

Bryan, Douglas Mathew

May 17, 2025



Douglas Mathew Bryan

Douglas Mathew Bryan, an admirable and outspoken original, passed away on May 15, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Doug was born on December 29, 1931, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to parents Bert and Ruby Bryan. He grew up on a family homestead near Bridgeford, Saskatchewan, with his brother Alfred and sister Helen. Doug was a first-generation Canadian born to English and Scottish immigrants who fled poverty in the Old World to pursue a better life for their family.

As a child, Doug always dreamed of being a farmer. And he was fortunate enough to do so even as a youngster, chasing cattle and running equipment. He found success in farming due to his strong work ethic, along with his steadfast and ambitious nature. In 1960, he married Marilyn, an equally driven, kind, intelligent and capable woman whose optimistic outlook

encouraged Doug to expand his farming operations. Together they raised seven children on their farm near Central Butte, where they kept busy growing crops and carting kids to hockey, figure skating and piano lessons.

Growing up, Doug read classic literature by a coal oil lantern during the long Saskatchewan winters. He enthusiastically consumed the works of Shakespeare, Omar Khayyam, Rudyard Kipling, and other greats; memorizing his favourite lines, which he often recited throughout his life. Doug also had a deep appreciation for High Renaissance art and classical music, especially opera. He frequently spoke about the works of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, Beethoven and Chopin. After retiring from farming, Doug spent time watching hockey, a sport he played from the time he was a boy until he was well into his 50s. He also loved spending time with Marilyn in Edmonton, accompanying her while she ran errands and operated her real estate venture. In his later years, Doug pursued writing and completed two books.

Doug was predeceased by his wife Marilyn Bryan (2013), son David Bryan (2015), grandson Nicholas Bryan (2018), son-in-law Mark Leupold (2019), son-in-law Lyle Stewart (2024), brother Alfred Bryan (2012), sister Helen McJannet (1991), mother Ruby Bryan (1973) and father Bert Bryan (1964).

He is survived by his children: **Rebecca** Bryan, **Juanita** Stewart, **Marianne** (Robert) Gilliland, **Troilus** (Sara) Bryan, **April** (Sean) Knudsen, and **Laurel** Bryan (Daniel Friars); grandchildren: Dallas (Julia), Chase (Michelle), Vicki (David), Laine (Andrea), Carissa, Reegan, Mitchell (Kristin), Kaitlyn, Devone (Kaylie), Bryanne (Grant), Matthew, Christopher, Adina (Frank), Tyrus (Tonja), Sharla (Kyle), Nicole, Kira (Steven), Neo, Chase, Beth, Emma, Kai, Miley, Hugh, Ian and Sophie; and great-grandchildren: Lisa (Blair), Derek, William, James, Jonathan, Andrew, Daniel, Maddox, Sydney, Isabelle, Lachlan, Kale, Jaelyn, Byron, Zada, Brody, Soren, Orianna, Rhonin, Theodore, Benjamin, Elijah, Audrey, Tristan, Quinn, Ari, Townes, Arlen, Callum, Sawyer, Paxton, Luca, and Octavia.

Doug's presence in this world will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. **On Thursday, May 22, at 1:00 p.m., a funeral service will be held at Moose Jaw Funeral Home.** If mourners

wish, the family asks that donations be made in Doug's name to the charity of their choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Michelle Ellis, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

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Marilyn Byers on May 17, 2025 at 6:53 pm

Heartfelt condolences to all the Bryan family, especially Rebecca, her children and grandchildren. A life well lived and a lasting legacy for the many family members.

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Heather Tatham on May 17, 2025 at 8:00 pm

Bryanne, so sorry to hear you lost your grandfather. My sincere condolences.

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Rebecca Jean Knight on May 17, 2025 at 8:45 pm

I wish to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of Doug. He left a wonderful legacy, in each and every one of his descendants. My thoughts are with each one of you at this time.

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Frank and Susan Koran on May 18, 2025 at 6:56 am

Sending our thoughts and wishes to all the family. Doug was a sweet kind fun loving man. Rest in peace. Love and hugs

Frank and Susan Koran

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Joanne and Barry Berg on May 22, 2025 at 9:34 am

Sorry for your loss. Doug was a great man for our community especially for sporting events – he didn't miss much at the rink!

A life well lived. Thinking of you all at this sad time.

Joanne and Barry Berg

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