
Grattan O'Grady – School 1969

Grattan was raised on a family farm and went to school in the Allan area. He belonged to the local 4-H Club and in 1969 graduated from the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. The same year he purchased his first land and started farming with his father. For four summers he worked part-time inspecting pedigree seed crops for Plant Products. Winters were spent instructing one month farm management courses in the province for Wascana Institute.

In 1977 he and Barbara were married and together raised four children: Ryan, Allison, Erin and Casey. During this time Grattan was an active member of the Pulse, Flax, Wheat and Canola Growers, along with the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association. Formation meetings were held at the farm to promote direct seeding in the area. During that time Grattan was the chairman of the local school board and later sat on the Saskatoon East School Board for six years. He was the chairman of the Alpine Cattle Feeders Club, the cattle being fed at the feed lot in Viscount. Grattan helped on the committee for the College of Agriculture Building Fund, an exciting project at the time.

Starting in 1990 Grattan was instrumental in establishing the Allan South Rural Water Utility; a network of 300 KM of P.F.R.A. assisted pipelines distributing potable water from the Saskatoon treatment plant to 160 rural subscribers between Dundurn and Watrous. For the last five years he had been chairman of the Sask. Association of Rural Pipelines. Since 1999 Grattan has been on the Co-op Hail Insurance Board and an executive member on the board since 2003. Grattan and Barbara continue to live at the farm for the summer. Grattan is a proud to be a Past President and Life Member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.