Cochrane, Leslie “Les” Joseph

January 14, 2022



Leslie “Les” Joseph Cochrane

It is with sadness the family of **Leslie “Les” Joseph Cochrane** announce his passing on Sunday, December 23rd, 2021 at the age of 85 years. Les was predeceased by his parents, Mel and Ethel (Winn); his wife of 62 years, Judith Rose (Crozier); son, David; granddaughter, Courtney; and nephew, Jason Andrews. Les will be remembered by his sons, Gordon (Greta) and Wayne (Lesley): grandsons, Devon Cochrane and Douglas (Becky) McArthur; sister, Myrna (Mike) Andrews; brother, Murray (Judy) Cochrane; brothers-in-law, Allan Crozier and Jim (Jean) Crozier; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Les was born May 10th, 1936 in Moose Jaw, SK. He grew up in the rural areas surrounding Moose Jaw with many memories of riding his horse to school and looking after his and the teacher horse once there. From this his love of ranching evolved and his life course of farming and ranching was set. Dad met mom, a horse

crazy girl from Tuxford, SK at a dance in Moose Jaw. Their common interests drew them closer and they were married June 30th, 1956. They moved to the farm west of Moose Jaw where they resided their entire lives, raising their family and devoting themselves to raising quality horses and livestock. Horses raised on the ranch are still found in rodeo arenas around North America, in events such as team roping and barrel racing. Les had a passion to see the growth of the cattle and equine industry and he served in many roles from organizer, to chairperson, to the much needed ground crew on multiple committees. He was instrumental in starting the Saskatchewan Stakes and Futurity Horse Show, as well as the Saskatchewan 50/50 Horse Show and Sale, which both took place in Moose Jaw for many years. Les also served as a member, director and president of the Moose Jaw Exhibition Co. over a several year span.

Les was very family orientated, from his early days of stopping at Grandma Winn's to sample her baking on the way home from school, to summer BBQs, and most likely his and mom's favorite Christmas gatherings. He was always happiest when everyone was around. We will miss Dad's unwavering determination and strong will power that he showed daily on the ranch.

A Celebration of Les' Life will be held at a later date.

Flowers are gratefully declined. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Les' name may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, 3602 Miller Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7P 0B1. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Todd Sjoberg, Funeral Director 306-693-4550.

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Merv and Wilda Soper on January 14, 2022 at 3:57 pm

We are so saddened by the passing of your dad…brother…our cousin. He was the best to visit with!!! If we needed to know any family or Belbeck history, Les was our go-to guy. Your write up described him perfectly. He was deeply died

to his past and to the present. Memories!!! They are so great.

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2.



Jim Hochban on January 15, 2022 at 6:58 am

My sincere condolences to Les’ family

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Darla and Lloyd Spicer on January 15, 2022 at 12:29 pm

To the Cochrane Family; Our deepest sympathy to all of you on the passing of Les. Your write up was a lovely tribute, you have wonderful memories of happier times.

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Terry Grajczyk on January 17, 2022 at 8:30 am

Thinking of the family. Les was a kind man and always encouraged youth in agriculture. Condolences all.

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5.



Marilyn Matheson on January 17, 2022 at 6:01 pm

Wayne and family
Sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Your Dad and Mom sure loved all their animals
You have wonderful memories

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Rhonda Hill & Bob Nelson on January 18, 2022 at 12:46 am

Dear Wayne, Lesley, and Devon
We are so very sorry to hear of Les' passing.
I knew him for so many years and have so many memories and he and Bob never missed a chance to chat when they saw each other.
You all have our deepest condolences.
May your memories of all the times you spent together be a blessing.
Rest in peace Les.

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