



Ascension

And if I go,
while you're still here...

Know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure
--behind a thin veil you cannot see through.

You will not see me,
so you must have faith.

I wait for the time when we can soar together again,
--both aware of each other.

Until then, live your life to its fullest.

And when you need me,

Just whisper my name in your heart,

...I will be there.

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 **Ernest Oscar Klatt**



December 9, 1924 ~ June 19, 2018
93 Years

FUNERAL SERVICE: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Officiant: Pastor George Hind

Organist: Sharon Moir

Scripture Reader: David Klatt

Gospel Reading: Harvey Klatt

Psalm 23: Entire Congregation

Memories and Reflections:

Ernie's grandchildren represented by Michael Dunham

Eulogist: Rev. Jack Robson

Memorial Table Attendant: Natalie Lohman

Honorary Pallbearers:

John Rode Michael Dunham

Trevor Dunham Jesse Klatt Ryan Klatt

INTERMENT: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Esk, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations: Esk Lutheran Cemetery Fund

or

Stars Air Ambulance Hangar 21, 2475 Airport Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7L 1M4

Memorial Luncheon: Lanigan Town Hall

Ernest will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, **Audrey** (nee Paproski) Klatt; children, **Claudette** (Larry) Rode; **Gary** (Penny) Klatt; **Donna** (Bruce) Dunham; and **Dean** (Cheryl) Klatt; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: **Leanne** Schenn and children **Rayden**, **Katanna** and **Drake**; **John** (Euvgenia) Rode and children **Tim** and **Jacob**; **Ashley** (Dakota) Klatt and **Jesse** Klatt; **Michael**, **Kelsey**, **Stacie** and **Trevor** Dunham; **Michelle** (Nick) Klatt and baby **Jude**, **Ryan** (Nancy) Klatt and **Carlie** Klatt; sister, Grace Klatt; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ernest was predeceased by his parents, Reinhard and Anne (nee Teske) Klatt; brothers: Werner (Esther) Klatt, John Klatt and Wilbur Klatt; sister, Lillian (Edwin) Greve; and niece Dianne Grosso.

Ernie was born to Reinhard and Anne (Teske) Klatt on December 9, 1924, in their home near Esk, SK. He attended Brindle School in the RM of LeRoy, where his favorite subjects were literature, geography and history. Following school, he worked on his parents' farm, and in 1944 his dad helped him purchase his first ½ section of land. He spent the winter of 1944-45 clearing brush on 100 acres of this ½ section, and spent the spring and summer of 1945 picking rocks and breaking land with a 22" plow. His first crop was seeded in the spring of 1946, and by that time he had begun custom brush-cutting for other farmers in the area. In addition, he also started a business doing track and roller service and repairs on crawler tractors with his brothers John and Wilbur. Ernie married his lifelong sweetheart, Audrey Paproski, on January 3, 1955. They established their home three miles east of Sinnett on the same ¼ of land that the former Brindle School was situated on. Ernie kept the grove of trees intact that had surrounded the school to retain the landmark, which is still there today. Ernie and Audrey were blessed with four children, Claudette, Gary, Donna and Dean, along with sons-and-daughters-in-law, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Although he had many ventures and interests, farming was Ernie's passion. He enjoyed spending time in "the shop" and enjoyed the challenge of fixing, repairing and creating. He was an accomplished welder, businessman, machinist and engineer... all with a Grade 8 education. Ernie acquired his private pilot's license in 1958. Along with his pilot-friend Henry Harms, Ernie took Audrey and flew to Aklavik, NWT, on June 19th, 1968, to visit Audrey's sister who was a teacher there. They were inside the Arctic Circle for the longest day of the year. In 1967 - 68, Ernie built a grain elevator on the farm. It still serves as a grain storage facility, and is a noted landmark in the countryside. Ernie and Audrey moved their family to Sorrento, BC, in 1969, where Ernie was the co-owner of a residential land development called Cedar Heights on Shushwap Lake. This venture added



"logger", "road builder" and "land developer" to his list of accomplishments. When the development was complete, the family moved back to the farm. In addition to all the projects that kept Ernie busy within the shop and on the farm, he also enjoyed playing on the Sinnett hockey team, golfing, collecting antique wrenches, stonework using field stone, and restoring his 1929 Nash. Ernie was a member of the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers, and the Scattered Spokes Antique Car Club, and attended church at Zion Lutheran in Esk, Zion Lutheran in LeRoy/Jansen, and at Trinity Lutheran in Lanigan. Ernie's love of family history and travel led them to the Ukraine in May of 1993. Their tour included a river cruise, and a tour of the area formerly known as Volhynia, which was the home of Ernie's father and grandparents who had operated a windmill for grinding grain before immigrating to Canada. Ernie walked across the bridge that his own father had crossed each day on his way to school - an emotional event for Ernie. Ernie and Audrey enjoyed spending winters in Phoenix for over 25 years. He continued to farm along with his sons, Gary and Dean, until 2011, when the decision was made to sell the farm and enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Ernie and Audrey moved into Lanigan in 2012. Exactly 50 years to the day after his flight to Aklavik, Ernie's final flight took him to meet our Lord on June 19, 2018.