



**DAHL,
Earl Carmen**

Earl Dahl, aged 90 years, passed away at Watrous District Health Complex on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Earl was born on February 20, 1926 in Mortlach, Sask. He was the eldest child of Maggie and Arthur Dahl. Dad was happily married to Helen for 65 years. His eyes always lit up whenever he saw mom including in these last few weeks and all through the late stages of dementia.

Earl grew up in the Codette area and later moved to Carrot River. This is where he met Helen while she worked in the bank and he in the general store and later the grocery store as a manager. They were married October 6, 1951 and their love expanded with Dennis being born in 1956. A few years later, an opportunity arose to be part owner of a hardware store in Watrous, so in 1959 they moved. Also in 1959, their family grew to include a daughter, Joyce, being born. Later in 1964, the youngest member of the family, Beverly, was born. Dad excelled at being a good and fair business partner with Abe Fedrau in the Home Hardware that was called Carman's. Earl loved Watrous and was heavily involved in the community while skillfully balancing a loving home life. He was involved in the United Church Board, Oddfellows Lodge, Kinsmen, K-40s, Golf Club, Investment Club, Mandal House Board, Watrous Country and Western Jamboree, Watrous Curling Club, and Rotary Club to name a few. Dad always made time for the family, whether it was individually or a group outing. We felt loved all the time, even as we grew older and as grandchildren came into his loving sphere. Dad retired in 1991 and enjoyed time with friends, grandkids, travelling, and coffee row. Dad always loved music and enjoyed many dances and parties with groups of friends that they have had a close relationship with throughout the years. Spontaneous dances in the kitchen and even in the care home continued until dad could dance no more. Music was regularly listened to and enjoyed by dad, and often would bring tears of joy in the later years. Dad's sense of humour was something he shared with all of us and continued until his last days. His humour brought light into the hearts of those who knew him, and this light will shine forever. In the later years, dementia affected dad's life but never his kindness, gentleness, and humour. We have been blessed with this spirit inside all of us.

Earl is survived by his devoted wife, Helen, of 65 years, his son Dennis (Jasmin) and family, his daughter Joyce (Brian) and family, and his daughter Beverly; siblings Carl Dahl (deceased); Ray Johnson, Yelva Mickelson, Leslie Johnson (deceased), Louise Shannon; grandchildren Inga-Lisa Hessel (Peter), Liv-Anita Dahl (Marvin Charles), Steven Boehr (Dan Kenney), Calvin Boehr; Simon Ole Dahl; great-grandchildren Elina and Melinda Hessel, and his nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial service was held at Watrous United Church on January 20 conducted by Rev. Karl Shin.

Honorary pallbearers were all those who knew and loved him. Beverly Dahl was urnbearer. Register attendants were Laurie Regier and Jamie Regier. Lety and Ralph Schalm were ushers. Tributes were given by Beverly Dahl, Joyce Boehr, Dennis Dahl and Lionel Sproule. Jean Sproule was the reader. Pianist was Elva Turner with Murray Westby as the soloist.

Private family interment will take place at Watrous Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to the Alzheimer Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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