



**ULLYOTT,
Merle David**

Merle Ulyott, aged 87 years, passed away peacefully at Biggar & District Health Centre on Monday, November 16, 2015.

Merle was born on May 18, 1928 on a farm west of Simpson. He was the sixth of seven children born to Roy and Alverda Ulyott. Merle and his brothers learned that to survive on a farm in Saskatchewan required hard work and determination. With the passing of their dad in 1946, Merle and his brother Lewis were left to look after the family farm as the older brothers and sister had previously left to join the war effort. After the fall of 1947, they decided to head south for the winter to find employment in

California. This worked out well for them and so they continued to head south for the following three winters. On June 26, 1954 Merle married the love of his life Patricia Roney from Imperial. They moved into a new "unfinished" home that Merle was building in Simpson. Together they enjoyed a wonderful marriage raising four children and celebrating their 61st anniversary last year. Merle was active in the community including president of the Simpson Credit Union, school board member, rink board member and a coach of local hockey for several years. Merle enjoyed working hard on his farm his entire life but took time to enjoy his many pastimes. He loved skiing in the mountains, flying his own airplane, travelling the world, watching all local sports, spending winters in Hawaii and most of all spending time with his family - especially his grandchildren.

Merle is survived by his wife Pat; children Tracy (Bonnie), Michael (Leah), Kelly (Delton) Coutts, Tricia (Lonny) Darroch; grandchildren Randi-Lee, Patrick, Kenten, Michelle (Brad), Nicole (Spencer), Taralyn (Ian), Adair, Braden, Rianna, Kathleen, Cailin (Steven), Taylor; sister Donna McJannet; sisters-in-law Evelyn Ulyott, Colleen Ulyott and Shirley Roney; brothers-in-law Dennis Roney and George Green and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by brothers Lewis, Calvin, Willis, Lloyd and sister Alda.

Memorial service was held at Simpson Community Centre on November 21 conducted by Rev. Alison West.

Register attendants were Marilyn and Roy Crawford, Shirley Crawford and Irene Galt. Patrick Ulyott, Kenten Ulyott, Adair Coutts and Braden Coutts were ushers. Eulogy was given by Tracy Ulyott, Michael Ulyott, Kelly Coutts and Tricia Darroch. Lil Gingrich, Carol Hicks and the Simpson Community Choir provided music.

Private family interment followed at Simpson Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated.

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