JOSEPH LINNELL

September 21, 1931 - January 25, 2014



Joseph Thomas Linnell 1931 - 2014

A family service with the interment of cremated remains will take place in the Summerberry Cemetery at a later date. Joe passed away with family by his side on Saturday January 25, 2014. He is survived by his wife Joan (nee Mighton), and their family Jennifer (Kevin) Ross and their sons Tanner and Trevor; Kevin (Joselyn) and their family Jeremy and Haley; his sister Louine Hanbury- King, Eshowe, South Africa a brother Bob (Jan) Weyburn, SK; sisters in law Marilyn (Bob Davis) and Colleen (Ian) Douglas, Haliburton, ON; many nieces and nephews. Joe was born on the homestead farm at Summerberry on Sept 21, 1931 and lived and farmed there until 2004 when he moved to Wolseley. He attended school in Summerberry, Grenfell and the U of S School of Agriculture class of '51. He was a seed grower from 1968-2006. In 1962 Joe was selected as Saskatchewan's first Nuffield Scholar. Joe took advantage of the knowledge he gained during his travels to adapt farming methods to local conditions. He was always interested in rural life in his traveling and the business of farming whether sheep or game, oats or quinoa was being observed. Joe had a world wide web of friends as a result of his travels. Joe loved celebrations. When the homestead reached its centenary, the farm was transformed into a genealogical fair as relatives gathered from afar in 1985 to acknowledge the event. He was an enthusiastic promoter of Summerberry school reunions in 1990 and 1995, School of Ag gatherings and conventions of all kinds. He especially enjoyed his birthday party in August of 2013 at his home when he renewed ties with five classmates from his class of '51, numerous other friends and relatives. Travels in later years focused on his grandchildren's ball tournaments as he enjoyed their "Little League" games. He took quiet pride in their accomplishments. On-line condolences may be made at www.tubmanfh.com