

## ***The Farmer's Creed***

*I believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.*

*I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.*

*I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.*

*I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.*

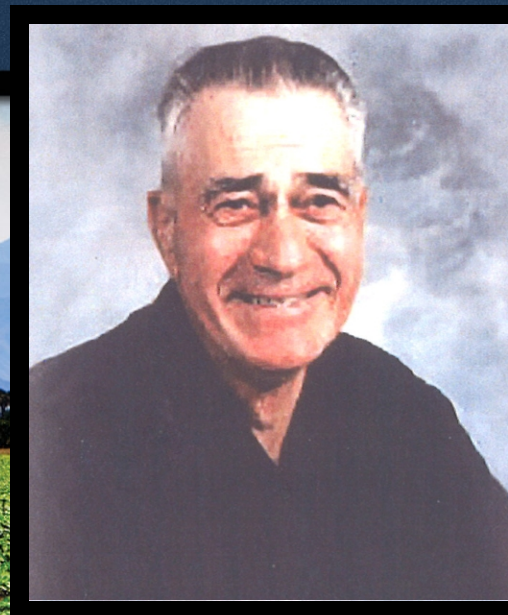
*I believe many of the best things in life are free: the splendor of a sunrise; the rapture of wide-open spaces; the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.*

*I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field and your children grow tall in the sun.*

*I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man.*

*I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.*

— Author Unknown



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**JOSEPH "JOE" SCHOEN**  
NOVEMBER 9, 1924 - JULY 4, 2019



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
**JOSEPH "JOE" PATRICK SCHOEN**  
1924 - 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joe Schoen of Lethbridge, formerly of New Dayton, beloved husband of the late Mrs. RoseMarie Schoen, passed away at Chinook Regional Hospital, on Thursday, July 4, 2019, at the age of 94 years.

Joe was born in Indian Head Saskatchewan and started his life on a little dairy farm. In 1929 the family moved to a farm east of Warner. At the age of twelve, Joe began his career as a hardworking farm hand and worked for many different farmers gaining the knowledge and skills to support a large family. At age 18 he began driving a school bus for the Lethbridge School District. Joe drove almost 100 miles a day to take the children to and from school. During those days when Joe was done driving the kids to school he worked at a garage during the day. When Joe was laid off from farming, he had to figure out how to make a living, so he set off on a little adventure to the west coast working in one of the largest sawmills. After a year he headed back to Alberta to work with his older brother, Tony farming. He also bought himself a truck and started his own business hauling coal and successfully did that for about four years. During this time, he met the love of his life RoseMarie Drake. They were married in 1951 and in 1952 they inherited the family farm and moved to New Dayton. That is where they lived and raised their six children. They were happily married for 52 years. His beloved RoseMarie passed on March 2, 2004. Till this day Joe fondly remembers how kind heartened and loving his wife was.

Joe is survived by his six children, Roy (Clarice) Schoen of Fort McMurray, Donald Schoen of Taber, AB, Gwen Schoen-Stewart of Calgary, AB, Neil (Susan) Schoen of Cranbrook BC, Celeste (Layne) Ment of Coalhurst, AB, Walter (Anna) Schoen of Lethbridge, AB. He will be missed by his grandchildren Brody, (Meghann) Schoen, Jared (Joan Marie) Schoen, Dawn Schoen, Kashtin Stewart, Erica and Jordan, Shane (Julie) Fletcher, Cheyenne Lyster, Nathan, Stephen, and Talisha Schoen; great grandchildren Ryder, Aria, Kai and Melena Schoen, Faith, Bennett and Hudson Fletcher, Otis and Svaya Lyster.

He is also endearingly referred to as Poppa Joe by Kache (Jody) Miller family and Richard (Jenna) Ment family.

Joe is also survived by his brother John (Evelyn) and special friends, Diane Schoen, Dave Stewart, Billy Fletcher, and Trevor Lyster.

Flowers are gratefully declined. For those who wish, memorial donations in Joe's name may be given directly to a charity of one's choice.

**Prayer Service**

7:00pm, Thursday, July 11, 2019  
Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Led by Sharon Hagel



**Musical Selections**

*Cowboy's Last Ride* - Gord Bamford  
*I Will Always Love You* - Dolly Parton  
*Go Rest High On That Mountain* - Vince Gill  
*Drink A Beer* - Luke Bryan

**Eulogy** - Gwen Stewart

**Memories In Photos**

*Daddy's Hands* - Holly Dunn  
*How Great Thou Art* - Carrie Underwood & Vince Gill

**Funeral Mass**

10:00am, Friday, July 12, 2019  
St. Basil's Catholic Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Father Albert Sayson, *celebrant*

**Pallbearers**

Nathan Schoen   Stephen Schoen   Brody Schoen  
Jared Schoen   Kashtin Stewart   Shane Fletcher   Jordan Young

**Honorary Pallbearers**

All of Joe's friends and family that are here today or have passed before

**Resurrection Choir**

**Accompanist** - Cheryl Hudak  
Entrance: *How Great Thou Art*  
Offertory: *Peace Is Flowing Like A River*  
Communion: *Taste And See*  
Meditation: *Ave Maria* - Elizabeth Martin-Jong  
Recessional: *Amazing Grace* - Trumpet Solo by Josh Davies

**Readings**

**1st Reading** - *Wisdom 4:7-15*  
**2nd Reading** - *Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12*  
**Gospel** - *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Reception**

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the St. Basil's Church basement following the service.

**Graveside**

A private family Graveside Service will be held in the Warner Cemetery, Warner, Alberta.