



**HRYCIW,  
Henry John**

Henry Hryciw, aged 89 years, passed away at Watrous District Health Complex on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Henry was born May 28, 1930 to parents John and Ksenia Hryciw on the family farm near Aberdeen, Sask. He was the second oldest of six children. He took his schooling at Corn

Valley country school and Aberdeen High School. Growing up he enjoyed playing softball, hockey and curling. When he was 19, Henry attended Normal School (Teacher's College) in Saskatoon. After one year of college he was sent out to teach school and landed a position at the Adamiwka School in the Rosthern School District. He had 32 students from Grades 1 through 10 in a one room school house. This is where he met his future wife Stella. They were married in 1952 and the following year they moved to the "hills" south of Young to teach at Strawberry School. They made many lifelong friends during their time there. In 1959 they moved to Watrous and Henry taught at the high school until his retirement in 1985. In 1960, their daughter Patti was born. Henry and Stella were active in the community volunteering with various service groups and they both loved curling. Henry also had a love of music and played the banjo. In his early years, he and Stella were a part of a band, often playing for weddings and anniversaries until the wee hours of the morning. Sadly, in 1998 after nearly 46 years of marriage, Stella passed away, leaving Henry on his own. He never really got over this loss. After retiring from teaching school, Henry did some bookkeeping for small businesses in town, and also prepared income tax for seniors. He also enjoyed woodworking and selling his creations at the Farmer's Market. His other hobbies included betting on the horse races with his friends Elmer Lundback and Allan Todd, hitting the casino every once in awhile hoping for the elusive big win, watching WWE wrestling matches on TV, hanging out at Danceland enjoying the music, parking at the train station watching the trains pass through Watrous, and driving around and around town. His pride and joy were his grandchildren Joel and Danielle and their spouses. He never missed an opportunity to brag about their accomplishments and absolutely loved spending time with them. He was generous to a fault with his family and always put them first. Henry enjoyed good health up until the last five years which were a bit of a challenge after he was diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome. He battled back from it having to learn to walk again and find creative ways to function with some limited mobility. He never gave up and worked hard to enjoy whatever came his way. We will miss him dearly, but know that he is now at peace and is so happy to be reunited with the love of his life once again.

Henry is survived by his daughter Patti Frey and son-in-law Ron; grandson Joel Frey and his wife Izabela; granddaughter Danielle Potter and her husband Josh; his brother Horace Hryciw; sisters-in-law Sylvia Hryciw, Carolyn Hryciw and Anne Pustey and brother-in-law Lloyd Rowlett.

He was predeceased by his parents; wife Stella; brothers Emile Hryciw and Romeo Hryciw; sisters Celia Kowaniuk and Anne Rowlett; brother-in-law Peter Kowaniuk; sister-in-law Sylvia Hryciw and brother and sister in-laws from his wife's family.

Memorial service was held at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Watrous, Sask. on November 23 conducted by Rev. Marilyn Stobbs.

Urnbearers were Danielle Potter and Joel Frey. Register attendant was Wes Frey. John and Melanie Gunder-son were ushers. Eulogy was given by Ron Frey. Izabela Szelest and Ron Frey were readers. Musician was Janice Siegfried.

Interment followed at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous Community Health Foundation or Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

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