

Butz, Raymond (Ray)

June 22, 2025



Raymond (Ray) Butz

October 1, 1930 – June 19, 2025

With busy hands, a quick wit, and a heart full of love, **Ray Butz** left this world the same way he lived in it—deeply loved, respected, a man of faith, and remembered with a smile.

Born on **October 1, 1930**, on the family farm near **Southey Saskatchewan**, Ray was the beloved son of **Julianna and John Butz**. From an early age, Ray was known for his tireless work ethic and generous spirit. If something needed fixing, moving, building—or laughing about—he was your man.

Ray married the love of his life, **Agnes**, with whom they shared 59 unforgettable years and a home filled with love, laughter, music, dancing, and the joyful chaos of raising **five beautiful**

children. Their love story was one built on mutual respect, good humour, and an unshakeable bond. Together, they created countless memories, including family road trips and vacations where everyone sang along to 8-track tapes—voices blending in harmony with laughter and the hum of the highway, creating a soundtrack of love and togetherness to be cherished forever.

Ray's philosophy in life was simple and steadfast: **"Do the job right, or don't do it at all."** It guided everything he did—from raising his family to building his business. A **jack of all trades**, Ray made his living (and many friends) owning and operating **Butz Moving Ltd.**, a company that quite literally moved the foundations of Saskatchewan. Whether relocating homes, buildings, or lifting someone's spirits with a joke or story, Ray did it all with skill and heart.

Ray's legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren—and yes, even **great-great-grandchildren**—each of whom he counted as his **greatest pride and joy**. He teased them endlessly, loved them fiercely (always making sure they knew it), and left them with many memories full of warmth and laughter.

He will be remembered for his large hands, ticklish feet, the most beautiful sky blue eyes, a booming laugh, his endless stories, and the way he always made time—for a task, a friend, a neighbour, or a hug.

Ray was welcomed into eternal rest by his beloved wife **Agnes**, his parents **John and Julianna**, brothers Wilfred, Edwin, and Harvey, sisters Gladys, Grace, and Lillian, and sons-in-law **Sandy Coulter and Blair Palmer**.

He leaves behind a legacy of love in his children: **Pam Palmer, Wendy (Clifford) Keeler, Grant Butz, Sandi Coulter (Ken), Trevor (Sherry) Butz**; grandchildren: **Scott (Tammy) Palmer, Derek (Jodi) Keeler, Stefanie Palmer (Scotty), Marci (Jared) Sweet, Rylee (Chris) Day, Mackenzie Butz (Levi), Landon Coulter and Lee Coulter**; great-grandchildren: **George (Brandon) Cressman, Linkyn and Liam Palmer, Raya and Jaden Keeler, Barrett and Charlee Sweet**, Braydon, Jackson, and Hailey Day, and great-great-grandchildren: **Wren and River Cressman**.

Ray is also fondly remembered by many **nieces, nephews, friends,**

and furry grand-pets, all of whom were touched by his generosity, humour, and steady presence.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the care staff at West Park Crossing for the love and attention they showed Ray over the past few years. A heartfelt thank-you as well to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Dr. F.H. Wigmore Hospital for their exceptional care and compassion during the past month. Your kindness for taking the time to care not only for Dad, but also for us—meant the world. Whether it was a quiet check-in, a shared laugh, or a comforting word, your presence and empathy never went unnoticed, even when it went far beyond what was required. We are deeply and sincerely grateful.

A Celebration of Ray's life will be held on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Moose Jaw Funeral Home. All who knew and loved Ray are welcome to attend and share in remembering a life well-lived. A private interment will take place in Medicine Hat at a later date. For friends and family who are unable to attend, you are invited to view the service virtually by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/.

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550.

1.



Colleen martin on June 22, 2025 at 9:00 pm

My sincere and deepest condolences. My prayers and thought to all

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Jeremy and Darcey on June 23, 2025 at 8:29 am

We will always have fond memories of our visits with Ray and his family in La Ronge and at their cabin. His infectious spirited laugh and his mischievous smile along with his kind yet soft heart made Ray one of a kind! Rest easy Ray. You're always in our heart. Sincere condolences to Ray's family.

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2.



Everett x(Pam) England on June 22, 2025 at 9:46 pm

A truly good sincere friend, always there with a smile and joke. we spent many miles trucking back and forth to the states hauling equipment. We always had plenty of Ag's or Pam's gingerbread cookies. My condolences to all of the families.

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Elwood & Vern Lynds on June 23, 2025 at 7:07 am

Most heartfelt condolences to all Ray's family. One of the good people. Rest in peace.

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Golda & John McCall on June 27, 2025 at 9:24 pm

Our heartfelt condolences to the Butz family on the loss of your Dad. I have many fond memories of Ray, a

man who always wore a smile on his face. He was a wonderful man.

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3.



Jan and Lorne Rogers on June 23, 2025 at 11:51 am

Truly a gentleman !!! Thoroughly enjoyed talking to Ray at Timmie's when he came on a regular bases and especially at the Mulberry when he resided there. Will be missed by several .

Our thoughts are with his family

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4.



Darrell Hetke on June 23, 2025 at 1:30 pm

I am sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. I will always remember his kind demeanor and his great smile.

My condolences to all the Butz family.

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5.



Gerry Reilly on June 24, 2025 at 10:11 am

Condolences to the whole family at this sad time ! Ray was a great guy and a great business man . A lot fond memories

and family !

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6.



Kevin Juel (Butz) on June 24, 2025 at 10:11 am

Our heartfelt condolences to the Butz family.
Rest in peace, Uncle Ray.

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7.



Heather Grace Hodgson on June 24, 2025 at 3:08 pm

Ray was a wonderful man and a friend of my late father, Bill Hodgson. He had a warm smile and always reached out to shake your hand. I sure liked him, as did my dad. My condolences to Ray's family. Hard to see the lights of this generation go out, one by one. Good journey, Ray!

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8.



Robert Keens on June 26, 2025 at 9:37 pm

Sorry to hear of your dad. He was a amazing man and will be missed
Rob Caron Keens

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9.



greg nicholls on June 27, 2025 at 6:20 am

Ray was a back road wizard he could get a building anywhere with ease . I worked for Ray and he would could be a task master but in the good way. He was fair and honest taught me what real work was and a work ethic I abide by to this day. Sorry for the loss of Ray who knows what he will be moving now?

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10.



Sharon and Lawrence Herperger on June 27, 2025 at 11:11 am

Dear Pam and Families.. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your Dad. We will always remember his happiness and kindness and great stories.
Much Love Sharon and Lawrence and Families.

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11.



Al Alix on July 1, 2025 at 11:41 am

Our condolences to the family. He was a wonderful man to

work with when we had to lift power lines on building moves.

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12.



Shannon Greenfield on July 6, 2025 at 5:21 pm

My sincere condolences to the family. You're in my thoughts cousins.

May you rest in peace Uncle Ray. You had a special place in my heart along with aunt Ag.

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13.



Don and Lisa Sweet on July 7, 2025 at 9:00 am

Sending heartfelt condolences to the Butz family. Memories held dear will bring comfort in days to come.

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