

Jacob “Jake” Driedger, age 71, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2019 at Clover House, Swift Current, SK with his family at his side. Jacob “Jake” Martin Driedger was born on May 19, 1947 in Swift Current—the youngest of sixteen children born to Cornelius & Katherina Driedger. In January of 1969, Jake met his future bride on a blind date. Six months later, on July 20, 1969 Jake married Mary Funk in Goultdown, SK. A year later, they welcomed their first daughter, who was followed by three more daughters in the next three years. Jake was a mixed farmer for most of his working days, along with other occupations. His first job off the farm was as a brick layer alongside his cousins. He had a talent for carpentry, which he was able to use to his advantage as he worked for various contractors in the Swift Current area. Later, he worked at Crystal Temp, then secured a position at Dura Products in Swift Current, where he worked for ten years until he was forced to retire due to his health. Aside from spending time with friends and family, Jake had a passion for auto restoration, tractors, playing games, and enjoyed being a regular on coffee row. Jake was baptized upon confession of his faith in 1969. Throughout his life, his faith and love for Jesus were very important to him and kept him strong. This was never more evident than the peace he had in his final days. Jake is survived by his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Mary Driedger; his four daughters, Elaine (Maurice) Schapansky, Barb (Herman) Neufeld, Karen (David) Schlamp, and Wilma (Gary) Fyten; his eight grandchildren, Domonique (Andy) Hodgson, Darin (Seanna) Schapansky, Matthew Neufeld, Nathan (Sammy) Neufeld, Brennen Schlamp, Keisha Schlamp, Chelsey (Kyle) Key, and Jayda Fyten; his great-granddaughter, Charlie Hodgson; his mother-in-law, Susie Dyck; his siblings, Elizabeth Peters, Bernard Driedger, and Cornelius Driedger; his numerous brothers and sisters-in-law; and by his many nieces and nephews. Jake was predeceased by his parents, Cornelius & Katherina Driedger; his father-in-law, Henry Funk; six of his sisters; six of his brothers; and by several in-laws and extended family members.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## JAKE DRIEDGER

MAY 19, 1947 – MAY 3, 2019

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 2:30 pm  
Trailview Alliance Church, Swift Current, SK

**OFFICIATING** – Pastor Bryon Bezanson

**SONG LEADER** – Marvin Hildebrandt

**PIANIST** – Janice Bezanson

**HYMNS** – “Where the Roses Never Fade,”  
“How Beautiful Heaven Must Be,”  
and “What a Day That Will Be”

**EULOGY** – Jake's Daughters  
Elaine, Barb, Karen, and Wilma

**TRIBUTES** – Jake's Granddaughters  
Domonique, Keisha, Chelsey, and Jayda

**USHERS** – Gord Klassen, Frank Rempel, Dave Fehr,  
Stan Aikens, Jake T. Janzen, and Jake W. Janzen

**PALLBEARERS** – Maurice Schapansky, David Schlamp,  
Herman Neufeld, Gary Fyten, Darin Schapansky,  
Brennen Schlamp, Matthew Neufeld,  
Nathan Neufeld, Andy Hodgson, and Kyle Key

**PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT** – Preceded the Funeral Service  
at the Rosenhof Cemetery, Rosenhof, SK

**LUNCHEON** – Immediately following the service in the gym

**DONATIONS** – Lung Association of Saskatchewan

**ARRANGEMENTS** – Swift Current Funeral Home

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand,  
that an angel came and called my  
name, and took me by the hand.

The angel said my place was ready  
in Heaven far above,  
and that I'd have to leave behind  
all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's  
gates, I felt so much at home,  
for God looked down, smiled at me,  
and told me "Welcome Home."

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.



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