



**BELVOIR,
Donald (Don) Beverly**

Donald Belvoir, aged 87 years, passed away at Watrous District Health Complex on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Don was born on June 2, 1928 to Douglas and Margaret Belvoir in Broadview, Sask. After his mother passed away in 1932, Don along with his father and older sister Isabelle moved to the Tate area in 1939. While Don's father worked for Art and Mary Fraser at Maryland farm, Don lived with them and continued to do so after his father moved to Ontario. Don worked alongside the Fraser's, thus igniting his passion for farming. Don continued to farm this land until his retirement. Throughout his youth Don enjoyed participating in various sports and continued to be a sports fan throughout his entire

life. A lifelong and dedicated Leafs fan, he realized he would never live long enough to see them win the Stanley Cup again. To add to his sports frustration, Don spent many hours watching the Riders disappoint. Dancing was a favourite social event for Don and he danced his way into the heart of a young lady, Mona Dabrowski. They were married July 4, 1958, during an eight-year honeymoon, along with Mona's sister Shirley, they had some fun adventures. The fun came to an abrupt halt with the arrival of Jackie in 1966 and Layne in 1968. Actually the fun didn't end at all, it just took a different direction. The adventures now included camping, fishing and kids sports. Farming was Don's passion, running a mixed farm kept him busy year round. He was especially proud of his cattle except for the ones that thought the grass was greener on the other side of the fence. What will remain a mystery is Don's cattle math; he would reduce the herd by selling five cows and keeping 10 heifers. Don was very active in the community; he served on various boards and committees in Semans. Camping was something that Don enjoyed doing with his family and friends. He enjoyed nothing more than sitting around a campfire and telling stories with friends. With the kids gone, family camping turned into camping at the Manitou Regional Park for its close proximity to Danceland. With the arrival of grandchildren the frequency of trips to Alberta increased. He was proud of his grandkids and enjoyed spending time with them. His inner child made it easy for him to entertain the kids. In 2009 Don and Mona purchased a condo in Watrous and began the transition to town life. This led to the sale of the farm in 2011. Don adapted to town life by joining the coffee group and spending time with the local dancing community.

Don is survived by Mona, his wife of 57 years, daughter Jackie and Dave, son Layne and Shona, grandchildren Jeremy, Dawson, Jennifer, Samantha and Eric, niece Bev and Kevin Gorham and family and sister-in-law Shirley and Roy Haddock and family.

He was predeceased by his sister Isabelle Bates and half-brothers Jack, Jim and Clarence Watt.

Memorial service was held at the Watrous United Church on February 26 conducted by Rev. Karl Shin.

Usher was Don Dabrowski. Shona Belvoir gave the eulogy. Reading was by Joyce Henryk. Elva Turner was the organist.

Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Camp Easter Seal or Watrous Community Health Foundation would be appreciated.

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