



**CHRISTIANSON,
Vernon
Apr. 4, 1941 -
Aug. 9, 2021**

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Vernon Alvin Richard Christianson on August 9, 2021 at the age of 80 at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon.

Vern was born on April 4, 1941 and lived on a farm near the town of Hendon,

Sask. Vern was born to Carl and Edith Christianson and was the second youngest of 11 children and attended the Moosehorn School. When he was 17 years old he moved to Renown to help on a local farm. In the winters he was the telephone line-man, as well a Fuller Brush salesman for awhile. In 1960 he met Shirley Martin. They were married in 1963 and have three children, David (Natalie) from Puerto Morelos, Mexico, daughter Haraley (Terry) Sather of Watrous and son Cameron of Airdrie, Alberta. In 1967 Vern was one of the first to start at Noranda Potash mine, working in the winter and farming in the summer. Vern was a quiet man and never wanted to be on any executives or committees but he really enjoyed the fellowship of the Kinsmen and K40 clubs of Watrous. In 1979 the family moved from the farm in Renown to the current home in Watrous. Throughout his life Vern enjoyed many social activities with his friends and family. He liked the weekly curling bonspiels and watching the Watrous Winterhawks play hockey. He enjoyed the Sunday barbecues with friends and taking the family camping, fishing and boating. Vern was very active in his kids and grandkids lives whether it was going to their sporting events or watching the grandkids performing with one of their bands. Vern enjoyed going to the local and

national rodeos with friends as well as winter vacations to sunny destinations. In 1986 Vern started farming on his own till finally selling everything in 1996 and returned to the mine till he retired in 2006. But once a farmer always a farmer as he helped his friends with their seeding and harvest. In later years Vern and Shirley drove the local taxi to and from the Mosaic mine giving Vern the chance to catch up with his friends from the mine. Vern was always up for a card game and loved to read old western books. He also enjoyed watching curling and baseball as well as his favourite programs on TV.

Vern is survived by his wife of 58 years Shirley, children David, Haraley and Cameron as well as grandchildren Amanda, Jesse, Taylor and Kyle.

He was predeceased by his parents Carl and Edith, brothers Canfield, Melburn, Rodney, Arnold, Edgar, Ralph and Gordon and sisters Winnifred, Evelyn and Mildred.

Memorial service was held at Watrous United Church on August 17 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Urnbearers were Amanda Sather and Kyle Sather. Ron and Joan Yausie were register attendants. Ushers were Bob and Vicki Finnigan. Eulogy was given by Jim Martin. Special music was provided by Blair Martin. Lil Gingrich was pianist.

Private family interment followed at Watrous Cemetery Columbarium.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous United Church would be appreciated.

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