

*Gone from our sight  
but never our memories*



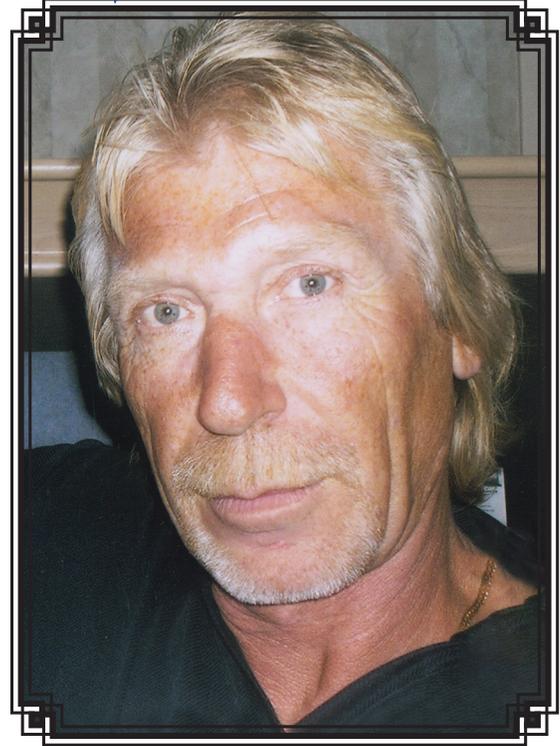
*Gone from our touch  
but never our hearts.*

**APPRECIATION**

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

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"Dedicated to those we serve."

*In Loving Memory Of  
Ralph Leo Klassen*



*September 15, 1955 ~ August 3, 2020  
64 Years*

**FUNERAL MASS:**

Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Cathedral, Muenster, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant:** Abbot Peter Novocosky, OSB

**Scripture Readers:** Janessa Puetz & Shelby Gerwing

**Intentions:** Cole Puetz

**Urbearers:** Bruce Puetz & Chris Klassen

**Eulogist:** Jon Klassen & Pam Komonoski

**INTERMENT:**

St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Cemetery, Muenster District, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Donations:**

St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Cemetery Fund  
(c/o P.O. Box 4043, Humboldt, SK, S0K 2A0)

or

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Palliative Care  
(1702 20th Street, Saskatoon, SK, S7M 0Z9)



Ralph is survived by his partner, Bev Kydd (Valerie and Bruce); his son Christopher (Jen) Klassen; siblings: Dennis Klassen, Pat (Con) Menz, Cy (Joanie) Klassen, Ken (Maureen) Klassen, Wendelin Klassen, Jr., and Sandra (Denis) Mouillierat; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Wendelin and Tillie Klassen; brothers, Larry Klassen and Duane Klassen; brother-in-law, Harold Puetz; and sister-in-law, Stella Klassen.

Ralph was born to Wendel and Tillie (nee Schedlosky) Klassen on September 15, 1955. He grew up on the family farm, the youngest of nine siblings. Hockey started for him at an early age on a full-size rink at the St. Gertrude School which his dad and several other trustees built. Ralph left home at the very young age of 15 when he was drafted by the Saskatoon Blades of the WHL. After an exceptional Junior Hockey career with the Blades, he was picked 3rd overall in the 1975 NHL draft to the California Golden Seals. The last five years of a nine-year career ended in St. Louis, MO. Upon retirement from his NHL career, Ralph went on to work with Canada Post for 30 plus years. During this time, hockey continued to be a big part of his life and he spent many years coaching the Saskatoon Blazer AAA midget team, and the Junior B Warman Valley Crusaders, winning the Western Canadian title. He also had a two-year stint with the Saskatoon Rage (SJHL) and ended with the Warman Senior hockey team. He also enjoyed several years playing with the Muenster Saints fastball team, where he was re-united with several other past NHL players. Ralph drew a crowd wherever he went because of his sense of humor and easy-going personality. He had a big heart and never judged anyone. His laugh was infectious and he made many friends who would agree that he was one-of-a-kind. Family meant everything to Ralph; one of his most important roles in life was becoming a father to Christopher. It was evident to everyone in the family how much Christopher meant to him. They were best friends. His love carried on to nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews – everyone has their own special memories of Uncle Ralph to hold on to. Ralph never missed a family gathering with siblings and in-laws. He valued his time spent with each and every one of them and the Kaiser games went on for hours. All his brothers and sisters had a very unique and special bond with him.