



**BARTEL,
Roy Orville**

Roy Bartel, aged 88 years, passed away peacefully at Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Roy was born on June 14, 1930 to August and Margaret Bartel on their home-quarter 10 miles west of Drake. Roy attended Wilmot School, Kansas School and finished his high school in

Drake. Roy excelled in math, music, and sports. Being the youngest of four children resulted in being a quick learner. Roy grew up attending the country North Star Mennonite Church receiving baptism and membership in his teens. He actively took part in youth group, Sunday school, choir and continued serving on many boards, locally and provincially, for the rest of his life. After high school he attended Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg for two winters while helping his Dad farm in the summers. In 1950 Roy's father gave him one quarter of land which began his farming career of 28 years. After an interesting friendship/courtship with Florence Bartel, they were married on October 8, 1952 in the country North Star Church. They were blessed with two children, Amy Jean (1955) and Quinton Charles (1957). He loved providing his family with opportunities to learn a wide variety of activities including: skating on a "yard-skating-rink", family ball games at home, ping pong on the dining room table, raising pigs and cows, many shop projects, as well as hockey, figure skating, tennis and camping. He faithfully followed and supported his family in their activities into their adulthood and then he took many more road trips proudly supporting his grandchildren also. Family was a very important part of his life. After the kids were on their own, Roy and Florence continued in their travelling adventures. Trips included Hawaii, a European tour, Venezuela, Acapulco and numerous other destinations. He was a natural navigator and especially enjoyed road trips travelling the Americas coast to coast. During his 28 years of farming, he worked many winters at Bergen Manufacturing in Drake. After his farming career, Roy and Florence moved into Drake and in 1985 he bought the Drake Insurance business which he owned for 17 years. During this time he volunteered on many boards, served as mayor of Drake for 11 years, sang in many quartets and choirs, enjoyed taxiing people to various locations; always remaining active with a smile on his face. In 2002 Roy suffered a severe stroke. Even with a lot of determination and therapy, life was very different. In 2014 Roy moved into Central Parkland Lodge where he remained under excellent care until his passing.

He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his loving wife of 65 years, Florence; daughter Amy (Maurice) Wildeman and their children, Jeannesta (CJ) McLean and daughter Ayla, Dixie (Brent) Kiefer and their children, Xander and Tamia; son Quinton (Joanne) and their children, Dustin, James (fiancée Kristen Berscheid), Erica (Derek) Schlamp and Mitch-

ell; as well as sister-in-law MaryAnn Bartel and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake on September 15 conducted by Pastor Dan Graber.

Interment followed at North Star Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Canadian Bible Society or North Star Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

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