

## **George Lyon Roy '47 S 1925 – 2015**

George died peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan, SK in his 91st year surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Lottie Mae; brothers, John, Wilfred and Phillip and daughter Mary Michelle.

George is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 66 years, Patricia (nee Schnell); loving father of Rebecca (Douglas), Rodney (Sharon), Lindsey (Bonny), Sheldon (Anna), Dennis (Lorna) and Melissa (Larry); adoring grandfather and great-grandfather of Sarah, Nicholas, Taryn (Andrew), Ashley (Chelsea), Genna-Rae, Preston, Kyrrah, Schuyler, Jordan, Michelle (Jason), Lisa (Ryan), Trysten, Kayden, Taylor, Noah, Cassidy, Kalib, Hayley, Shania, Joshua and Xander. George is also survived by his sisters, Evelyn Petroski and Joanne Henderson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He will also be lovingly remembered by the Schnell family.

George was born and raised on the farm which his father and mother homesteaded. He hoped to join his brothers fighting in the second World War but his farming skills were needed at home to support the war effort. At the end of the war, he was accepted into the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. During his time there, he participated in all athletics. His contribution to the sports at the university was recognized with his appointment to the position of Student Athletic Director after only one year, an unheard of honour. At the end of his second year, he graduated and was given a second athletic award reflecting his sporting skills. On his brother Wilfred's return from the war, they formed a partnership to farm their family's land. Their farms and their families entwined for almost 50 years.

George lived his life with generosity, honesty and integrity in service of the community he loved. In his church community, he led the choir for over 50 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as Grand Knight for a number of years. In the Lampman community, he served on a variety of boards including: the school board, the curling and hockey committees, the Lampman golf course and the low rental housing board, to name a few. George loved all sports, but baseball was his true passion. He quickly rose to be a superb pitcher, catching the eye of a baseball scout from whom he was offered a tryout in the USA. His farming commitments prevented him from accepting this offer. Listening to the distant signal of the AM radio baseball broadcasts filled his many days and nights on the farm fields. George's love of sports was passed on to his children and grandchildren. He loved watching them grow and play. George's TV set had one channel: sports. Those interested in other TV fare, found other TVs.

In his life, George showed his love of God, a love of his beautiful wife Patricia and the children and grandchildren that flowed from their union. In his dying, George showed his family the gift of a good death. He was generous and kind to everyone who visited him during his final days, giving his love and comfort while receiving theirs.

The family would like to thank Doctor Tsoi and the staff at Saint Joseph's Hospital for their kindness and superb care. A Prayer Service will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Both services will be held at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows R.C. Church, Lampman, SK with Rev. Leonardo Tamayo Jr. presiding. Interment will take place at the parish cemetery. Those wishing to make donations in George's memory may do so directly to the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation (designate to the Intensive Care Unit), 1176 Nicholson Road, Estevan, SK, S4A 0H3, or Covenant House Toronto, 20 Gerrard Street, Toronto, ON, M5B 2P3. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/leaderpost/obituary.aspx?n=george-lyon-roy&pid=176479142&fhid=6549#sthash.EYx4ISS4.dpuf>