

The Farmer

A varied and busy man is he,
Like a searching, working honey bee.
He lends a touch of the Master's hand,
As he plans and labors on his land.
Many changes has he seen in his farming days
From ancient to modern, to sophisticated ways,
The climate in Canada is right he knows,
Thus the world's best grain and beef he grows.
The farmer becomes the main supplier indeed,
For the world's hungry as he fills their need.
He continues the creative work of God!
Every time he plants a seed or turns the sod.
He believes it his heritage to work the land,
To produce all he can from the willing sand.
When the farmer has money he spends it well,
For as long as his produce is there to sell.
If the crops are poor or the prices too low,
For the country it means a reduced cash flow.
It does the farmer's pride no harm,
When a son or daughter continues to farm.
The most creative artist of the universe is he,
Whether he plants a seed or a roadside tree.
As permanent as the earth this farmer is,
Life's values and freedoms are truly his.
Though some days are uncertain and full of strife,
For the farm family it is a way of life.

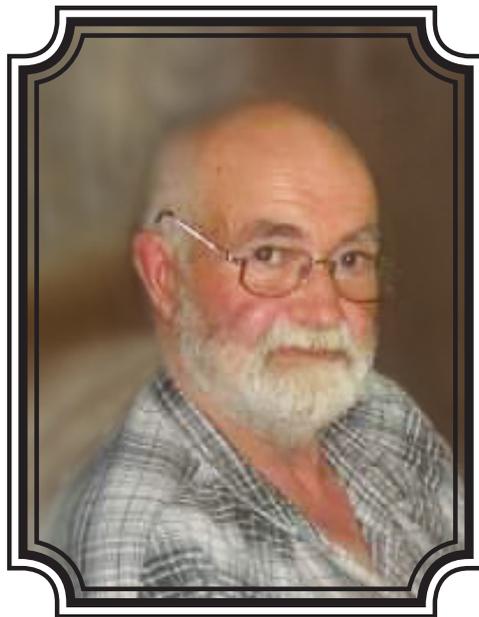
A.C. (Tony) Steiert
Alsask, Saskatchewan

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 Jerome Edwin Nick Rath



February 27, 1943 ~ January 6, 2020

76 Years

FUNERAL MASS:

Saturday, January 11, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant: Fr. Prosper Abotsi

Crossbearer: John Benning

Scripture Readers:

Linda Schoettler & Randy Korte

Intentions: Laurie Rath

Giftbearers:

Dylan Compagna Zoey Compagna Russell Koch

Music Ministry:

Director: Loretta Schugmann Organist: Dolores Hinz
Members of the St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

Eulogists:

Linda Schoettler & Danette Lemmerick

Memorial Table Attendants:

Roxanne Rath & Danette Lemmerick

Active Pallbearers:

Ken Schoettler Holly Jensen Jennifer Schoettler
Curtis Schoettler Stephanie Schoettler Trevor Agar

Honorary Pallbearers:

“All those who shared in Jerome’s life.”

INTERMENT:

St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Cemetery, Muenster, Saskatchewan

Memorial Luncheon:

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Hall, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Cemetery Fund
c/o P.O. Box 10, Muenster, SK, S0K 2Y0

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Parish Centre
P.O. Box 1989, Humboldt, SK, S0K 2A0

Jerome was born on February 27, 1943, to August and Paula (nee Menz) Rath, in Humboldt, SK, and he grew up on the family farm, east of Burr, SK. His education was through Shady Bluff and Caseyville schools and by the early 1970’s, Jerome took over running the farm. As a child, Jerome was a member of the 4-H Club and as a young adult, joined the LeRoy Elks. On July 9, 1977, Jerome married Eileen Schoettler, in LeRoy, SK, and with his marriage, he became the stepfather to Eileen’s son, Ken. Later, Jerome and Eileen had two daughters, Pauline and Amanda, and the couple farmed together until Eileen’s passing in 1986. He was a very hard worker and with the loss of Eileen, Jerome put every effort into making a wonderful home for the girls growing up. Jerome raised cows, pigs, ducks, chickens and geese, and he produced grain and had a large garden, which he was always happy to share. He was very proud of his farm life. When handling the animals and the fields became too much for him, Jerome focused on his gardening and baking for the Farmer’s Market in Humboldt. In his later years, as his health slowed him down, Jerome moved to the Harry Ford Centre in Humboldt, but his heart always remained on the farm, and Pauline took over its operation at this time. While in his new home, Jerome enjoyed playing bingo and cards with the other residents and welcoming everyone for family gatherings, never failing to celebrate a birthday or other milestone. Just as at the farm, the door was always open, you were welcomed with a smile and Jerome made sure that you never left hungry. Jerome was a wonderful grandfather, taking special care, and making sure that the kids always had a treat from the candy drawer, as well as great memories, such as Dylan’s first tractor ride when he was just seven days old! Jerome was a kind and gentle man, known for his care of the land and of his family, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Jerome will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his daughters: **Pauline** Rath (Russell Koch) of Burr, SK, and **Amanda** (Guy) Compagna and family, **Dylan** and **Zoey** of Humboldt, SK; his stepson, **Ken** (Linda) Schoettler and family, **Holly** (Jacob) Jensen, and family, **Declan** and **Bailey** of LeRoy, SK, **Jennifer** Schoettler (James Myers) of Humboldt, SK; **Curtis** (Melissa) Schoettler of Watson, SK, and **Stephanie** Schoettler (Morgan Buhs) of Watson, SK; by his siblings: Gert Schmitz, Dolores Lemmerick, Vivian (Hugo) Korte, Greg (Sandi) Rath, and Larry (Evelyn) Rath; sisters-in-law, Rosella Rath and Cathy Rath; brother-in-law, Don Korte; and by many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives from the Schoettler family, and friends. Jerome was predeceased by his wife Eileen, (1986); his parents, August and Paula (nee Menz) Rath; his brothers, Mathias and Robert; his sister, Marilyn; and his brothers-in-law, Dick Lemmerick and Lorne Schmitz.