



CRAWFORD,

Jim

June 24, 1942 -

Dec. 28, 2023

Jim Crawford of Watrous, aged 81 years, passed away Dec. 28, 2023 in Mesa, Arizona with wife, Gail, at his side.

Jim was born on the family farm north of Viscount, Sask. When he was three years old, the family moved to Sylvania, Sask. where Jim was raised along with his brother Ken and sister Marilynn. Jim went to a country school near Sylvania and later Tisdale which is where he would meet the love of his life, Gail McAvoy, from Star City.

Jim and Gail were married on Aug. 22, 1964 and moved to Watrous in 1966. They started their family, with Mark arriving in 1969 and Kim in 1972. Jim first worked as a mechanic and manager for WestCan School Bus, then went on to set up Crawford Tire, with his brother Ken. Finally, Jim enjoyed a long career in the insurance business serving the community, friends, and neighbours for over 30 years. Family was very important to Jim. For his whole life, Jim made sure memories were being made with the family. This included many family camping trips and the annual downhill skiing adventure. Jim also built a beautiful cabin at Waskesiu that the Crawford family and friends enjoyed many summers fishing, water skiing and time together at the lake. Jim could fix or build anything. It didn't matter if it was wood-related or mechanical, Jim would tackle any job. He was always willing to help or give advice to anyone who needed a hand. Jim also had a passion and love for farming and enjoyed a decade of hobby farming in Viscount at the family farm site.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gail Crawford, son Mark Crawford and wife Marianne, and grandchildren Belle and Andrew. He is predeceased by his daughter Kim Stokke and survived by son-in-law Greg Stokke and grandchildren Spencer and Preston Stokke.

Jim will be sadly missed by all. A service will be held at a later date.