

Cornea, Booker

September 24, 2019



Booker Cornea

Booker Cornea passed away peacefully on Monday, April 22nd, 2019 surrounded by his family. Booker was born near Horizon, SK on April 17th, 1927 and lived most of his adult life in the Drinkwater/Briercrest district. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Maria (née: Bars) and his brothers, John and Peter Cornea. Booker is survived by the mother of his children, Agnes Cornea (née: Schenher); sisters, Mary (Earle) Ruggles and Phyllis (Ivan) Chubb; sisters-in-law, Jean and Donna Cornea; his five children: **Kenneth** (Tracy) Cornea, **Phyllis** (Kim) Hoffman, **Patricia** (Kevin) McCaig, **Arnold** (Nichole) Cornea, and **Michelle** (Raymond) LeHeiget; his 12 grandchildren: Booker (Roberta Kotowich) Cornea, Natasha Cornea, Daniel (Michele Dyck) McCaig, Chris (Cara Cooper) McCaig, Nicholas (Heather) McCaig, Zane McCaig, Nicholas (Jessie) Cornea, Anastasia Cornea, Dante Cornea, Jean LeHeiget, Stephane LeHeiget, and Daniel LeHeiget; and 5 great grandchildren. Booker was a trained welder, farmer and commercial pilot, and a self-trained machinist, carpenter, engineer, designer, plumber, fabricator, philosopher, manager, horticulturist and problem solver. His personality was defined

by his early childhood growing up on a farm during the Great Depression. He became a journeyman welder, a trade he practiced through the war years in Prince Rupert, BC and Montreal, QC.

After World War II he moved back to Saskatchewan and began farming full time. He had an insatiable appetite for reading (always non-fiction), often finding himself waking from a slumber in his favourite chair slouched over a biography, history book, or some kind of technical manual. He drank a pot of tea every day, and ate copious amounts of fresh fruits, vegetables, peanuts and sunflower seeds. Booker loved grain farming, flying, billiards, anything mechanical and especially dancing. He had a fondness for music of almost every genre and always appreciated a good rhythm and pleasing vocals. Booker spent many winters in Mesa, AZ and often said it wouldn't bother him if he never saw another snowflake. His memory will live on with his family, friends and the many lives he touched. The family would like to thank the medical staff at Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional and Regina General Hospitals for the excellent care Booker received. **The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home.** Dave Foley will officiate and a private family interment will take place in Sunset Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Booker's name may be made to Crohn's and Colitis Canada, PO Box 28074 RPO Westgate, Saskatoon, SK S7M 5V8 or STARS Air Ambulance, 2640 Airport Road, Regina, SK S4W 1A3. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Todd Sjoberg, Funeral Director 306-693-4550 www.moosejawfuneralhome.com

1.



kim & Vince Cummings on April 24, 2019 at 5:04 pm

May you treasure the memories of a life well lived and find comfort in knowing your family and friends share in your sorrow. Deepest sympathies to all. Kim & Vince Cummings- New Brunswick

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2.



James P Sikorski on April 24, 2019 at 5:20 pm

It's very sad to hear a good working man and a fine person had to die. I personal want to offer my since sympathy to the family and your close friend . Also, a comfort that we could see Mrs. Booker alive again in the future as promised for us in the Bible at John 5: 28, 29.

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3.



Patricia Erhardt on April 24, 2019 at 5:57 pm

This obituary is a beautiful tribute to the person Booker Sr was. He will he missed in the midst of our extended family gatherings. My condolences to the family and all those who loved him.

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4.



Elwood & Vern Lynds on April 24, 2019 at 7:04 pm

Most sincere condolences to all Booker's family.

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5.



Barbara on April 24, 2019 at 7:45 pm

St Mark's Praise team is praying for you and your family, Pat.

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6.



Ginette & Gilles Fouasse on April 24, 2019 at 7:50 pm

Michelle, Raymond, Jean, Stephane, and Daniel...
Our Sincere Sympathy during this difficult time...
Ginette & Gilles Fouasse and family

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Michelle Le Heiget on May 12, 2019 at 8:35 am

Thanks for your kind words Gilles and Ginette.

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7.



Karen & Glen Butz and Family on April 24, 2019 at 9:14 pm

Heartfelt sympathies to all the Cornea family.

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8.



Paul Nagel on April 24, 2019 at 10:12 pm

So sorry to hear of your loss Cornea family! My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

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9.



Jim Hochban on April 25, 2019 at 5:01 am

My sincere condolences to Booker's family

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10.



Joanne & Paul Scott on April 25, 2019 at 8:18 am

Our sincere sympathies to Pat & Kevin and all the family

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11.



Joan Smith on April 25, 2019 at 9:12 am

To the Cornea family, sending you prayers during this time of loss. Booker was so good to come visit dad in the hospital, he will be missed.

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12.



Doris Hoskins on April 25, 2019 at 9:52 am

So sorry to hear of your loss. Memories of him will always be cherished through friends and family stories.

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13.



Keith and Donna Schenher on April 25, 2019 at 12:52 pm

So sorry to hear of Uncle Booker's passing. Our prayers and deepest sympathy is with all of the Cornea family. God Bless.

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14.



Paul & Roberta Kilpatrick on April 25, 2019 at 7:58 pm

Our sympathies to Pat and Kevin and family

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15.



BILL AND SHIRLEY MONKS on April 26, 2019 at 12:51 pm

So sorry to hear of Uncle Booker's passing. Our deepest condolences to all the cornea family. May he RIP. Sorry we are unable to attend the funeral. Will be thinking about all of you. Hugs♥♥

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16.



Gerry Thomas on April 26, 2019 at 12:57 pm

Sorry to hear about your loss Ken

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17.



Marilyn Kuntz on April 26, 2019 at 4:18 pm

Ken, Phyllis, Patricia, Arnold, Michelle and families my sincere condolences to you all. He was truly an amazing man and will be missed by his extended Cornea family. I am so sorry that I won't be joining you this weekend as you lovingly remember his life and lasting legacy.

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Michelle Le Heiget on May 12, 2019 at 8:40 am

Thanks Marilyn for your kind words, especially as you are dealing with your own loss. I was so sorry to hear about Neil's death. He was such a good man that was taken way too soon. My thoughts are with your family as you adjust to this loss.

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18.



Nylene Johnson on April 26, 2019 at 9:34 pm

So sorry to hear about Bookers passing. He will be missed.

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19.



Irene and Denis Auger on April 27, 2019 at 12:27 am

Our sincere sympathy Nichole and Arnold and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God bless.

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20.



Pat Kroes on May 25, 2019 at 12:47 am

I was sorry to hear about Booker. I had danced with him many, many times here in Mesa.

I last saw him in April and didn't know he was gone. He

was a fine man and we enjoyed him
and will surely miss him. Please accept my condolences.

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21.



Beverly foxwell on August 22, 2019 at 8:40 am

I knew Booker in Arizona and always enjoyed his company. I am from Wainwright AB and since I farmed we always compared farming talk. My sympathy to the family.

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22.



Marg Fox-Beler & Martin Beler on December 18, 2019 at 5:10 pm

We knew Booker for many years from dancing in Regina and Mesa. Marg was one of his first friends when he came dancing at the single clubs in Regina and remained friends for many years. Have many happy memories. We will miss him very much. So, sorry to all of his family

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