



**PAPROSKI,  
Gordon**

**June 8, 1933 - Oct. 18, 2017**

Gordon passed away peacefully on October 18, 2017 at the age of 84 in Rose Villa Care Home in Rosetown, Sask.

Gordon was born near Lanigan, Sask., the second eldest son, and he grew up on the family farm with his nine

siblings. Gordon loved all parts of farm life, especially stooking at harvest and looking after the horses. When the farm work was done, you could often find him on an outdoor rink in the winter or a ball diamond in the summer as he was a very skilled hockey and baseball player. Gordon met and fell in love with Marianne Enns in Lanigan while she was working as a practical nurse. They were married in Sinnett, Sask. on October 2nd, 1958. They first settled in Estevan, Sask. where Gordon owned and operated a truck in the oil field. In 1966, they, along with three children, headed north and began farming in the Veillardville area of Hudson Bay. In 1972, Gordon and Marianne bought the old store in Veillardville, moved it north three miles, renovated it, and created a home for their family. Gordon loved the farm but he also loved trucking, so he spent his winter months hauling wood for local contractors. Gordon was not one to sit still and he admired and respected people who worked hard. He definitely instilled that work ethic into his children. Gordon loved the outdoors, which is why he moved to the Hudson Bay area. He had a passion for hunting and trapping and was very comfortable in the bush. He wore out many pairs of boots while elk and moose hunting and most seasons the farm freezers were filled with wild meat. He was not just a hunter, but a conservationist as well. Feeding birds and deer in the winter, raising pheasants and releasing them into the wild, or leaving some crops standing around the edges of the fields, "because the deer gotta eat too" were all important to him. Gordon dearly loved his family, and during Christmas of 2014 he made the difficult decision to sell the family farm. Marianne had passed away in 2010, and with his failing health, he was having difficulty looking after the place on his own. He made the decision to move to Rosetown in May of 2015 to be closer to family. He so loved his siblings, his kids, and his grandkids and lit up when anyone came to visit. Even near the end, when he was physically failing, he never lost his sense of humour and his mind stayed sharp. Gordon will be missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him.

Gordon will be lovingly remembered by his children Debbie (Len) Walton (Gimli, Man.), Maureen (Jamie) Dowhy (Edmonton, Alta.), Linda (Dudley) Welsh (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico), Gary (LeAnne) Paproski (Rosetown, Sask.), Theresa (Jim) Cyr (Brooks, Alta.), Cory (Kelly) Paproski (Edson, Alta.); his siblings Ardel, Agnes, Lois, Carol, Connie, and Yvonne; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife Marianne; his parents Cyril and Eileen; brothers Lawrence and Floyd; sister Verna; son-in-law Brad Powell and granddaughter Lisa Paproski.

A graveside service was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lanigan, Sask. on Friday, October 27 at 11:00 a.m. with The Rev. Fr. Paul Paproski celebrant.

Honourary pallbearers "His Grandchildren", Dustin Paproski, Braedy Paproski, Amy Powell, Tyler Knutsvik, Miranda Knutsvik, Travis Paproski, Brendan Paproski, Linden Welsh and Braiden Paproski.

Following the service, lunch was served in the lower hall of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lanigan.

Memorial donations in memory of Gordon may be directed to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, 9 Lancaster Road, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6J 1M8 or by calling toll free 877-793-9453 or by donating online.

Funeral arrangements for the late Gordon Paproski were entrusted to Shanidar Funeral Services of Rosetown, Sask.