



**RUSSELL,  
Raymond Dunn**

**Oct. 9, 1924 - Feb. 27, 2016**

Raymond Dunn Russell passed away peacefully at the Rocky View Hospital in Calgary on February 27, 2016.

Raymond was born, raised and lived his entire life in and near Young and remained a stalwart resident of the area until August 2013 when he moved to a Retirement Care Home in Calgary to be near his son Ron and Cathy. Raymond married Mabel Letrud of Young in 1946 and they resided on the Russell family farm where they raised two boys and where he remained for the rest of his long and memorable life. Raymond inherited the true hard working pioneer spirit and ethic and was a strong believer in community involvement where he generously gave his time, effort and enthusiasm to the community. Raymond loved his farm and the farming way of life. When he was unable to pursue his passion directly due to the untimely passing of his son James he became one of the founding members of STR Farms which enabled him to keep connected to and participate in his life-long love of farming right up to the time of his passing. He was always there for his family and spent countless hours driving and coaching his sons in whatever sport or other activity they were involved in. Even after their involvement he was forever at the rink or ball park cheering on the home team and spent many years refereeing local minor and senior hockey games. He dedicated 20 years to public service as a councillor and then reeve of the RM of Morris and as a long-term member of the Young branch of the Legion. As the staff at his retirement care home frequently commented he was a gentleman and a gentle man. I'm sure this echoed through all who had the privilege of knowing him and sharing his company. He will be deeply missed.

Raymond is survived by his son Ron (Cathy) and their family and grandson Tyler (Miranda) and great granddaughters Brooke and Ivy.

He was predeceased by his wife Mabel and son James.

Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting [www.edenbrookcemetery.ca](http://www.edenbrookcemetery.ca)

Arrangements entrusted to Eden Brook Funeral Home and Reception Centre, 24223 Twp Rd 242, Calgary, Alta., T3Z 3K2.