Funke, Alfred Paul

September 24, 2021



Alfred Paul Funke

With his family by his side, **Alfred Paul Funke** was called home to the Father's house on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021. Alfred joined his wife Angela (2016), with whom he spent his earthly life for over 62 years. Alfred will be greatly missed by his children: **Cheryl** (Dennis) Ludwar, **Greg** (Helga), **Sandra** (Michael) Morris, and **Donald** (Tammy); 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great- grandchild**;** brother, Arnold (Marie); sister, Jeanette (Robert) Furber; as well as sisters-in law, brothers-in law, many nieces and nephews, and many lifelong friends.

Alfred was born on the farm near Claybank, SK on November 19th, 1929 to Paul and Malvina Funke. It was here that he developed his lifelong passions of farming, family, and faith. At a young age Alfred and his 8 siblings were given many farming tasks.

During the 1930's these tasks were always labour intensive. This however did not deter Alfred.

Alfred never liked going to school, mostly because they were unaware that he needed glasses, therefore book learning was difficult for him. He made up his mind early on that farming was his calling. He left school at a young age and worked for many farmers in the area (increasing his knowledge of farming). These farmers all had such high praise for Alfred. Alfred then worked at the Claybank Brick Plant while he saved money to buy some land. He told us the story that at the age of 25, his mother said it was time for him to leave home, so after the harvest was finished he was sent into Moose Jaw to find a job and a wife. He was immediately successful at finding a job at the Robin Hood Mills as his brother-in-law John had a brother (Frank) that worked there. One day, Frank invited Alfred over for a home-cooked meal with his wife June and their children. June's sister Angel was staying with them at the time and the rest as they say, is history.

Alfred and Angel were married November 10th, 1954 and moved out to the Avonlea area where they farmed, and Alfred worked at the Brick Plant again.

After several moves within the area, they purchased a quarter of land from his parents and started their farming and family together. This was a daunting task, to build a farm site from scratch, but they never wavered. Farming always included grain, cattle, pigs, chickens, turkeys and of course a huge garden.

In 1974 they bought a house in Moose Jaw so that Angel could pursue other interests and Alfred continued to farm fulltime. They also owned and managed a 24-suite apartment building for 16 years. Although they spent lots of time working, they also enjoyed plenty of time with their many friends and extended family. We have countless wonderful memories of these visits and outings.

After they sold the building, it was then that they began to travel, and Alfred took up crafting homemade wine. He became quite the wine connoisseur, especially with red wine and cherry wine. Alfred's love of farming continued and therefore retired only at the age of 80.

In 2013, Angel was diagnosed with severe osteoporosis and became completely dependent on Alfred. In true Alfred style, he took on this task with such commitment and grace. It is at this time that they moved into the Caleb Village and sold the house. Alfred often spoke about how close he and Angel grew during this time. After Angel left this earth, Alfred could not wait to join her in Heaven. Alfred moved into the Extendicare in June 2021 and received such wonderful care, including from his daughter, Cheryl. He would often tell the others how lucky he was to have her as a daughter.

Alfred was grateful for all his children and grandchildren, and made sure that they knew that. He will always be remembered as a man of faith, high integrity, kindness, respect for others, story-telling (he could rattle off names and dates like no one else), and most of all his sense of humour. There is hardly a memory that involves Alfred that does not involve humour.

A special thanks to the staff at the Calab and Extendicare for the care and friendship that they showed Alfred these last few years.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Church of Our Lady, 566 Vaughan St, Moose Jaw, SK. Father Nestor Gregoire, celebrant, Father Jake Ibay and Father Carlos Jimenez SVC con-celebrants. Those unable to attend may view the service virtually by going to https://youtu.be/IiK2xOgb7eo. Interment will take place in Claybank Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. **A Prayer Service will be held on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Church of Our Lady.** In lieu of flowers, donations in Alfred's name may be made to Church of Our Lady. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Robert & Faye Rusu on September 24, 2021 at 5:35 pm

Our Prayers and Thoughts are with You and all your Family

Robert & Family

Reply

2.



Joan Hansen on September 24, 2021 at 5:51 pm

I’m sorry for the loss of a wonderful man, but happy that he is reunited with his beloved Angel. My sincere sympathy to all the family.

Reply

3.



Rod Nixon on September 24, 2021 at 9:35 pm

Im so very sorry to hear of your passing Alfred as you always treated me wonderfully from the first day we met years ago. i looked up to you like a dad and i seen how wonderful you were by how it reflected in donald as he was wonderful just like you as he treated me so good when i met him also. you were all so very nice and kind to everyone and it saddens me immensly that your no longer here. i will NEVER forget you and may you rest in peace as you made my life happier when i lived there many years ago.. god bless you and your family and friends from Rod and Bonnie.

Reply

4.



Leona Hicke on September 25, 2021 at 11:38 am

Dear Cheryl ,Dennis and family.
We were so sorry to hear about your Dad’s passing .Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time .
Sincere condolences ,Jerry and Leona Hicke

Reply

5.



dianaz@persona ca on September 25, 2021 at 2:03 pm

So sorry to hear of Uncle Alfreds passing. I have wonderful memories from our visits to the farm and in Moose Jaw.He is with the love of his life, as she was waiting patiently for his arrival.Hugs to all..

Reply

6.



Diana and Lawney Zdanovich on September 25, 2021 at 2:19 pm

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Reply

7.



Glennys Burns on September 25, 2021 at 2:37 pm

Deepest condolences to all of the families. He was a very special man.

Glennys Peterson Burns & family

Reply

8.



janice tourand on September 26, 2021 at 9:38 am

Sorry to hear about Uncle Alfred, our thought are with you. I was glad I had a chance to see him this past summer. Thinking of you take care.

Reply

9.



Dwayne & Darcy Frehlick on September 26, 2021 at 10:01 pm

Our Sincere Condolences to you all.
We will never forget our Uncle Alfred.

Reply

10.



Irene and Denis Auger on September 27, 2021 at 7:36 am

Our sincere sympathy to the family and Cherly and Dennis. Your father always had a good listening ear, always took time to chat and a true man of faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless

Reply

11.



Dena Ries & Al Harris on September 27, 2021 at 11:17 pm

Cheryl, Dennis & family : Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father, father-in-law & grampa.

Reply

12.



DARRELL FREHLICH on September 28, 2021 at 9:15 am

We are sorry to hear about Uncle Alfred, sending our deepest sympathy.
Take care, love from Darrell, Lynn Frehlich

Reply

13.



Mike and Carolyn Scidmore on September 28, 2021 at 2:43 pm

Our heartfelt condolences so glad to have known your dad his quick wit ! Patience! Was a great attribute always had a smile

Reply

14.



Gary Cedergren on September 28, 2021 at 3:07 pm

Hi Greg, sorry to hear about your dad, he had a long, happy life. I watched the service this morning, it was very nice.

Reply