

Henry Thiessen, age 75, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 8, 2021 surrounded by his family at the Cypress Regional Hospital, Swift Current, SK.

Henry Thiessen was born April 24, 1946 to George & Helena "Helen" (Harder) Thiessen in the Swift Current Union Hospital. He grew up on the family farm with his five siblings. After graduating from high school and some life experience, he worked in the lab of the Lanigan potash mine until 1971.

Henry married the love of his life, Vivian Sawatzky, on November 27, 1971 at Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current. Together, they raised three children — Richard, Ruth, and Karen.

After some basic training, his interest and talent at working with electronics led to his career as a TV shop manager in Leduc, AB from 1971 – 1975, while the family lived in Lacombe, AB. From 1973 – 1975 Henry was a volunteer college instructor in Oujda, Morocco where he taught electronics. After returning to Canada, the family came to Wetaskiwin, AB where Henry managed a TV shop from 1976 – 1980 until moving to Swift Current. There, he managed and owned a TV and electronics repair shop from 1980 – 2010, when he began transitioning into retirement. While running the shop in town, Henry also farmed in the Herbert area.

A man of many talents, Henry was an exceptional musician and loved being a part of music ministry and community — especially sacred and classical music. He sang as part of several groups and loved singing in the choir, he also played the organ and piano — many people were blessed by his musical gifts. Henry also loved to do woodworking and was an avid gardener — any type of plant or flower, he loved tending them and experimenting with grafting. Henry & Vivian enjoyed travelling, many wonderful family memories were made during road trips exploring the southern States. Family get-togethers and reunions were always special to him.

But most importantly was Henry's love for Jesus Christ and his deep, abiding faith, which colored everything he said and did.

Henry will be dearly missed by his wife of 49 years, Vivian Thiessen; his children and their families, his son, Richard (Suzanne) Thiessen and their children, Evi and Ben, his daughter, Ruth (Jamie) Callender and their children, Isabelle, Madeleine, Helena, Jesse, and Zeke, his daughter, Karen (Ken) Dyck and their children, Keegan, Karsten, and Khloe; his sisters, Gertrude and Justine (Clarence); his sisters-in-law, Elma and Kathy; and by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Henry was predeceased by his parents, George & Helen Thiessen, his siblings, John, Frank, and Olga (Dan); and by his brother-in-law, Jake.



HENRY THIESSEN
1946 – 2021

An aerial photograph of a rural property. A paved road runs diagonally from the top left towards the center. To the right of the road is a large green field with a line of trees. Further right, there are several buildings, including a large barn and a smaller house, surrounded by more trees and a fence. The background shows more open fields and a distant horizon.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HENRY THIESSEN

BORN – April 24, 1946 at Swift Current, SK

PASSED AWAY – October 8, 2021 at Swift Current, SK

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm
Herbert Cemetery, Herbert, SK

OFFICIATING – Ray Arendt

SONG LEADER – Clarence Wiebe

PALLBEARERS – Henry's Children
Richard Thiessen, Ruth Callender, and Karen Dyck

HONORARY PALLBEARERS – Henry's Grandchildren

DONATIONS – Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Mission)

ARRANGEMENTS – Swift Current Funeral Home

HYMNS – *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* & *“How Great Thou Art”*

EULOGY – Ray Arendt

TRIBUTES – Henry's Children, Family, and Friends

SCRIPTURE READING – John 3

SPECIAL MUSIC – Recording of Henry & Vivian,
Richard, Ruth, and Karen singing together
“It is Well” and *“He Leadeth Me”*

FLORAL FAREWELL – *“The Holy City”* Abbotsford 3 Tenors

There will be no luncheon following the service, the Thiessen family thanks you for your prayers and support during this difficult time.