



**CRUISE,
Larry
Nov. 15, 1933 -
Jan. 3, 2023**

Larry Cruise, aged 89 years, passed away at Davidson Health Centre on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Charles Edward Lawrence Cruise, known as Larry, was born in Nelson, B.C. on November 15, 1933, the eldest child of Ike and Lyda (Fetterley)

Cruise. Predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law Adolf and Maria Van De Wiele, brothers-in-law Michael (Doreen), Cyriel (Rose), Achiel (Lorraine) Van De Wiele, Jack Thompson, many aunts and uncles, and other family members. Larry will be forever remembered by his wife of 55 years, Elaine; daughter Michele (Dennis) Cruise-Pratchler; Bethany and Nathan; daughter Heather (Bill) Detwiller; Marci (Chris Wilson), Dawson (Kara), Daphne (Jordan) Wasyliw, and Brayden; son Charles, Breanna and Tannis; son Dwayne (Daphne), Edwin, Ella, Elliot, and Eoin; sister Anne (Terry) Harrison; sister Sharon (Bert) Reeves; sister-in-law Nera Thompson; aunts Irma Brownlee, Ruth Cruise, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Larry was always ready to give a helping hand and time to chat for as long as you could. Larry was a great historian of the local Stalwart district, having a story to tell of many people and events. He had a way of making a story out of any daily experience he had. He spent many years working in various places across Saskatchewan and B.C., in numerous different jobs including many building sites with his father. In 1951 he purchased a half section of land west of Stalwart,

near the Cruise family homestead, and spent many years breaking this land, picking the endless crop of rocks, and growing his own crops. Larry loved to drive, equipment and trucks of all sorts, hauling grain and gravel, bussing children to school and finally fuel for the Liberty Co-op. He spoke often of the work he did hauling gravel to build the Gardiner Dam and the E B Campbell Dam, north of Carrot River, Sask. Family was very important to Larry, much time was spent travelling to visit relatives, late night coffees, and long phone calls. Larry enjoyed heading out on the road camping, many times to B.C., around the prairies, and once to Ontario. Larry and Elaine travelled twice to Ireland, meeting relatives, and visiting special areas of family history, and made two holiday trips to Maui, Hawaii.

Funeral service was held at Imperial Community Centre on January 7 conducted by Rev. Tracey Taylor.

Pallbearers were his grandsons. Wayne and Carol Field were register attendants. Ushers were Dale Goodman and Carman Wilcox. Heather Detwiller gave the eulogy/tribute. Soloist was Jim Stratton and Jeanine Knoblauch was pianist.

Private family interment followed at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Imperial & District Ambulance or Imperial Cemetery Fund would be appreciated.

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