

Robert (Rob) Henry Hougham – 1949 School
Honorary Life Member 2006

Bob farmed, ranched and served his community in many ways from 1948 to his official retirement in 1981.

1948 was the beginning of a very happy and challenging 35 years in agriculture in the Paradise Hill community of northwest Saskatchewan. That year Bob married his sweetheart Joyce, and they became dairy farmers. Not just ordinary dairy farmers though – they produced milk, processed it and delivered it to their customers. All that for ten cents a bottle in the beginning, rising to twenty-five cents a quart fifteen years later. By then they had acquired enough land to switch to ranching. Dairying had allowed them to survive, but it was a hard grind, said Bob. Help from their growing family was a great contribution to success.

Bob and Joyce had eight children and added two foster children.

Bob was generous to his community and the larger agricultural world. He served on the North Bend and Frenchman Butte School Boards, the dairy association, seed grower's association, as a 4-H leader, director of the Highland Cattle Society, and an RM councilor. The list includes service on the Anglican Church Parish Council, the museum society, Masonic Lodge, the health system, and many other community undertakings.

Following retirement from the farm, Bob took on the job of village clerk at Paradise Hill for 13 years. It extended his years in agriculture and service to his community to a remarkable 49 years. Still going strong, Bob is now a gopher to the next generation of ranchers.