



**HOLDNER,
Fridrick Lloyd**

Fridrick Holdner, aged 87 years, passed away at Watrous District Health Complex on December 20, 2015.

“Freddie” was born to Fred and Sophie (Woiden) Holdner on May 22, 1928 the fifth of 11 children. He grew up on the family farm in “The Hills” district

south of Young. Freddie never attended school but he helped out on the farm - hauling water with a stoneboat and horses, picking stones, feeding livestock and looking after a team of horses. He also helped his mom with household chores. After his parents passed away, Freddie went to live with his sister, Evelyn Wailing and when she passed away in 2007, Freddie went to live with his nephew Lorne and his wife Mary Anne. There he enjoyed visiting with his great nieces and nephews and eventually his great-great nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly, and as they grew old enough to tell and show him, they loved him as well. When Ryker, his great-great nephew, came to visit, he would sneak up to Freddie and kiss him on the cheek and Freddie would beam with pleasure. Ryker continued to do this from the time he was about two, until the day before Freddie passed away. A few days after Freddie’s death, Ryker said he’d miss Uncle Freddie and kissing him because it made Freddie so happy. Freddie also always had a supply of gum, which he always shared with any of the kids when they came around. The most important day to Freddie was his birthday, May 22; and as soon as Christmas was over he would say, “My birthday soon come?” We told him when the grass was green and the yellow flowers came it would soon be his birthday. In May, Freddie went into long-term care, first in Lanigan and then to Watrous in October. Whenever Freddie met new friends or caregivers he won them over with his shy smile and quiet, friendly ways.

Freddie was predeceased by his parents and eight of his siblings: Harry, Edward, Evelyn, Robert, Vesta, Hazel, Verna and Gordon.

He is survived by two sisters, Elsie and Dianne and many nieces, nephews and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held for Freddie May 22, 2016, which would be his 88th birthday.

His ashes will be interred at Young Cemetery and then we will gather at the home of his nephew Lorne for reminiscing about Freddie - and there are so many wonderful memories to recount.