



**COPLEY,
Dennis**

**November 22, 1933 -
November 27, 2017**

Dennis Copley of Central Parkland Lodge, Lanigan, SK passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017. He was 84 years of age. Dennis was born on November 22, 1933 in Keighley in the county of York, England. On April 23rd, 1951 he enlisted in the British Army with the Royal Signals Corps. In 1952 he transferred

into the Reeme Corps for the duration of his enlistment. Three years of his service was spent in Egypt. The last three years of service was spent with the Territorial Army, Royal Artillery Corps. Dennis immigrated to Canada in 1967 and received his Canadian Citizenship in 1985. He married and has three sons, David, Mark and Iain. Even in his history before coming into our lives, it's clear that Dennis carried himself with honour, pride and a duty to serve. Our journey with Dennis began in 1985. His pride continued to show in everything he did. Whether he was taking pictures, tending his flowers, woodworking, square dancing, playing darts or devoting his time to the Legion. Dennis was a heavy duty mechanic by trade but was always busy building furniture or tending to his flower gardens. It wasn't often during the summer months that Mom didn't have fresh cut flowers on the table. He would build you whatever you needed, from dressers to cabinets, coffee tables to stools, the projects were endless. As young kids, it took a long time for Lisa and I to see the love he had for us. He adored Mom, and let Lisa and I have the time we needed to begin letting him into our hearts as well. Our relationships bloomed

with Dennis during the years he joined us in Saskatchewan. Always with us during family gatherings to celebrate birthdays, holidays and a couple of weddings. He was always ready with his camera and wanted pictures of us together. Dennis enjoyed watching our families grow. Ever wise with comments about which of the children would be a terror or needed a tuning in. He was very protective and always needed to know that Lisa, Courtney and I were being treated well, because he would "look after it" if we weren't. Dennis was a member of the Mason's and a lifetime member of the Legion serving in many roles over the years. He has been a part of the Lanigan Legion since his moving to Lanigan. He remained active in the Legion until his decline in recent months. The Lanigan Legion has been very supportive and even provided funding for a powered wheel chair. Dennis was all over town in his wheelchair. It gave him great pleasure to have his independence. He would stop by during trips to the shopping centre, for a visit on the street. I have no idea how many of these little visits he did in an outing, but I think more than we know. It is Dennis' wish to have his wheelchair donated to the lodge for use by any Veteran resident who could benefit from the freedom it can provide. We sincerely thank all of you for joining us today, both friends and family alike. Dennis would be proud of the respect you've shown him and honoured by your presence.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Lanigan, SK at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Jim Hatcher. Others taking part were: Janice Attfield, pianist; Terri Knaus, eulogist; Lisa Knaus, urnbearer. An Honor Guard was formed by members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #143.

Interment followed at Lanigan Public Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #143 Lanigan, SK.

Schuler-Lefebvre Funeral Chapel, Humboldt, SK www.schuler-lefebrefuneralchapel.com