



**POTTS,
Ian Arthur**

Ian Potts, aged 80 years, passed away at his residence near Simpson, Sask. on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Ian was born in Simpson at Bartels' nursing home on 11 October 1939. He lived on the farm east of Amazon until 1946 when the family moved to Hope, B.C. briefly for work. The family returned

to Amazon in 1947 where he grew up. He attended Amazon school until grade 9 and then went to Watrous for high school, graduating in 1958. After high school Ian worked for Mackay Construction owned by Bill and Craig Mackay, where he felt fortunate to see many parts of Saskatchewan. In 1961, Ian met Jeanne in Watrous and they were married in 1965. They lived in Saskatoon where Jeanne had their four babies and Ian worked at the Allan Potash Mine and the Grasswood Esso. In 1972, the family purchased their farm from Harold Quennell where Ian continued to farm until he passed away. Ian and Jeanne were involved with numerous activities to support their four children as well as being active community members. Ian was a founding member of the Optimist Club in Simpson and called bingo for 16 years. He served the RM of Wood Creek as councillor from 1975 to 1980 and as reeve from 1980 to 1994. In addition, Ian was instrumental in promoting and constructing Mid Sask Terminal. He took great pride in this project and was very pleased to give personal tours. Ian was a generous fun loving man. He enjoyed his crop checking tours and his visits with his family and friends. Literally and metaphorically his door was always open! His greatest pride of all however, was his children and grandchildren. It is difficult to put into words the love that was shown and the support that was given unconditionally to his loved ones. He was a role model and mentor to many of us and we feel blessed to have been a part of his life.

Ian is survived by his children and grandchildren: Lindon (Karen), Koltan and Klayton of Westlock, Alta., Glendon (Paula) and Carter of Medicine Hat, Alta., Cameron (Alison), Sadie, Carter, Hudson and Nash of Medicine Hat, Alta., and Jacquelyn (Lonnie), Camryn and Morgan of Ponoka, Alta.; sister Ina (Jules) Vanthuyne, brother David (Joyce) Potts, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Jeanne and his parents Arthur and Barbara Potts.

A memorial tea was held at Watrous Civic Centre on November 2.

Honorary pallbearers were all who knew and loved him. Bev and Colleen Hunt and Robbie and Joyce Burkitt were register attendants.

Private family interment took place at Watrous Cemetery.

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

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