



**LUSCOMBE,  
Jerry Dean**

Jerry Dean Luscombe was born on September 13, 1963 at Moosomin, Sask. and was the youngest child to William Jr. "Bill" and Mary Elizabeth "Liz" (Kollman) Luscombe. He grew up on the family farm near Walpole, Sask. He started school in Fairlight, Sask. then

transferred to Maryfield school. Once Bill and Liz moved off the farm to Wawota, Sask., Jerry completed his high school in Wawota, graduating in 1981.

While in school, Jerry worked after school, weekends and summers for Allison Stores in the grocery store in Wawota and the Park Store at Kenosee Lake. Upon graduating he continued to work for Allison's. During this time there was a young high school cashier, also working at Allison's, who caught his attention. This young girl, Gloria, graduated in 1985 and left Wawota to attend Bible College for a year in North Dakota. Gloria hadn't realized when she left Wawota that she was even on Jerry's radar. In 1986 Gloria took a break from her education and returned to Allison's in Wawota to work for a year. It was during that time that Jerry and Gloria's friendship grew and they started dating. Before Gloria left to study accounting at SIAST in Moose Jaw in the fall of 1987, Jerry decided to pop the question as he didn't want to risk Gloria getting away again. On August 19, 1988, Jerry and Gloria were married in Moose Jaw and so began their journey together. Jerry also started school that fall in Moose Jaw in the business program studying data processing. He had an interest in computers and speculated that the world would only become more automated. Once Jerry and Gloria graduated from SIAST they relocated to jobs in Regina, Sask.

On Father's Day June 1991, along came their first daughter Alyssa Renee. While Gloria was on mat leave, Jerry and Gloria pursued the opportunity to relocate closer to family, raise a family in a smaller community and to venture out as business partners. Their dreams became a reality in November 1991, purchasing the grocery store in Kipling from Joyce and Alex Dakue. This was the beginning of L & L Foods. During this time, they worked hard on building up the business to double the sales volume and to make many upgrades to equipment, the building and the grocery line. Once the town bakery closed, Jerry and Gloria saw the opportunity to add an in-store bakery department. As the store got busier, more staff was added, along with another daughter in May 1995, Kendal Marie. Jerry worked very hard, often seven days a week to keep up the maintenance, orders, floors and scanning system. He became a jack of all trades doing so much behind the scenes. He always enjoyed the little shoppers and often liked to treat them to something in the store or the ice cream shop next door.

In 2003, due to difficulties with Gloria's eyesight and fam-

ily demands, the store was sold to Brian and Teena Manns. After that time Jerry and Gloria worked at various jobs. Jerry went into computer tec work starting his own business Kiptec Solutions with Gloria helping out in bookkeeping. He very much enjoyed helping people with computer repairs, setting up systems and networks.

In 2011 while Jerry and Gloria were both employed at Gee Bee Construction, the opportunity came up to once again go back into the grocery business, this time in Watrous, Sask. Unfortunately, in July 2015 after Jerry and Gloria attempted to purchase the building, Loblaws made the decision to close the Watrous Shop Easy. Jerry worked briefly at Mainline Motors and at Sierra Stone before he started to experience health problems.

On Christmas Eve 2016 Jerry knew something was not right with his vision. It took several attempts to obtain answers from the medical professionals via tests, scans, and surgery. Much to our disappointment in April 2017 after surgery, we were informed that Jerry had fairly advanced Anaplastic Astocytoma (brain cancer). The surgery caused significant memory loss. He worked hard to regain that at the Rehab in Saskatoon City Hospital. This was followed by radiation and chemotherapy. Our hearts broke in July 2018 when we learned that there was an aggressive reoccurrence of the cancer. Jerry received care in the Kipling Integrated Health Facility until his passing on Sunday, November 18.

As a true computer tec, Jerry commented, "Brain cancer sucks! If they have to pull out the brain, then at least replace the space with something cool like state of the art advanced CPU motherboard and hard drive."

As a business owner, Jerry took great pride in providing top quality customer service – treating others how he would want to be treated. He enjoyed passing on deals to the customer. He loved the produce counter and liked keeping it looking top notch.

He fought for what he believed was fair. He sacrificed so much, giving more to his wife and daughters and often going without for himself.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 30 years and business partner of 18 years Gloria; beautiful daughters Alyssa (Jeremy) Riess and Kendal Luscombe. His grandchildren Louanna and Von Riess will miss their Papa. Also left to cherish his memories are his mother Elizabeth Luscombe; sister Myrna (Denny) Quigley and brothers Wayne (Jennifer Allen) Luscombe and Gene (Michelle) Luscombe; father-in-law Roy Petterson, sisters-in-law Eunice (Jim) Peters; Karen Petterson and Arliss (Brent) Schindel as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews. Jerry was predeceased by his father William Luscombe Jr (2003) and mother-in-law Shirley Petterson (2006).