



**RUCKS,  
Mervin Clifford  
February 4, 1935 -  
September 15, 2019**

On Sunday, September 15, 2019, Mervin Clifford Rucks passed away peacefully in St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, Sask. He was 84 years of age.

Mervin was born on February 4, 1935, on the family

farm south of Esk, Sask., in the R.M. of Prairie Rose, to August and Lydia (nee Jaworski) Rucks. He lived on the family farm his entire life. Mervin was baptized as an infant and later confirmed into the Lutheran faith at the Esk Lutheran Church. Growing up, Mervin attended the Bieberdorf country school and later became part of the Bieberdorf boys ball team. It was at one of the Haliburton picnics that Mervin met Darlene Eichorst who became his wife on July 23, 1960. He was blessed with two chosen children, Dean and Lisa and he enjoyed their many activities while they were growing up, taking them to hockey games and figure skating outings, and attending the Zion Lutheran Church and Sunday School as a family. Mervin spent many winters running the snow plow south of Esk and Jansen. He was always very active in his community, as a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and the Jansen Kinsmen Club where he volunteered several times with the annual Telemiracle telethon. Many summer fishing trips were made up north to Besnard Lake which became an annual fun time to gather with family and friends. Mervin loved the land and his farming career. He was one of the original shareholders when Pound-Maker formed and made silage for many years. Mervin combined his last field in the Fall of 2009. Together with Darlene, Mervin loved to travel. Their trips took them to visit family, going to Faro, Yukon, to visit their son Dean, and also many times to Vancouver Island when the Ewen grandparents lived there. Further from home, the couple travelled to Mexico, Canada's East Coast, the Panama Canal, Churchill, Man. by train, shared an Alaskan cruise and went to Pasadena, California to attend The Rose Bowl Parade. To enjoy the warmth all through the winter, Mervin and Darlene established a residence at Valle dei Oro Mesa, Arizona in 2010.

Mervin was predeceased by his son, Dean Rucks; his parents; two infant siblings; Wilhem and Anga Rucks; his sister, Erica (Henry) Martynse; niece, Sandra Martynse; godson, Robby Burns; and niece, Heather Kline.

Left to remember Mervin are his wife of 59 years, Darlene (nee Eichorst); his daughter, Lisa (Rick) Williams, Kennedy and Damon Williams; his son Dean's family: daughter-in-law, Doris Hodgson Rucks, Kirsi Rucks, Vicky (Brad) Anderson, Emma and Jack Anderson, Darnell Hodgson; sister-in law Doris (Garth) Burns; nieces and nephews, Amy and Bryce Kline, Madison, Brittany and Graham Burns Newberry; and numerous cousins and friends.

A Funeral Service was held for Mervin on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Jansen, Sask. presided over by Pastor Glenn Shore. Others taking part

were: Wendy and Dave Renwick, eulogists; Kirsi Rucks, scripture reader; and Gaye-Lynn Kern, soloist.

Interment followed at Esk Lutheran Cemetery, North of Esk, Sask.

The memorial luncheon followed in the Jansen Town Hall, Jansen, Sask.

Memorial donations may be directed either to the Charity of One's Choice or to Diabetes Canada, #104-2301 Avenue C North, Saskatoon, Sask., S7L 5Z5.

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