



**JOA,  
Alvin Alphonse  
Oct. 22, 1930 -  
Sept. 26, 2021**

Alvin Joa, aged 90 years, passed away at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, Sask. on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Alvin Alphonse Joa was born Oct. 22, 1930 to Mary and Peter Joa, on the farm at St. Gertrude, Sask. He was the youngest of seven children. When Alvin was 10 months old he lost his father. Mary then married Joe Merkosky and they had three children which made a total of 10. Joe or Pa as he was called became the only father Alvin really knew. He attended school at a one room school house at St. Gertrude. After he completed Gr. 10 he became an apprentice in automotive mechanics in Humboldt. Upon completion of his course he moved to Imperial to work for Lewis and Kelly at Imperial Garage. There he met and married the love of his life Elaine. Soon after, the children began arriving: Ellen, Kevin, Bruce, Anita, and Mark. During his career Alvin had a service station and bulk fuel "Shell" on the highway. He operated that for several years until he sold it. In 1978 he bought Imperial Garage and when times got tough he worked at Wollaston Lake as a mechanic. During that time his son Kevin operated the garage. After three years he returned home and worked at Imperial Garage along side his son. He eventually sold the business to Kevin and they continued to work together for several more years. Alvin and Elaine enjoyed travelling and made many trips to the southern states and Texas. They enjoyed downhill skiing for a time and golfing. One of Alvin's passions was maintaining the Imperial Golf Course and if he did anything it was all or none, so you didn't dare golf there unless you paid your golf

fees. Bruce sadly left us in 1981 and has left a void in our hearts but also left us with some good memories. Alvin enjoyed his 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and spent a lot of happy holidays together.

Thanks to the community and all the family and friends for their support during this difficult time.

Alvin is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Elaine Joa; children: Ellen (Larry) Wagner, Scott and Lindsay Wagner, London, Jory and Rylan Wagner, Kelly and Marlie Wagner, Aubree and Sadie Wagner; Kevin (Pat) Joa, Jeremy and Danica Joa, Blakely and Remi Joa, Christina (Terry) McNabb, Bryton, River and Oaklyn McNabb, Michelle Joa, Sarah Joa, Jenna Joa; Anita (Stephane) Richer, Philippe (Janna) Richer, Benjamin and Lillian, Anastasia Richer and Chris, Anthony Richer and Olivia Richer and Mark Joa. He was predeceased by Bruce Joa.

Vigil for the deceased was held October 1.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held on October 2 conducted by Fr. Peter Olisa. Both services were held at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, Imperial, Sask.

Urnbearer was Scott Wagner. Glen and Deanna Rae and Larry and Elaine Cruise were register attendants. Ushers were Randy VanDamme and Scott Royan. Kelly and Marlie Wagner gave the eulogy. First reader was Sarah Joa and second was Michelle Joa. Jenna Joa gave the intentions. Special music was provided by Jeremy Joa, Christina McNabb, Michelle, Sarah and Jenna Joa. Organist was Bev McLane and Pat Joa was pianist.

Private family interment followed at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Long Lake Valley Auxiliary would be appreciated.

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