



**BENKO,**

**Kalmon (Kal) Vernon**

Kalmon Benko, aged 94 years, passed away at Manitou Lodge, Watrous District Health Complex on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Kal was born June 28, 1924 on a homestead near St. Boswells, Sask. to Kalmon and Elizabeth (Krause). His mother gave birth to nine children and he grew up in a large family.

As a teenager he moved to Regina where he met the love of his life Yvonne (Tanguay). The couple were married Oct. 13, 1951. Kal first worked as a meat cutter for Burns. The couple started their family with the birth of Bernard (Bernie). Kal changed jobs and went to work in the dairy industry. A job opening in Watrous brought the young family to Manitou Beach. The family grew to include Gabriel and Vernon. Later Kal obtained employment at Colonsay potash mine until his retirement. Three sons then provided two granddaughters, two grandsons and later five great-grandchildren with another one on the way. Kal was a skilled woodworker and made many toy cars for great-grandchildren and even a doll crib out of used hockey sticks. Kal loved music and played accordion, keyboard, guitar and saxophone in church at the evening mass or sometimes even Danceland. Sports was also a passion, an avid softball player in his younger years and later a spectator watching baseball or Hockey Night in Canada on TV. Going to church was very important to Kal and he was very encouraging to his family about regular attendance.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church on Jan. 26 conducted by Father Richard Meidl, OSB.

Cross bearer was Vernon Benko. Bernard Benko was urnbearer. Register attendant was Mario Resendes. Christopher Resendes was the usher. Readers were Vernon Benko, Harley Benko, Misty Resendes and Linda Benko. Misty Resendes gave the eulogy. Tribute was given by Harley Benko. Sarah Gregory was the organist.

Interment followed at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Manitou Lodge Auxiliary would be appreciated.

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