

Denis Albert Joseph Ladouceur '56 C November 15, 1933 – April 16, 2016

Born the younger of two children in Tisdale, Saskatchewan in 1933, Denis grew up on a farm near the community of Arborfield, Saskatchewan. He attended high school at Campion College in Regina, then enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1956.

He married the love of his life, Arlee Hackl, in 1957, and raised a family of six children: Michelle, Alex, Cathleen, Mark, Joseph and Maria, who were at his bedside when he was welcomed into the arms of our Lord.

Denis leaves behind his surviving brother, Alexandre (Noamia) Ladouceur; his six children: Michelle (Marc Mereau), Alex (Hildemarie), Cathleen Gow, Mark (Yvonne), Joe (Allison Denesuk), Maria (Mike Burtlehaus); his amazing sister-in-law, Rosemarie Hackl; and 15 grandchildren: Paul, Jacqueline, Robert (Alexia) Mereau; Lauren, Ryan, Sophia Ladouceur; Scott, Christian, Liam Gow; Genevieve, Jonas Ladouceur; Austin, Joshua Ladouceur; and Genevieve, Madeline Goldstein. To these grandchildren he passed along his passions for golf, photography, travelling and camping, along with an unshakable belief in Jesus Christ.

This was expressed in Denis's dedication to the Catholic Church, reflected in his 42 years as a parishioner at St. Bonaventure Parish, and more than 30 years providing pastoral and palliative care to those in need. He always believed that the happiest moments in his life were at the noisy dining room table surrounded by his children, their spouses and grandchildren. His gentle manner had an impact on so many, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

His family wishes to thank the remarkable and dedicated staff at Millrise Place who were there to the end for Dad, along with his personal caregiver, Evelyn Sanico, who never failed to elicit a smile from Dad and those around him. Relatives and friends were invited to Prayers and Tributes at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church (1600 Acadia Drive SE) today, Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be concelebrated at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church (1600 Acadia Drive SE) on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Graveside service to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Photos, memories and condolences may be shared through www.evanjstrong.com. In lieu of flowers, his family asks all those who knew and loved Denis to perform a good deed or act of kindness in his name. Arrangements in care of EVAN J. STRONG FUNERAL SERVICES. 403-265-1199. - See more at:

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