



**BARTEL,
Henry Earl
June 28, 1927 -
Jan. 12, 2016**

Henry Bartel, aged 88 years, passed away at Central Parkland Lodge, Lanigan on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Henry was born at Drake, Sask. on June 28, 1927, the third child of August and Margaret Emma Bartel. Farming and a strong work ethic were learned early in

life. In 1940 the family of six moved a few miles to the farm his grandfather Henry H. Bartel homesteaded. Henry attended the North Star country church where he was baptized on July 14, 1946 and continued to worship there all his life. Faith was important and was best seen in helping others. Henry attended Wilmot and Kansas schools until age 15, then continued working on the farm. During the winter months he attended Rosthern Bible School for two years and one semester at Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alta. Henry worked at a tire shop in Winnipeg for a year before settling into his main occupation of farming. On August 1, 1952 Henry married Katherine Bergen. Quickly the family grew, from January 1954 to November 1958, five children were born. Together as a family they worked on the mixed farm where his children were taught his work ethic at a young age. A gift Henry had was seeing a need in those around him. People needed wood and coal for stoves; grain, cattle and pigs needed to be hauled to market so he started trucking gaining the nick name 'flying Hank'. People needed cementing done from barns, Quonset floors, basements and cisterns. Henry welcomed the challenges these projects brought. Helping others gave Henry much joy. Being thrifty propelled him to new adventures along with farming; he started selling Morris equipment, Simplot fertilizer, B&B farm supplies, salesman for Bergen Industries and collecting and hauling scrap metal. Henry was a counsellor in the RM of Osborne for many years, served on the hospital board and was an usher in the North Star Mennonite Church. He helped in community building projects and worked at the Drake react site for several years. Financially supporting local Missionaries and Mission Aviation aided in spreading his beliefs to others. Travelling for business or holidays took him to many parts of Canada, Kansas and Hawaii. Birthdays of family members were celebrated annually and Henry and Katie were able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Shortly after Katie's passing he moved to an assisted living home in Regina in fall of 2013 where he fell and fractured vertebrae in his back. Spending two months in hospital and rehabilitation left him unable to walk on his own so he moved into the nursing home in Nokomis and then to Lanigan. Henry's wish was granted when he passed away on January 12, 2016 after a debilitating stroke 11 days prior.

Left to cherish his life are his children: Ivan and Irene Bartel, Yvonne and Keith, Ethan, Katie, Corey Fredlund, Lynn and Chris, Edrie, Jase Pollard, Steven and Kaylyn, Jayden, Samantha Bartel; Betty and Ken Friesen, Ryan and Nancy, Faith, Corban, Seth, Bethany Friesen, Kristy and Lucas Thiessen, Vicky Friesen; Margaret Allen, Sophia Allen, brother Roy and Florence Bartel; sister-in-law Mary-Ann Bartel and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents August and Margaret

Bartel; spouse Katherine Bartel; infant son; son Theodore Bartel; grandson Trent Friesen; sister Mabel and brother-in-law Gordon Laskowski and brother Melford Bartel.

Memorial service was held at North Star Mennonite Church, Drake, Sask. on Feb. 2 conducted by Pastor Brad Schroeder.

Honourary pallbearers were Yvonne Fredlund, Sophia Allen, Lynn Pollard, Ryan Friesen, Steven Bartel, Kristy Thiessen and Vicky Friesen. Vicky Friesen and Sophia Allen were register attendants. Memorial attendants were Eleanor Schmidt and Lynda Wolfe. Quinton Bartel, Emery Laskowski and Dan Laskowski were ushers. Obituary was read by Ivan Bartel. The grandchildren gave the tribute. Photo memories were given by Vicky Friesen. Esther Laskowski was pianist. Song leader was Gayle Warkentin with sound by Peter Nicholson.

A private family interment in North Star Country Cemetery preceded the funeral service.

Memorial donations directed to the Canada Foodgrains Bank would be appreciated.

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