



**HANSON,  
Neil Archie**

Neil Hanson, aged 92 years, passed away peacefully at Watrous District Health Complex on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Neil was born on July 5, 1923 in Sheho, Sask. to Hans and Annie Hanson. He attended a country school and worked for various farmers in the area. He spent one winter working at the nickel mine in Sud-

bury, Ont. and also worked as a truck driver. He eventually got a job as an elevator agent for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Yarbo, Sask. Later his job took him to Neudorf and then finally to Watrous in 1967. He worked for 38 years as a grain buyer until his retirement in 1987. It was while he was working in Yarbo that Neil met his wife Jean Wagner and they were married on July 9, 1951. Together they raised six children. Neil and Jean would go on to spend 64 years together and he passed with Jean by his side. Although his work kept him busy and often meant long days, Neil still found time to enjoy various other activities; many of which inspired his children and grandchildren to follow in his footsteps. He coached baseball and hockey when his sons were young and growing up - a tradition carried on by his sons and grandsons today. He also curled and after retirement, took up golfing - enjoying a round of golf well into his mid-80s. Neil liked camping, boating and fishing and took his family on many camping holidays over the years, the camper becoming a very prominent place for his grandchildren to congregate. He also liked hunting and provided the family with many enduring and entertaining hunting stories. Neil and Jean went on many trips together travelling to China, New Zealand and Australia; they also went on bus tours to Alaska, the Maritimes and various places in the United States.

Neil is survived by his wife Jean; sons Harold and Doug (Gloria); daughters Jody and Shelley (Glenn); daughters-in-law Delvena and Kathy; sister Bernice; brother Lorne (Ellen); 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Neil will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. "Loved you yesterday. Love you still. Always have. Always will."

He was predeceased by his parents, sons Murray and Chris and brother Herb.

Funeral service was held at Watrous United Church on December 4 conducted by Rev. Karl Shin and Rev. Helen Herr.

Pallbearers were Joey Hanson, Travis Hanson, Sarah Hanson, Curtis Hanson, Jon Hanson and Stephanie Walden. Irene Isabelle and Jan Mitchell were register attendants. Ushers were Jack Isabelle and Alfred Kahlert. Travis Hanson gave the eulogy. Organist was Shelley Engele with Mackenna Hanson as soloist.

Private family interment followed at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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