

COLTON, Archie

Arthur (Archie) Colton passed away peacefully at Kindersley Heritage Manor on May 8, 2014.

Archie was born Arthur Edward William Colton on October 9, 1924 and was raised on the family farm near Kincaid, Saskatchewan. He was the eldest son of William Henry Colton and Augusta Celia Colton (Buckley). Archie attended school in Kincaid until his Grade 12 graduation in 1942. He then served with the Canadian Armed Forces from 1943 until the end of WWII. In 1950, Archie received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. He went on to work as a soils specialist for the U of S and PFRA in Alberta until 1954. From there he went to work as an Extension Agrologist (Ag Rep) until his retirement in April, 1984. During his time as Ag Rep, he served several different districts in Saskatchewan.

Archie married Maree Marion Smith on June 9, 1951 in Eastend, SK. After their marriage in 1951, they lived alternately between Vauxhall, AB and Saskatoon, SK. Daughter Patricia was born in Saskatoon in 1952 and daughter Sharon was born in Taber, AB in 1953. In 1954, Archie and Maree moved to Eastend. While in Eastend, son James was born in 1956. In 1960, the family moved to Fort Qu'Appelle where daughter Laurie was born in 1962. In December of that year a transfer was accepted to Outlook, SK where the youngest child Nancy was born in 1963. Archie and Maree moved with their family to Kindersley in 1973 where they spent the rest of their lives.

In his youth and throughout his life, Archie was actively involved in many sports such as baseball, skating, curling and swimming. Archie and Maree continued to actively farm land with their son Jim in the Kincaid area for several years. The farm was a great source of pride and enjoyment for Archie and Maree. Farming and horticulture were an integral part of Archie's life until his passing. Archie served the communities in which his family lived in many ways through the United Church as well as several community, provincial and Canadian organizations including the Royal Canadian Legion and the Canada Day Committee. He was also an avid supporter of the Saskatchewan 4H program for over 25 years and in several capacities and was inducted into the Sask 4H Hall of Fame in 1986. Archie proudly served as a Kindersley town councillor from 1974-1984 and as the town's mayor from 1984-1991.

Archie is survived by his children Patricia (Larry) Hillier, Sharon (Greg) Parke, James (Kim) Colton, Laurie (Wayne) Besplug and Nancy (Maurice) DeMong; grandchildren Brett (Melanie) Hillier, Kevin Hillier, Taryn (Matthew) O'Morrow, Alex (Natalie) Parke, Brandy Colton, Janelle Colton, Chelsea (Caleb) Henry, Aleshia (Derek) Andreas, Daniel and Carley Besplug, Katherine and Colton DeMong; and great-grandchildren Aubrey and Parker Andreas. Archie is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Shirley Colton of Calgary, AB; sister-in-law Gladys Smith of Camrose, AB; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Maree; his parents William and Augusta Colton; sister Celia Colton in infancy; his sister and brother-in-law Winnifred and Bob Oliver; mother-in-law Ida Smith brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Percy (Verna) Smith, Harry (Doree) Smith, Ross (Betty) Smith, Glen Smith and June (Richard) Breton; nephews Victor Smith, Michael Smith and Mark Breton; niece Marilyn (Breton) Talarico; and his grandson Calvin Besplug.

Archie's Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at St. Paul's United Church in Kindersley, SK. A very special thanks to all those from the Kindersley Heritage Manor who cared for Archie for the past eight years. Arrangements are entrusted to the Kindersley Community Funeral Home and Crematorium. Charitable donations may be made in Archie's memory to the following organization: Kindersley & District Health & Wellness Foundation, Box 195, Kindersley, SK S0L 1S0