



**BARTEL,
Edgar H.**

Oct. 2, 1926 - July 24, 2020

Edgar Henry Bartel was born Oct. 2, 1926 to Cornelius and Marie Bartel in their farm home near Drake, Sask. He died July 24, 2020 in Edmonton's Royal Alex Hospital.

Edgar was baptized June 22, 1944 in the country North Star Mennonite Church near

Drake, Sask. He and Helen Schumacher were married Nov. 7, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church, Jansen, Sask. Ed was an active member in the church and teaching Sunday school, singing in the men's and mixed choirs, church council member and as chairman of the council when a parish hall and later the new church were built. Edgar attended Kansas country school, two miles from his home. For grades 10, 11 and 12 he rode a bike to Drake in summer; in winter he drove with a horse and caboose. After completing Gr. 12 he attended Normal School (teacher's college) then taught six grades with 46 students at Erwood, Sask., a log cabin country school. When his dad needed him to farm, Edgar resigned his position at Easter break, then began his farming career. Retiring and moving to Edmonton, one of the first changes he made was to rototill 30 percent of the lawn for planting a garden that would provide fresh produce for all to enjoy. In his home community in Saskatchewan he was a member serving on many boards including Pool, Co-op, Credit Union (chairman for 20 years), Lanigan Hospital Board and the provincial Living Sky Health District. Edgar enjoyed reading, camping, singing tenor in the men's choir, socializing, attending worship services regularly and spending time with family. In Edmonton he would cut jeans and fabrics for quilts while Helen sewed them. He also volunteered at the Rock serving breakfasts to the "needy". In 2013 an accelerating truck hit him in a parking lot, tossed him for about 12 feet. He had no broken bones. However, he did endure soft tissue injury that impacted him for the rest of his life. In 2016 he experienced many health complications, pneumonia three times, cancer in his lung, a stroke and reduced kidney function; however, with determination, a right spirit and God's help he lived four more years.

Edgar is survived by his wife Helen; his son Norman (Patty); daughters Carmen and Carol (Howard); grandchildren Kevin (Crystal), Jay (Denise), Carl (Leslie), Patrick, Christina, Lynnea (Zach) and Adelaide; great-grandchildren Xander, Bree, Luke and Sebastien; brother-in-law Albert Shumaker (Eva), nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents Cornelius and Marie Bartel; siblings Charlotte (Menno), Naomi (Leon), Erling (Marg), Jacob (Ann, Marg), Eunice (Eldon, Peter), Marion (George); parents-in-law Carl and Bertha Schumacher; sister-in-law Marguerite and many cousins and friends from Drake and Lanigan.

We miss you Ed and we will keep your memory in our hearts until we meet again.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hope Lutheran Church, 5104 - 106 Ave. NW, Edmonton, Alta. T6A 1G2 or to Lutheran World Relief or Canadian Bible Society.