



**ORCHARD,
Allan Sidney
1929 - 2024**

Allan was delivered by a mid-wife on a farm south of Qu'Appelle on April 20th, 1929. His father Arthur worked on the Charlie Tanner farm as a farm hand where he and his wife Anne raised 3 boys, Ron, Allan, and Howard. The family later moved to

Grandma and Grandpa Whiting's farm in the Vernon district where Phyllis, Edward, and Carol were born. Allan worked for numerous farmers in the Qu'Appelle area and when he was 18, he moved to the Lanigan area to work at the Termuende farm. He met his future wife Rojean Eichorst while at the many card parties that were held at the Eichorst farm located just north of the Termuende farm. During their courtship there were many trips to the bowling alley in Humboldt and afterwards they would have a strawberry milkshake. Allan and Jean enjoyed dancing up a storm at dances held at Danceland, Manitou Beach. Some of their favourite bands were "The Robsons" and "The Polka Kings". After their courtship, they were married on May 30, 1958. Shortly after, Allan went to trade school in Regina to become a welder. Allan and Jean then moved to Regina where Allan worked as a welder for Botkins Construction for 7 years. They were blessed with three lovely children, Mark, Murray, and Melanie. When Melanie was around a year old they moved back to Lanigan to start a backhoe business called Orchard's Trenching. They lived on the Eichorst farm while their new house was being built in the town of Lanigan. Allan's backhoe business took him all over the Lanigan area and surrounding communities, digging basements, graves, and installing septic systems. Allan's best advertising were his customers. His skill for running his backhoe was well known and he was always in demand.

Allan always had a passion for hunting, fishing and trapping. A passion that he passed on to his children. Allan hunted and trapped in the Lanigan area and when the family was quite young, they began travelling to Big Sandy and Nemeiben Lakes to enjoy the outdoors and some great fishing. There are many great summer memories at the lake that his family have shared and continue on with that passion.

Allan and Jean moved to a log home their son Mark had built on their acreage east of Lanigan in 1990 where they resided until 2018. Allan and Jean loved living on their acreage, growing bountiful gardens, grooming the lawn, and tending to the flowers and trees.

In his retirement years Allan and Jean joined a bowling

league in Jansen and enjoyed many years of bowling and friendly competition and fellowship. Allan loved to tell us how many turkeys showed up on the scoreboard indicating 3 strikes in a row. He was a member of the 300 club which was quite an accomplishment for his age.

Allan also enjoyed tending to Murray's cattle on the acreage. He was Murray's "right hand man", tending to the herd when Murray was at work. He would like to rise early to see how the cattle were doing, give them some feed, or check the fence, and then maybe go down to the garden to check on his potato patch or pick some of his prize strawberries. Allan took great pride in his garden, always making sure his children or grandchildren had lots of produce. He would even transport his potatoes to B.C. to distribute them amongst Mark and Audrey's family.

Allan always enjoyed the many summer fishing or winter ice-fishing trips with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also fortunate to still be hunting with his grandson Marlon, and his great-grandsons Reed and Riley at the youthful age of 89. He was known as "Eagle Eye Al" or "1 Shot Al".

After Allan's dementia progressed in 2019, he moved to Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan where he resided until our Lord called him on May 3rd, 2024.

Allan was predeceased by his father Arthur, mother Anne, step-mother Lynette, brothers Ron and Howard, sister Phyllis and nephew Trent.

Allan is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean Orchard (nee Eichorst), brother Edward (Muriel) Orchard, sister Carol (Garth) White; three children, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson: son Mark (Audrey) Orchard, Brandon (Alisha) Orchard, Jaida, Liberty, Elaina, Malachi, Dawson, Zion and Destiny; Blase (Jennica) Orchard, Rylan, Logan and Silas; Dale Orchard (Chandra); Jenelle (Derrick) Dempster; Keyan Orchard (Alyssa); son Murray (Lorelei) Orchard, Marlon (Anne) Orchard, Reed and Riley; Heidi (Lee) Heise, Madison (Nathan) Smart and Winston, Morgan (Lauren), Max (Vianna), Peyton, Avery and Everett, daughter Melanie (Paul) Green, Jacklyn Abrahamson, Tomas and Claire; Carrie (Kyle) Hodgson, Everley, Emersyn and Ellie; Cameron (Jessica) Green, Shiloh and Theo.

The Funeral Service for Allan was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. from Trinity Lutheran Church, Lanigan, SK, officiated by Pastor George Hind. Interment took place in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Allan may be directed to Central Parkland Lodge: Activities or Trinity Lutheran Church: General Fund.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home & Crematorium, Humboldt, 306-682-1622.