

## **This was my Father**

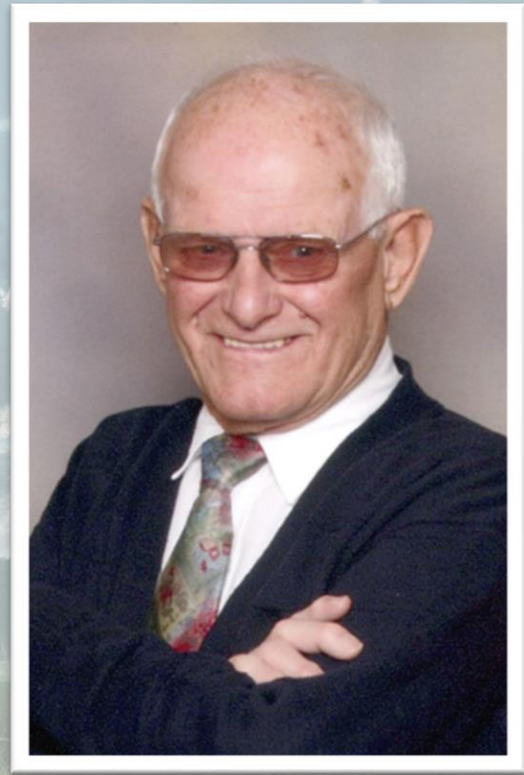
My Father was a man who had  
smiles to brighten your days,  
who always made you feel good  
with his warm words of praise.  
And what's more, he knew what to do  
to make wishes come true.

He was my Father.

My Father was someone who  
always had good stories to tell,  
but just as importantly,  
he knew how to be a good listener as well.

He was patient and kind  
and the very best friend  
you could ever hope to find.

He was no ordinary man,  
and I'm proud to tell the world  
that Dan Schapansky  
was my Father.



DAN SCHAPANSKY

1932 – 2022

On Sunday, May 15, 2022 Dan Schapansky, age 89, left this world to join his Lord and Savior with family and friends at his side at the Cypress Regional Hospital, Swift Current, SK. Daniel "Dan" Schapansky was born June 18, 1932 to Peter & Elizabeth Schapansky on the family farm north of Morse, SK near Glen Kerr, SK. He attended the Log Valley school until the eighth grade and at age 15, started his first paid job shoveling gravel as part of the CP Rail Extra Gang. Some of Dan's other work included working for the RM as an equipment operator, as a hired farm hand, and as a feed lot employee before spending a majority of his career at the Swift Current Dairy Producers Co-op until he retired in 1995. Dan also owned and operated Herbert Sanitary Services for many years. In 1962, Dan married the love of his life, Laura Derksen, and they had one daughter, Treena. Dan & Laura accepted the Lord early in their marriage and were baptized into the Herbert Mennonite Church, where they remained active members throughout their lives. Dan liked to keep busy. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, camping, building, and fixing almost anything. When his brother, Alvin, built a working scale model steam tractor and when his brother, Wes, built a scale model thresher, Dan also became involved in model engineering. He built model hay racks, wagons, and a cookshack, which completed all the parts needed for a working threshing team. They dubbed themselves the Schapansky Boys Antique Toys and took their tiny working models to such venues as the Regina Agribition, and Sukanen Village near Moose Jaw, to name a few. People young and old marveled at the craftsmanship of the Schapansky Boys Toys and they were even featured on an episode of the Prairie Farm Report. After losing Laura to cancer in 2014, Dan learned his way around the kitchen – cooking and baking, as well as maintaining flower and vegetable gardens. Dan enjoyed life and loved to visit family and friends. Dan was predeceased by his wife, Laura Schapansky; his brother, Wes; his sisters, Viola and Eva; and by his brother-in-law, Elmer. Dan leaves behind his daughter, Treena (Jim) Knelson; his remaining brothers and sisters-in-law; his numerous nieces and nephews; and by many friends. He will be missed by all.

In Loving Memory of

## DAN SCHAPANSKY

BORN – June 18, 1932 at Glen Kerr, SK

PASSED AWAY – May 15, 2022 at Swift Current, SK

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Living Faith Fellowship Church, Herbert, SK

OFFICIATING – Pastor Lincoln Vellacott

PIANIST – Donovan Epp

HYMNS – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SPECIAL MUSIC – Donovan Epp, "Be Still My Soul"

OBITUARY – Jim Knelson

TRIBUTES – Richard Nickel and Laurie Redekop

USHERS – Ken Siemens and Arnold Giesbrecht

PALLBEARERS – Niel Block, Richard Nickel, Brian Nickel,  
Bruce Nickel, Rodney Dyck, and Ken Schapansky

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT – Preceded the  
Funeral Service from the Herbert Cemetery, Herbert, SK

LUNCHEON – Following the service in the lower auditorium

DONATIONS – Heart & Stroke Foundation

ARRANGEMENTS – Swift Current Funeral Home