



**SCHONDELMEIER,
Albert**

Dad was born south of Esk, Sask. on May 15, 1921 and passed peacefully the morning of Sunday, February 2, 2020 at RUH.

Albert took his schooling at Deer Plain, Bieberdorf and Haliburton in the Esk/Jansen district and quit school at age 14 to help out at home. He worked during haying and harvest to earn money and in winter trapped weasels, rabbits, beavers and even skunks!! The fur wasn't worth much but it was income. Dad was called to serve his country in 1942, enlisting with the Regina Rifle Regiment. Training took him to Sarcee Camp Calgary, Wainwright, Alta. and many points in B.C. He served in England, Belgium, Holland and Germany and joined the Army of Occupation when the war ended. He returned home to Jansen in January 1947. In March 1947 Dad bought what would become the "home place," 6 ½ miles south of Jansen, and began a mixed farming operation. He married Evelyn Schinkel on April 18, 1949 and together they worked to eke out a living despite the hardships and uncertainty of farming-always living within their means. They retired to Saskatoon in 1985. My dad was known to be an "exact" man, meticulous and orderly, he wasn't one to cut corners. Everything he did was above and beyond what was called for. He

enjoyed old country and gospel music, nature and wildlife, peace and quiet and taking walks and country drives, especially to the farm. He was a voracious reader and kept up with current events and politics. He was kind and humble with a quiet, gentle spirit who found great joy in helping and giving to others. We will long remember his wry wit and wonderful sense of humour! Above all he valued his independence and guarded it fiercely until a fall from a ladder at 89 necessitated a move to an assisted living facility. In April 2019 he relocated to our home until a fall hospitalized him on January 27. He passed away at the age of 98 years, 8 ½ months.

Albert is survived and will be immeasurably missed by his daughter Marilyn (Garry) Ryan; step-grandchildren David Ryan, Tanis (Dave) Shanks and Sean Ryan; step-great-grandchildren James Ryan and Channing, Tristan and Ainsleigh Shanks; brothers-in-law Ernest (Eileen) Schinkel, George Schinkel and Bruno (Paulette) Schinkel as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Karl (1947) and Amalia née Meyer (1941) Schondelmeier; wife Evelyn née Schinkel (1998); sisters Olga Draht, Adelma Klebaum and Erna Kihn; brother Henry Schondelmeier; sisters-in-law Margaret Arnst, Esther Koschinsky and Verna Schinkel.

His hardworking hands are finally at rest and he has the peace he so desperately longed for as the ravages of old age took their toll. I'll miss you more than words can say. Schlaf wohl Dad.

The funeral service was held on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Acadia-McKague's Funeral Centre, 915 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon with longtime good friend and neighbour Rev. Deacon Jack Robson officiating.

Interment will be held in Jansen, Sask. at a later date.

Donations may be made to Jansen Zion Lutheran Church, Jansen Cemetery Fund or donor's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Jennifer Wildeman at Acadia-McKague's Funeral Centre.