a couple of years and then made their home on the acreage where Mel and Jean resided until 2010. Due to Mel’s declining health, the last six years they have resided at Eastside Village where despite Mel’s struggles he made many good friends and many wonderful memories. His family meant the world to him and he enjoyed many conversations and jokes with his children and grandchildren. The joyous energy of the great-grandchildren always made Mel chuckle and put a big smile on his face. Mel will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife of 53 years, **Jean** (nee Frank) Messmer; his three daughters: **Nadine** (Leon) Stuckel and their family, **Calen**, **Branden** (Blake Babcock), and **Nathen** (Danielle Franks); **Lisa** (Duane) Freriks and their family, **Shyla** (Sean) Miller and his daughter **Mya**, **Shelby** (TJ) Hastings, and **Kendall** (Brandon Schreiner); **Pamela** (Vance) Arnason and their family, **Jasmine** and **Aubrey** (Trevor) Bailey, **Chase** and his daughter **Tahlia**, **Savannah** (Jordan) Gursky and their children **Cole** and **Emma**, and **Mason**. There was also a Special Place in Mel’s heart for his five Godchildren: Corey Krentz, Holly Vedress, Troy Elkin, Wes Messmer, and Trish (Elkin) Hunter. Mel is also survived by his sisters: Barbara Reifferscheid, and Kathy (Orest) Polowick; brother, Dennis (Flora) Messmer; sister-in-law, Ann Messmer; brother-in-law, Jerome Reifferscheid; Jean’s family: brother-in-law, Larry (Sharon) Frank; sisters-in-law: Sandra (Dave) Elkin, and Adele (Randy) Burynuik; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Mike and Agnes (Lanz) Messmer; Jean’s parents, Alois and Edith (Jordan) Frank; brother, John Messmer; sisters: Rose Reifferscheid and Jean Knitter; brothers-in-law, George Reifferscheid, Henry Knitter; and nephews Dean Messmer and Timothy Polowick.