



**TOEWS,
Rudy
Sept. 19, 1928 -
July 19, 2019**

Rudolph Henry Toews, aged 90, passed away at Manitou Lodge Watrous District Health Complex on Friday, July 19, 2019.

Rudolph was born on the family homestead in the Guernsey area on September 19th, 1928 to Henry (Heinz) and Tina Toews, the second of four children.

He grew up on the farm, with his three siblings, Irene, Katie and Walter. Their home was close to the Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church where the family was actively involved. This is where he began his lifelong personal faith in Jesus, was baptized, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and made many lifelong friends. After completing school, he continued his education at Bethany Bible College in Hepburn, Sask. for three years. Upon his return to the Watrous area, he married Florence Klassen, who he had grown up with. They were married on October 10th, 1953 and they were blessed with five children, Howard, Carolyn, Darlene, Debra and Dale. Dad and Mom carved out a livelihood for our family on the farm. Howard came back to the farm in 1974 and joined them in the mixed farming operation. Later, once married to Lucy in 1977, they moved onto the main yard with Dad and Mom where the four of them farmed together for many years until Dad and Mom made the move into Watrous. The operation continues today with Brad and Angel and their children now living on the home place. Even once retired, Dad loved to come out to the ranch. He made many trips out to see what was going on, bringing out the mail, and, as recently as summer of 2018, still servicing the lawn mower and mowing grass and helping where he could. Dad was active in the community. He volunteered with the Gideons and at Dallas Valley Camp with Mom well into their 80s. He loved sports, especially watching grandchildren and great-grandchildren play hockey and football. Dad curled, playing until a few years ago. Dad enjoyed singing, listening to classical, gospel and country music. Mom and Dad had a busy social life, going to the symphony, live theatre and supporting the arts around

the community. He loved to travel and to meet people and making connections, finding out where they were from and whom they were related to. Going for coffee with friends was a highlight in town, at Danceland, or any Tim Hortons. But most important of all, he loved his God, his wife, and his family, five children and spouses, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His health started to fail in September 2018 and he spent the last six months at the Lanigan Central Parkland Lodge and in the Watrous Manitou Lodge until the Lord took him home on Friday, July 19th.

Rudy leaves to mourn his passing, wife Florence of 65 years, children Howard (Lucille), Warren and Cyndy, Finn, Jett; Brad and Angel, Bronc, Sunshine, Honey, Spur; Devin and Laura, Wyatt; Carolyn Dick (Ken), Steven and Sandra, Carson, Levi, Denver; Annalisa Dick, Jeff Gabrush; Darlene Parker (Jay), Evan, Ian; Deb Siemens (Doug), Parker, Marshall and Jenn, Ben; Kyle; and Dale.

He was predeceased by his parents, his parents-in-laws, one sister; one brother in infancy and one brother-in-law.

Funeral service was held at Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church near Watrous on July 27 conducted by Pastor Darren Holland.

Honorary pallbearers were Brad Toews, Devin Toews, Marshall Siemens, Kyle Siemens and Ian Parker. Dale Toews, Annalisa Dick, Warren Toews, Steven Dick, Parker Siemens and Evan Parker were pallbearers. Guest book attendants were Ken Loewen and Dianne Loraas. Carolyn Dick and Deb Siemens gave the eulogy. Tribute was given by Howard Toews and Dar Parker. Warren Toews gave the memories from the grandkids. Bible reading was read by Bronc Toews. A poem was read by Dale Toews. Wayne Dick was the song leader and pianist was Karen Klassen.

Private family interment held at Philadelphia Church Cemetery preceded the service.

Memorial donations directed to Gideons, Manitou Lodge or Central Parkland Lodge would be appreciated.

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