



**WOROBEC,
Mervin
Aug 21, 1921 -
Dec. 24, 2018**

On Christmas Eve, in the afternoon, surrounded by family, with the warm winter sun shining into his room at the Royal University Hospital, Mervin passed away peacefully at the age of 97.

He was born to Peter and Tekla Worobec in 1921, the youngest of three boys and big brother to eight sisters. Mervin was born and raised on the family farm near Venn. He attended the Geneseo School and later, Ridgeford School when the family moved. Coming from a large family meant never being lonely or being without something to do, but it also meant finishing school early to contribute to the family farm. As a young man Mervin worked for several farmers in the Amazon area, and briefly in a coal mine in B.C., eventually saving enough money to buy land near Venn and start his own mixed farm. Mervin had heard about a lovely Ukrainian woman teaching at nearby Indian Head school, who just happened to be single. With his charm, mischievous smile, and determination he won the heart of Olga Kryk. They were married in 1951 and together raised five boys, expanded their family farm, and still managed to find time to enjoy their favourite pastime – dancing. Mervin enjoyed farm life and although the work was hard, never complained. He was a dedicated farmer, an addicted do-it-yourselfer, expert carpenter, and an excellent dancer. He once said “working the fields was his holiday.” It took tact, ingenuity, coaxing and nagging, and sometimes a crowbar to pry him away from the farm. Mervin and Olga lived on the farm for 34 years before moving to the town of Watrous. He continued to work on the farm well into his 70s. Mervin enjoyed the simple things in life; friends, music, dance, and most of all – family.

Mervin will be lovingly remembered by his sons: Randy (Janice), Richard (Carmen), Robert (Joan), and Gerald (Lorraine); his grandchildren: Pamela, Adam, Angela, Rebecca, Rita, Rianne, Stephen, Jason, Holly, Laura, Theresa, Hillary, Amanda, and Christopher, as well as his great-grandchildren: Ethan, Delilah, David, and Gabriel. He is also survived by his brother Austin and sisters Nellie and Alexandra.

He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Olga, his parents Peter and Tekla, and his son Wesley.

Thank you to the staff at the Manitou Lodge Nursing Home in Watrous for taking such great care of Mervin. Thank you to the nurses and staff at the Royal University Hospital 5th floor Ortho observation for taking such gentle and attentive care during Mervin’s final days.

Vigil for the deceased was held January 2 at St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church, Watrous, Sask.

The Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church on Jan. 3 conducted by Father Richard Meidl, OSB.

Honorary pallbearers were all his grandchildren. Brian Mudry, Paul Mudry, David McDade, Gary Worobec, Gilbert Burkitt and Doug Gegner were pallbearers. Cross bearer was Terry McDade. Marie Gundry-

Schmidt and Janice Danderfer were register attendants. Ushers were Ruth and Jack Gibney. Laura Worobec, Theresa Simon-Worobec, Jason Worobec, Joan Simon-Worobec, Bob Worobec and Hillary Simon-Worobec gave readings. Eulogy was given by Gerald Worobec. Bonnie Ullyott was organist.

Interment followed at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Manitou Lodge Auxiliary would be appreciated.

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