

Howard Steinley

November 23, 1940 ~ April 20, 2020 (age 79)

Obituary

Howard Steinley of Swift Current, SK, formerly of Rush Lake, SK, passed away Monday, April 20, 2020 at the Meadows, Swift Current. Howard is survived by his sons and their families, Kevin Steinley, Darren (Michelle) Steinley (Andrew and Noah), and Jason (Deb) Steinley (Nadine, Nicole, and Jared); his brother, Ron (Inez) Steinley (Swift Current, SK); his sister, Devrah (Amie) Bryant (Thorsby, AB); his sisters-in-law, Edie Blash (Nanaimo, BC) and Angela Wiese (Regina, SK); and by numerous nieces and nephews. Howard was predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Adeline; Steinley; and by his brothers-in-law, Paul Bryant and Gerald Wiese.

Howard Glen Steinley was the first child born to Harry & Emma Steinley on November 23, 1940 in Herbert, SK. Howard attended Moscow School near Prairie View, Rush Lake School, and then graduated from Herbert School. He was a member of the Rush Lake Dairy 4-H Club. He was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church.

Howard's love of the land and agriculture led him to Saskatoon to attend the School of Agriculture, where he received his Diploma in Agriculture in 1961. Howard has shared many fond memories of his university days and the friends he made there. Shortly after university, Howard took a job in Lloydminster, AB working as a Livestock TB Inspector for Health of Animals. It was here he met a hometown girl, Adeline Wiese, who was a teacher at Onion Lake, SK.

Howard & Adeline were married May 16, 1964 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Morse, SK. At first they lived in Lloydminster, but then the call of the farm brought them back to Rush Lake in 1965. In 1967, they welcomed their first son, Kevin — their centennial project. In 1970, they started building a home on the family farmyard, moved in November 1970, and Darren joined the family in December. In 1973, Jason arrived and the family of five was complete.

Howard and his brother, Ron, purchased the farm, continuing milking cows. They raised purebred Holstein dairy cows — Park Lane Holsteins. The milk production and quality cattle from the Steinley Brothers Dairy was well renowned. They worked hard and had tremendous pride in their work, whether it be a spotless milk house and barn, high quality feed for the cows, or showing their animals at numerous shows across the country. They diversified to beef cattle in the 80's and Park Vue Herefords was born. In 1998, they sold the dairy cows and focused on purebred Hereford beef cows and the grain land.

Howard was a proud father who worked hard to provide a good home and life for his wife and family. He taught his sons how to work hard and serve others. Howard always

ensured children on the farm had chores to do — not just to lighten the load, but to make sure they learned and felt as though they were contributing members to the success of the farming operation. There was always work to do, but he would make time to hit pop flies to the boys to improve their ball skills. He offered his advice and consultation for matters on the farm, and lent a willing hand as long as he was able.

Howard played ball with the Rush Lake Red Sox, and curled in Rush Lake, Herbert, and Swift Current for many years. Darren and Howard won the Rush Lake Curling League in 1983. He was even the wheelchair curling champion in Swift Current just a few short weeks ago!

Howard was a valued member of every community he belonged to — community service was a huge part of his life and is his lasting legacy. Howard belonged to the Rush Lake Recreation Board for many years and he was awarded a Saskatchewan Distinction Award for this work. He served on the Rush Lake Water Users, Saskatchewan Irrigation Provincial Association, and the Saskatchewan Dairy Producers Co-op, and received a Lifetime Membership to the Saskatchewan Dairy Association. Howard served on the Board of Directors of the Herbert Co-op for almost twenty years, many of those as Chairman of the Board.

Howard was involved in 4-H for over forty years as a member, leader, parent and grandparent. Once the boys were grown and able to drive themselves to events, Howard and Adeline joined the Hebert Lions Club. He enjoyed the fellowship and purpose of all of these committees and service groups, a very committed and conscientious volunteer. He won the Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 for his commitment to community service.

In 2007, Kevin and Darren purchased the farm, so Howard & Adeline moved to Swift Current — first, to a house, and then to a condo. Howard found a community of men to visit with at Taco Time and his sons always joked he was part of their coffee quality control committee. Coffee time with the guys at the Valley Ridge Condo became just as important, and he made some wonderful friends and neighbours there.

He also volunteered and spent a lot of time with the Swift Current Lions Club. Howard served many roles in the Swift Current Lions Club, but his most esteemed role was when he served as Lions District 5 Governor in 2007-2008. Howard & Adeline attended meetings and conventions across the province, and into North and South Dakota. He also served many roles on St. Olaf Lutheran Church Council, including Chairman for many years. Howard & Adeline faithfully attended bible studies, prayer groups, Sunday school concerts, music events and the numerous meals served at our church. He loved attending the Youth Dessert Auction, bidding and buying a number of the desserts, and sneaking just a little piece of each. Most recently, he served on the Meadows Resident Activity

Committee to help arrange activities and entertainment for his fellow residents at the Meadows.

In 1999, Howard & Adeline welcomed their first grandchild, Andrew, followed by Nadine, Nicole, Noah, and Jared. Howard loved to attend the children's sporting activities — hockey, curling, softball, soccer, skating, and football — and was often recruited to chauffeur the kids around. He was immensely proud of his family, and you could see him light up when his grandchildren would visit.

The family would like to thank the nurses, doctors, and care aides at the Meadows for the care and home they offered Howard during his stay for the last year. They did everything they could to help him feel comfortable and we are very grateful. We'd also like to thank Rev. Dr. Greg Kiel for visiting with him Monday, we know he appreciated the prayers and communion.

Lastly, the family would like to thank all of the people who have reached out to offer their support during our time of loss. This pandemic has not allowed us to receive visitors, but your phone calls and messages have provided comfort.

A Private Family Service for Howard Steinley will take place on Friday, April 24, 2020 with Rev. Dr. Greg Kiel officiating. The video of the service will go live on Friday, April 24 at 2:00 pm from the St. Olaf Lutheran Church website. To view the service, scroll down to the "Live Broadcast" at www.stolaf.ca

Those wishing to pay their respects may do so privately at a time and date of their choosing at the Mount Pleasant Burial Park Columbarium, Swift Current, SK.

Sympathy cards can be sent to 823 Field Drive, Swift Current, SK, S9H 4H8

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Howard Steinley, donations made to the Swift Current Lions Club, Saskatchewan 4-H Club, and St. Olaf Lutheran Church would be appreciated by the family.

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