



**LUTHERAN FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church LeRoy, Saskatchewan

**Officiant:**

Rev. Melissa Hoehm

**Scripture Readers:**

Cindy Binsfeld & Kari Boyko

**Tribute:**

Fetter Family

**Music:**

Adeline Block

**Vocalists:**

Harlan & Heather Block

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

"All those who shared in Ervin's life."

**Active Pallbearers:**

Wayne Thoen  
Greg Holfeld  
Kelly Fetter

Darcy Matsalla  
Darren Koenig  
James Pelech

**INTERMENT:**

LeRoy Public Cemetery LeRoy, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Donations:**

"Every Heart Matters Campaign"  
c/o Royal University Hospital Foundation  
103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W8

**Memorial Luncheon:**

LeRoy Wildlife Hall

Ervin grew up on the family farm near LeRoy, SK and attended LeRoy School. After high school he attended the University of Saskatchewan for a short time. From there he moved to Kelowna, BC, where he worked with his brother-in-law Lucien. He eventually returned to Saskatchewan where he and his brother operated the family farm until Herman's passing in 2009, after which Ervin and Carol continued to operate the farm. Ervin met Carol Binsfeld in 1998 and they were married in 2004. He was known as a big teaser and always wanted to pull a prank on someone. Ervin was also known for his bright eyes and smiley face; even through tough times, he could always manage a joke or a bright smile to get him through. He was a very hard worker and took great pride in any job he did, and he was also a very kind man, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. Ervin was a loving husband, and he and Carol worked hard together to operate the farm, although when they could, they would find the time to enjoy camping, fishing and the company of family and good friends. He was a very proud and loving father to his two girls and enjoyed their visits immensely. He would take them to the farm for tractor rides and for crop checking. Ervin was very proud of each of them and their accomplishments.

Ervin will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Carol (nee Binsfeld) Dotschkat of 10 years, of LeRoy, SK; his two daughters: Amanda Dotschkat of Kelowna, BC, Bobbie Lee Dotschkat of Montreal, PQ, and their maternal mother Debra Dotschkat of Kelowna, BC; his mother, Erna (nee Zacharias) Dotschkat of Saskatoon, SK; two sisters: JoAnne (George) Pelech of Martensville, SK, and family Kari Lynn (Aaron) Boyko and daughters Hannah and MacKenze of Martensville, SK, James (Angie) Pelech and son Lincoln of Edmonton, AB; Karen Azure and family Dawn (Andrew) Martell and daughters Julietta and Lilah of Saskatoon; niece and nephew, Mykala and Garry Dotschkat of Lanigan, SK; uncles: Oscar and Herman Zacharias; and numerous cousins; mother-in-law, Agnes Binsfeld of Watson, SK; in-laws: Richard (Ann) Binsfeld and family of Watson, SK, Annette Koenig and family of Watson, SK, Clifford (Elma) Binsfeld and family of Lloydminster, AB, Lorne (Linda) Binsfeld and family of Saskatoon, SK, Pat Pitka and family of Watson, SK, Wilfred (Joanne) Binsfeld and family of Muenster, SK, and Leander (Cindy) Binsfeld and family of Viscount, SK; and by numerous nieces and nephews of the Binsfeld family. He was predeceased by his father, Adolph Dotschkat; sister, Ingrid Dotschkat; brothers, Herman Dotschkat and Eric Dotschkat (in infancy); brothers-in-law, Lucien Azure and Reinard Pitka; and father-in-law, Michael Binsfeld.

In Loving Memory Of



*Ervin Dotschkat*

LeRoy, Saskatchewan

**BORN:**

March 6, 1962  
LeRoy, Saskatchewan

**DIED:**

May 15, 2014  
LeRoy, Saskatchewan

**AGE:**

52 Years

*I am only a farmer.*

*I know the sun better than anyone, and the soil, and the wind, and the rain.*

*I am the man who works with them, who lives with them, who loves them,  
and who sometimes fears them.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am the sower of seeds. I am the reaper of the harvest.*

*I am sweat, and tears, and pride.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am the man who feeds the young, and the old, the weak, and the strong.*

*I am the black earth of Spring, the green hills of Summer, the harvest gold of Autumn,  
And the cold white stillness of Winter.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am warm memories of the past, the steady reality of the present,  
and the hopeful dream of the future.*

*I am an optimist, a thinker, a watcher, And a doer.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I live in a complex world, made of simple things;  
and they are the source my joy, and hope, and comfort.*

*I have walked in the morning fogs. I have paused for the Summer song of the meadowlark  
And I have savored the breeze off freshly cut hay.*

*I have paused, remembering, by the stream I knew as a boy.*

*I have felt the power of a thousand storms.*

*I have rejoiced in the fresh world left in their wake.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am an accountant, chemist, and doctor.*

*I am a midwife, and a mechanic. I am a seller, trader, and buyer.*

*I am husband, helper, and partner to my wife.*

*I am a father, friend, comforter, and a teacher to my children.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*Not a man of riches, but a man of great wealth.*

*I have learned to treasure life and all things living.*

*To respect their maker and my own.*

*I am humbled by the earth's bounty and awed by endless rebirth.*

*I am fascinated by the marvelous intricacies of my world and enriched by their beauty.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*If a man can truly be free, then truly I am.*

*The day, the week, the month they have been entrusted to me. They are mine to spend.*

*They are mine to invest. They are mine to use wisely.*

*It is a solitary profession I have chosen; Or, perhaps, that I have been chosen for.*

*A profession where there are no certainties. Where no guarantees are granted,*

*No promises given, no excuses taken.*

*I have but one man to answer to, one man to depend on, one man to confide in;*

*And in the quiet of the years, I have come to know him well.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am perseverance, and creativity, and courage.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*I am confidence, and ingenuity, and intelligence.*

*I am only a farmer.*

*A seeker of excellence... and I will endure.*

*Anonymous*

**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."*