

# Coward, Daryl Derrick

September 25, 2025



Daryl Derrick Coward

**September 10th, 1948 – September 23rd, 2025**

It is with deep sorrow and profound gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of Daryl Derrick Coward of Drinkwater, Saskatchewan, on Tuesday, September 23rd 2025, at the age of 77 years.

Born on September 10th, 1948, Daryl was a proud farmer whose roots ran deep in the soil of Drinkwater, SK. He spent his life cultivating not only crops, but community – always ready with a wave from the tractor or a helping hand in times of need. His work ethic was matched only by his generosity and quiet wisdom.

Daryl was a dedicated Shriner and Mason, committed to service

and fellowship. His involvement brought joy and support to countless lives, and he cherished the camaraderie and purpose it gave him.

Perhaps most memorably, Daryl found joy behind the wheel of a yellow school bus. For decades, he safely drove two generations of students to and from school, greeting each child with warmth and a twinkle in his eye. He knew every name, every story, and every milestone – and they knew they were loved. His bus wasn't just a ride; it was a place of laughter, comfort, and connection.

Daryl leaves behind a legacy of kindness, loyalty, and deep love for his family.

He was predeceased by his parents, Derrick William and Evelyn May Coward; and granddaughter, Cortney. Left to mourn are Daryl's wife of 44 years, Janice (née: Waller); son, Bill (Charlene) Hedin and their children Abigayle and Karlee; daughter, Carla (Ron) Delaurier and children: Sharon (Cam) Church and their children Eric, Ainsley, and Norah, Nicole (Craig) Moore and their children Adalie and Olivia, and Garret (Nhoa) Delaurier; son, Don Hedin and children: Brianna (Steven) Hedin and their son Oliver, Danielle Hedin, Christopher Hedin, and Andrew Hedin; son, Derrick (Patricia) Coward and children: Tasia, Sophia, Logan, Taylor, and Haley; son, David (Nicole) Coward and children Mason, Connor, and Ryan; sister, Valerie (Doug) Forman and children: Heather, Holly, and Crystal; and brother, Tom (Laura-Lee) Coward and their son Marc.

Daryl's favourite job was that of grandpa and great-grandpa, having a little one climb on his lap and finish his supper, playing Uno by the hour, or trying to stay awake during the many recitals he attended; he loved every minute. Watching the kids playing hockey, volleyball, basketball, or just playing near him, brought him joy.

He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him – family, friends, neighbors, and the many students whose lives he touched.

A very special mention is extended to Margaret Huber for her continued love and care. We appreciate all that you have done

and who you are to us.

**The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at Moose Jaw Funeral Home.** Reverend Doug Shepherd will officiate and interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Drinkwater, SK. **Those not able to attend may view the service by going to [www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/](http://www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/).** As an expression of sympathy, donations in Daryl's name may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Sick Children c/o Moose Jaw Shrine Club, 1767 Main St N, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1L6. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Pat Woodward Forster on September 25, 2025 at 3:20 pm

My sincerest sympathies to the Coward family.

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2.



Elwood & Vern Lynds on September 25, 2025 at 6:49 pm

Most sincere condolences to all Daryl's family. May he rest in peace.

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3.



Frank and Carol Topp on September 25, 2025 at 8:32 pm

Sending our deepest condolences. Daryl was a wonderful person and will be remembered with warmth and respect. Our thoughts are with all of Daryl's family.

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4.



Robin & Janet Hurlburt on September 25, 2025 at 10:00 pm

Our sincere condolences on the passing of Daryl.

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5.



Marianne Crompton on September 26, 2025 at 8:33 am

The students and staff of Lindale School send our sincere condolences to Daryl's family. Hoping that sharing memories and stories of the good times you shared together will bring some comfort as you find your way through this difficult time.

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6.



Mel Allen on September 26, 2025 at 9:42 am

Sending our sincere condolences to the family. Darryl will be greatly missed.

Mel & Pat Allen

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7.



Mary Read on September 26, 2025 at 10:27 am

Dear Janice and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Daryl's passing. Although many years have gone by since our families were in touch regularly (Coward reunions at Drinkwater, many family weddings), we remember him warmly and send our condolences.

Please know that we are thinking of you, your children, grandchildren, Tom, and Valerie during this difficult time.

The Nettleton family.

Beth Davis, Laura Stark, Mary Read, Patricia Ireland  
Sincere condolences to Janice and all of their family, to Valerie and Tom

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8.



Jamey and Sheri on September 26, 2025 at 11:19 am

Our sincere condolences on the passing of Daryl. Our thoughts are with the entire family.

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9.



Mary and Wray Lynch on September 26, 2025 at 8:58 pm

Our heart felt sympathy to Daryl's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time. We've known Daryl for many years through the church. He was always a very kind and caring person.

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10.



Corey Mantell on September 27, 2025 at 8:53 am

Janice and family

So sorry to hear about daryl passing away. Take care of yourselves at this sad time.

Corey and Karen Mantell and family

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11.



Lloyd and Darla Spicer on September 27, 2025 at 8:59 am

Sincere condolences to Janice and the Coward Family on Daryl's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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12.



Rick and Joanne Swenson on September 27, 2025 at 9:16 am

To Janice and Family – Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Daryl was certainly part of the Minto Family and we always enjoyed the friendship and fellowship that went with worshipping together for many, many years. We also want to offer our condolences to Tom and Family and know that Daryl will be greatly missed. May He Rest in Peace.

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13.



Corliss Okerstrom on September 27, 2025 at 9:22 am

Remember the good times and Daryl will always be with you. Thoughts and prayers for all of you at this time of sorrow.

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14.



Judy and Lorne Tilson on September 27, 2025 at 1:18 pm

So sorry to hear of the passing of Daryl.

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15.



Bev Kirilenko on September 27, 2025 at 2:47 pm

My thoughts and prayers are with Daryl and all the family.  
I knew Daryl in Briercrest school.

Blessings to you all through this time of deep loss.

Bev Kirilenko (Valerie's sister-in-law)

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16.



Lynne Guick on September 27, 2025 at 2:47 pm

Janice and Family

I just watched the service for Darryl and the beautiful tributes his children gave to him.

It was a pleasure to have known Darryl. May he rest in peace.

If there were more Darryl's in the world it would be a better place.

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17.



Gerry Reilly on September 27, 2025 at 3:56 pm

Condolences to the whole Coward family at this sad time !  
Mr Coward was a great guy and did a lot for everyone on this planet ! Great man of very kind and generous

intentions

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18.



**Bruce and Eleanor Durie** on September 27, 2025 at 9:25 pm

So sorry to hear of Daryl's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Janice and your family

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19.



**Sheila and Brian Leahy** on September 28, 2025 at 8:18 pm

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Daryl. Our deepest sympathy to Janice and Family, also Tom and Laura – Lee Coward and family. May you cherish your happy memories you have of him. We hope in time these memories will bring you strength, comfort, hope, and peace. HUGS and take care.

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20.



**Gwen Nelson** on October 1, 2025 at 1:23 am

So very sorry to hear of your loss, Daryl was always such

a kind man, deepest condolences to all his family.

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21.



**Belva Perkin** on October 1, 2025 at 6:11 pm

Sending Deepest Sympathy To the families of Daryl Many fond memories of when he drove the school bus and the farming functions He will be missed by all who knew him Cherish your memories

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