

The Farmer's Creed

I believe that a man's greatest pride is his dignity
and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe that hard work and honest sweat
are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite it's hardships and disappointments,
is the most honest and honorable way a man
can spend his days on earth.

I believe that farming nurtures the close family
ties that make life rich in ways that money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime
and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life
and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth,
growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe that the best things in life are indeed free;
the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces
and the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe that true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in
the field, your children grow tall in the sun,
your whole family feels pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil, I am giving more to the world
than I am taking from it; an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe that my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done
for my fellow man, and by this statement I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days,
he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming, because it makes all this possible.

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 William "Bill" Chyz



June 28, 1926 ~ July 2, 2018
92 Years

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

Sunday, September 2, 2018 - 2:30 p.m.

Watson Public Cemetery, Watson, Saskatchewan

Celebrant:

Father Mateo Carboni

Scripture Reader:

Donnelda Kavalench

Eulogist:

Frank Amon

Urnbearer:

Stewart Chyz

Honor Guard:

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion

INTERMENT:

Watson Public Cemetery Watson, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

Royal Canadian Legion Watson Branch 272 or Alzheimers Society

Memorial Luncheon:

Watson Legion Hall, Watson Saskatchewan

William, better known as Bill, is survived by **Shirley** (nee Nabseth) Chyz, the love of his life and his wife of 67 years; their five children: **Christine** (Frank) Amon, **Tracey** Parenteau, **William** "Bill Jr." (Doreen), **Donnelda** Kavalench, and **Stewart**; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and his only sister Lillian Franko. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Mike and Helen (nee Prosko) Chyz; his three brothers: Melvin, Robert, and Ronald; and by his grandson, Clancy Kavalench.

Bill attended Selkirk School close to the farm he grew up on, and was counted on to help out with the farm work and to help neighbours as well, thus building his work ethic and abilities in many areas. He joined the armed services, went to agriculture college, and worked in sales and heavy construction, before settling down in marriage and raising the family on the Chyz farm homestead northeast of Watson and north of Quill Lake. While still farming, Bill was very active with the National Farmers' Union and an advocate for the underdog. He enjoyed working with and meeting new people throughout his life. Bill had many interests, including sports (especially softball and curling), playing card (he had been a Provincial crib champion), attending social events, dancing, travelling, reading, and he had an appreciation of good food. During the 1970s, farming became very challenging for them, so in 1973, Bill and Shirley and their two youngest children moved to Kelowna, BC, with hopes to improve their finances and future. Bill began this new era as a welder with AGM Steel Industries in Winfield, and then Reidco Metal Industries in Kelowna as a precision metal fabricator until early retirement and moved back to Watson in 1989, when their parents' health began failing. While in Kelowna, they were very socially active with many others who were removed from their Saskatchewan roots. A quiet, restful retirement was not something that suited Bill, nor was it wanted. There was plenty of involvement in many community projects over the years with Shirley by his side; they included recognition as Citizens of the Year, and for many years with Watson Housing, initiating Sunshine Manor, the Santa Claus Tourist attraction, the golf course improvements, and various fundraisers. Bill was also an active Legion member. To add a little more travelling to the mix, Bill took up sales with Chegus RV Sales Ltd of Watson for many years. Over the last number of years, Bill was challenged with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and recurring pneumonia. Even so, he was determined to be strong and to fight through it so he could be there for Shirley, as her health was failing.