

In Loving Memory of

# BEN REDEKOP

BORN – August 29, 1932 at Main Centre, SK

PASSED AWAY – February 18, 2022 at Swift Current, SK

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Grace Community Church, Herbert, SK

OFFICIATING – Pastor Nick Kimpinski and Pastor Bob Capelle

PIANIST – Darlene Sorenson

HYMNS – “The Love of God,”

“Blessed Assurance,” and “Amazing Grace”

SPECIAL MUSIC – Southland Colony,

Ben's Great-Grandchildren, “Jesus Loves Me”

EULOGY – Darlene Sorenson and Wes Redekop

TRIBUTES – Ben's Grandchildren

USHERS – Al Braun, Al Jahnke, and Ken Mathies

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

PALLBEARERS – Ben's Grandsons

Devon Redekop, Braydan Hofeld, Dylan Gerbrandt,  
Dorian Siever, Ryan Sorenson, and Matthew Schmidt

LUNCHEON – Immediately following the  
service in the church basement

DONATIONS – The Cube Youth Ministry Centre,  
Westbank Bible Camp, and Rock Solid Refuge

ARRANGEMENTS – Swift Current Funeral Home

Benjamin “Ben” Redekop, age 89, passed away peacefully after a brief illness and went to be with his Lord on Friday, February 18, 2022 at the Cypress Regional Hospital in Swift Current, SK. Ben was born August 29, 1932 on the family farm near Main Centre, SK to Frank & Katherina “Tina” Redekop. He attended Los Angeles School SE of the family farm. Ben committed his life to Christ as a young schoolboy in the MB Auditorium in Herbert, SK at an evangelistic meeting and prayed for assurance at other ones. He attended the Herbert Bible School for three years followed by Winnipeg MB College for one year, where he majored in Bible and Music. Ben had a passion for music, singing in choirs, leading singing in church, and singing solos. He became a member of the Herbert MB Church and along with his involvement in music, he was Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Ben lived on the family farm following his college years and ran a mixed farming operation there. He owned a six-foot-wide combine with his brother, Albert, and remembered harrowing with horses and to quote him, “less than a hundred.” When he could, he loved to play ball and was known to be a great fielder who could whistle the ball to the back catcher when he wasn't playing back catcher himself. He first met Alice Stobbe at a choir practice at the Herbert MB Church with Adeline Wiebe. On June 16, 1962, Ben married Alice, the love of his life, at Central MB Church in Saskatoon, SK. They welcomed their first child, Darlene, on May 23, 1963 and Wesley followed soon after on December 17, 1964. They raised their family on the farm and had many wonderful and happy years. Along with grain farming, they milked cows, raised cattle, hogs, and chickens. Haying season was a passion for Ben and he included all his family in this. Shortly after the haying was completed, his children would wake up one morning and were told they were going to British Columbia. This pattern repeated itself every year. As a family, they would head off to Fairmont Hot Springs for a few days and then proceed to Creston to pick up fresh fruit. Once home, the pie making and canning would start. Some years they went more than once to take advantage of different fruits. Ben loved Alice's pies. Other family vacations included South Dakota, Leaf Rapids, Abbotsford, Montana, and a bus tour to



California. In later years, Ben & Alice travelled to the Maritimes, Alaska, Cuba, and Arizona. Ben's favorite place to go in the last few years was Manitou Springs. They would get up and go at a moment's notice to soak in the pools there. Ben loved to visit. Ben & Alice loved their family dearly and spent as much time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as they could. They travelled up to Killam where Kevin & Darlene and their family lived, as well as spent time at the Herbert Regional Park with Wes & Kim and their family right up to July 2021. Ben was passionate about farming until the day he died. He would drive out to the farm almost every day, hauled grain late last fall, picked up parts in Swift Current, and was always on the field where the action was – especially in spring and harvest time. He will be dearly missed by Wes and his family this coming farming season, as well as by Darlene and her family with the daily phone call updates and facetimeing. Ben's faith was most important to him and he prayed daily for all his family to follow Jesus and someday be with him in heaven with his Saviour. Left to cherish his love and memories are his wife of almost 60 years, Alice Redekop; his children, Darlene (Kevin) Sorenson and Wes (Kim) Redekop; his grandchildren, Kristen (Matt) Schmidt, Ryan Sorenson (Angel Qi), Nerissa (Braydan) Holfeld, Chelsea (Dorian) Siever, Miranda (Dylan) Gerbrandt, and Devon Redekop (Kassidy Roh); his great-grandchildren, Kaden Schmidt, Lucas Schmidt, Alyssa Holfeld, Cruze Holfeld, Stefan Holfeld, Emmitt Holfeld, Miles Holfeld, and Finn Siever; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arold (Helena) Stobbe, Margaret Munro, Millie Logan, Ed Stobbe, and Gilbert (Adeline) Berg; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Ben was predeceased by his granddaughter, Desirae Redekop; his parents, Frank & Tina Redekop; his siblings and their spouses, John (Mary) Redekop, Albert (Henrietta Friesen) Redekop, Jake (Agnes) Redekop, Henry (Anne) Redekop, and Corny Redekop; his parents-in-law, Jake & Agnes Stobbe; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Henry (Anne) Bergen, John Stobbe, and Selma Stobbe; and by several nephews and nieces.

## Gone Away

An Angel whispered, "Take my hand and  
come with me, your work here is done."

I went away to a place where there's no tears, nor sorrow,  
only laughter and smiles, there will always be a tomorrow.

As I move amongst the clouds, I'll look down and smile  
upon you, while the angels sing a heavenly song.

I am not alone, all who went before me  
are here...they awaited my return.

I know you'll grieve and wish I was still here...  
I am here in the memories you hold dear.

Remember how much I love you,  
and know I took your love with me.

I do not wish for you to cry, nor feel sad,  
my pain is gone, and I am Free!

Soon you'll come to me...until then,  
God will be with you just as He's with me.

by Diana Blokzyl



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