

Raymond J. Wilfing –College 1969 ***Honorary Life Member 2010***

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Raymond J. Wilfing was raised on the family farm in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the U of S in 1969. He married Sharon in 1969 and raised 3 sons, Kevin, Ryan, and Derek, on the farm his father homesteaded. He currently has 6 grandchildren. In 1987 he converted his farm practices to minimum till and continuous cropping, and in 2000 he expanded the family farm and built an on-site seed plant which produces numerous varieties of Hard Red Wheat, CPS white and red wheat, two- and six-row barleys, oats, and numerous varieties of yellow peas.

Raymond has been extensively involved in the local and provincial agricultural industry. He began participating in on-site demonstration plots during the 1970s with the U of S Extension Division and Saskatchewan Agriculture. In 1976 he was instrumental in the establishment and building of the Meadow Lake Seed Cleaning Coop, and served on the Board of Directors for 13 years, being Chairman for eight years. He was treasurer on the local Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee, and served on various REDA committees pursuing economic drivers for the Meadow Lake and area agricultural interests. Always having a keen interest in canola, he became actively involved with the provincial and national canola organizations. While serving on the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association he helped to initiate the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission and was chairman for six years.

Raymond has also contributed to his local community. He worked with adult education in northern Saskatchewan, served on the Meadow Lake Curling Club executive, owned and operated Meadow Lake Bowl, and served on the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey executive. Presently he is serving as chairperson for the North West Regional Waste Management Authority and sits on the North Central Transportation Advisory Committee. He has served eight years on the rural municipal board. Presently, he has been elected for a second term as the reeve for the Meadow Lake Rural Municipality.

Raymond's efforts have been recognized by others. He was granted an Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 2001. In 2009 he received the Outstanding Service Award from the Canadian Seed Growers Association.