

**WIEBE,
John**

John Wiebe of Abbotsford, B.C., formerly of Watrous, Sask., passed away on October 18, 2017 at the age of 87 .

John Wiebe was born on November 13, 1929 on a small farm near Watrous, Sask., the son of Mennonite immigrants. Growing up the second of nine children, during the depression and the war, Dad became steadfast and resourceful, and he learned the importance of hard work and frugal living. In the early '50s he bought a small piece of land from his father, married a local girl, Katie Schellenberg, and began farming. Determined to provide for his growing family, Dad took on a job as a mechanic while he continued to build his farming business. In 1976 they sold and moved to Kelowna, B.C., where Dad tended his small orchard and honed his skills as a woodworker. They attended Gospel Fellowship Church where Dad and Mom sat in the same pew every week for 35 years. As Dad's health began to decline, they moved to Abbotsford in 2012. Though his last years were difficult, and he was often in pain, we will remember Dad as someone who loved to play cards, go camping and fishing, hand out the chocolates and presents at Christmas, and most of all help family and friends with any task.

John is survived by his brother Jake, his sisters Marie, Tina, Lee, and Ann, his wife Katie, his five children Rod, Ruth Kornelsen, Marlene, Amy Hollands, and Stan, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jakob and Maria Wiebe and his brothers George, Rudy, and Peter.

A memorial service took place October 24 in Abbotsford, B.C.