

Isaiah 35

- 1 Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days.
The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.
- 2 Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!
The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon,
as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the
Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God.
- 3 With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and
encourage those who have weak knees.
- 4 Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear,
for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming
to save you."
- 5 And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and
unplug the ears of the deaf.
- 6 The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak
will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and
streams will water the wasteland.
- 7 The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water
will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and rushes
will flourish where desert jackals once lived.
- 8 And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It
will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people
will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in
God's ways; fools will never walk there.
- 9 Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious
beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will
walk on it.
- 10 Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return.
They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting
joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be
filled with joy and gladness.

HE TAKES ME BY THE HAND AND
LEADS ME TO THE PROMISED LAND



John D. Olfert

August 17, 1927 – June 5, 2019



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

John D. Olfert

FUNERAL SERVICE Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 1:30 pm
Trailview Alliance Church
Swift Current, SK

OFFICIATING Pastor Mike Smart
Chaplain Jan Burgerhout

PIANIST Loreen Tschetter

**OPENING REMARKS &
PRAYER** Pastor Mike Smart

SPECIAL MUSIC "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Peg Olfert

OBITUARY Peggy Koethler

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor Mike Smart

SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Day That Will Be" Helena Leiding

TRIBUTE Grandchildren

PHOTO TRIBUTE Kelsey Olfert & Denae Unger

CONGREGATIONAL SONG Shall We Gather at the River

MESSAGE Chaplain Jan Burgerhout

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Peg Olfert

RECESSIONAL

PALLBEARERS Blaine Olfert Colin Olfert
Tyler Olfert Korvin Olfert
Lawrence Friesen Mike Friesen

USHERS Lawrence Olfert Tim Fehr
Gary Argue Brian Dyck

John Olfert, age 91, passed away peacefully at The Meadows in Swift Current with his family at his side on June 5, 2019. John was born on August 17, 1927 on the family farm at McMahon, SK to Daniel and Helena Olfert. John married Helen Tschetter on June 15, 1955 and lived on a farm just east of Swift Current near the Research Station. They continued to live on the farm until 1995 when they built a duplex and moved into Swift Current.

Dad operated a mixed farm for many years and even after they moved to Swift Current, Dad was still very active on the farm. Dad had heart bypass surgery in February 2000 and didn't do much on the farm that spring. Around June he got the OK from his Doctor that he could get back on the tractor and he was out to the farm the next day. He was able to continue working on the farm for a number of years.

His faith in God was very important to him. He was a dedicated church member and his capable hands helped out with many construction projects for the church. Dad loved carpentry, from building houses including finish carpentry, to building every barn, quonset, and grain bin on the farm, to making toys for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of his favourite social activities was heading to all the auction sales in the area to bring home treasures and to visit with many friends and acquaintances.

John leaves to cherish his memory his three children all residing in Swift Current, Tom (Peg) Olfert, Brad (Micki) Olfert, Marlin (Terri) Olfert; eight Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren, Blaine (Lisa) Olfert; Nicole Olfert; Colin (Carling) Olfert and their children Ainsley and Griffin; Denae (Stephen) Unger and their children Grayson and Langley; Kelsey Olfert; Danielle Olfert; Jenna Olfert; and Tyler Olfert. He is survived by one sister, Lena (Johnny) Sawatsky of Swift Current; brother-in-law, George (Suzie) Tschetter of Rhineland, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his wife, Helen in 2018; granddaughter, Jessica Olfert in 2000; his father, Daniel in 1948; his mother, Helena in 1934. He was also predeceased by numerous brothers, sisters and in-laws. He was the last male member of a family unit of 21 children.