



**NORUM,
Eldon**

**June 1, 1926 -
Aug. 27, 2016**

Eldon was born to Oscar and Amanda Norum on June 1, 1926 at Simpson, Sask. He passed away suddenly on August 27, 2016 in Saskatoon, Sask. at the age of 90.

Left to mourn are his wife Mildred, his son Eric (Barbara) and grandson

Carl (Mickey) Norum and great grandson Alex, grandson Stephen (Christa) Norum and great grandson Mark, daughter Sonja and grandchildren Ayden Joynes and Mackenzie Stewart and brother Don (Margaret) Norum. He is survived by a large extended family of in-laws, Hough Nordlund, Enid Lemke (Allan Campbell), Lois Elder, Borgny Elsdén, Kathy Fenton, Palmer Unseth, Carl Lakness, Theresa Lakness, as well as nieces, nephews and a large step family that he considered his own. Eldon grew up on a farm near Simpson with his sister Margot and brother Don where he attended Simpson Public and High Schools. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture ('48) and a Post-graduate Diploma in Continuing Education from the University of Saskatchewan. He taught 41 years at the University of Saskatchewan in the Agricultural Engineering Department. He especially enjoyed presenting extension courses throughout rural Saskatchewan where he had an opportunity to share advances in farming practices with fellow farmers. He had a passion for farming and for over 50 years farmed the land his grandfather homesteaded in 1903. He was an Honourary Life Member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and an Honourary Life Member and past president of the Agricultural Graduates Association. His name appears on the Wall of Honour in the College of Agriculture Building at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1952 he married Wilda Nordlund and they enjoyed 38 years together. In 1957, Eldon constructed a home in Sutherland where he and Wilda raised their children. For 57 years the house served as a welcome and support centre for Eldon's extended family. Wilda passed away in 1990 after a long struggle with cancer throughout which Eldon was her major support. In 1992 he married Mildred Groves (nee Lakness). Mildred has six children Bill (Ruth), Margaret, Ronald (Debra), Brenda, Brian (Kathy) and Donna (Michel), 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. It is interesting to note that both Wilda and Mildred were from families of nine children each with seven girls and two boys. This made for a lot of in-laws but Eldon enjoyed them all. In 2013 Eldon and Mildred took up residence in Luther Riverside Terrace. Eldon enjoyed travels to visit family across Canada, the United States and Europe including his family home in Norum, Norway. A yearly highlight was a camping vacation with his sister, brother and their families, a tradition which is now being carried on by their children, grandchildren and more. Throughout the years Eldon was active in community affairs. For 50 years he was a member of St. Paul's United Church where he held many positions. He was a member of the Saskatoon United Church Presbytery property commit-

tee. At the time of his passing he was a member of McClure United Church. He was treasurer of Sutherland Recreation Association including the Boy Scout training committee. He was a member of the Wheat Pool committee, Saskatchewan Safety Council and the Prairieland Exhibition Agriculture Committee. For 30 years he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Church seniors special care home, Oliver Lodge. In addition he served as Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Property Committee, and member of the Construction and Redevelopment Committee. He was a member and former president of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Saskatoon. He was a Director of the Sons of Norway Foundation that supports all lodges in Canada.

Eldon was predeceased by his parents, his wife Wilda and his sister Margot Beaulieu, sisters- and brothers-in-law Victor Beaulieu, Zoe and Verne Whatley, Donna and Dave Lawrence, Lorna Nordlund, Victor and Ellie Nordlund, Wanda and Hugh Stueck, Iris and Gordon Cook, Bert Hanson, Russell Lemke, Kenneth Elder, Art Elsdén, William and Gladys Erhardt, John Fenton, Alida Unseth, Bernard Lakness, and Laverne and Paul Pidhorney.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at McClure United Church in Saskatoon. An interment of the cremains followed at the Nordal Cemetery near Simpson, Sask.

In continuation of Eldon's support of his community, he requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a local charity of your choice.