

Holman, George Wilmot James

January 30, 2023



George Wilmot James Holman

George Wilmot James Holman, aged 93 years of Moose Jaw, SK, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27th, 2023. He was predeceased by his parents, Wilmot and Agnes Holman; wife, Lillian; sister, Margaret Rosso; as well as several brothers-in-law: Victor Rosso, Russel Boyle, Howard Boyle, Edgar Boyle, Sam Didluck and Ernie Stefanyshyn. George is survived by his son, Gordon (Lydia) Holman, John (Jen) Schilling, April Schilling, and their families; son, Bob (Darcey) Holman, Kevin (Payton), Amy; daughter, Carol (Darcy) Meier, Kaitlyn (Durstun) McKenna, Kagan; Lillian's surviving brothers, sisters and their families; and special friend, Fern Dowse and her family.

George was born on August 7, 1929, at Pasqua, Saskatchewan, and later farmed in the Eastview District. He married Lillian Boyle

in 1958. George was a hardworking, dedicated farmer and was very proud to be awarded the Farmer of the Year award. He was an avid curler, enjoyed fishing, camping in the summers, and visiting and having coffee with neighbors and friends. George and Lill enjoyed square dancing and Odd Fellow dances for many years. They moved to Moose Jaw in 1980, and George kept busy with his woodworking, train collection, gardening and continued curling in the afternoon and evening leagues for many years. George and Lill travelled for many years around the world to the Brier and World Curling Championships, spent most of the summers at the cabin at Buffalo Pound Lake, and had many winter trips to Sidney, BC with friends until Lill's passing in 2002. George continued to take great pride in his yards at the lake and in town, and was known for his tomatoes and cucumbers, and sharing with everyone. Later, he and Fern took many bus trips-to casinos, to Churchill, Manitoba, and on a tour of the Maritimes. They enjoyed playing cards (especially cribbage), coffee outings and visiting, and were involved with Nature Moose Jaw, bird watching and Wakamow Valley, volunteering at many family days and bbqs. George always had a special fondness for the Western Development Museum. In 2020, due to declining health, he moved into WestPark Retirement Home. He missed his home, garden and independence, especially driving over to Fern's for coffee every morning, so he learned to FaceTime on his iPad with her instead. Special thanks to everyone at WestPark Retirement Home during these last few years, but especially for all the love, special care and compassion during the last month.

At George's request, there will be no funeral service. Flowers are gratefully declined. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to: Wakamow Valley Moose Jaw, P.O. Box 1266 Moose Jaw, SK S6H 4P9 or to the Moose Jaw Western Development Museum <https://wdm.ca/donation-form/>. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Dot and David Hicks on January 30, 2023 at 6:12 pm

We are so sorry to read of George's passing. He held a special place in our hearts. We met him at Cardiaction where he was a patient and I was the exercise therapist for the program. He made Thomas the Train tables for our grandsons which were so well made. He was a special man, friendly, outgoing and we loved his "tell it like it is" attitude. You will miss him. Please give our regards to Fern. She was so supportive of him.

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2.



Vic Bruce on January 31, 2023 at 6:54 am

George was a great neighbour at the lake. Most times when George came out to the lake it wasn't long before he cleaning up the yard and burning something. RIP George

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3.



Donna Cork on January 31, 2023 at 8:52 am

George and Fern always gave us the biggest hugs wherever and whenever we would meet. He will be greatly missed.

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4.



Patricia Bruce on January 31, 2023 at 8:53 am

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Holman family during this sad and difficult time.

We have wonderful memories of your Dad as the very best neighbour at Buffalo Lake.

May you find peace, comfort and love in the days to come.

With deepest sympathy,

Patty Bruce

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5.



Bruce and Eleanor Durie on February 2, 2023 at 7:19 am

We were so sorry to hear of George's passing. George was a great neighbor and good friend to our family.

We always enjoyed conversations with George and hearing his opinion on the topic of the day, that would stop and make you see things from a different direction. George was one of a kind and will be missed and remembered.

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6.



Connie Ashworth on February 7, 2023 at 7:31 am

I was so sorry to hear of George's passing. My memories of

George are mostly from many years ago when I was a child. I loved spending time at your house, Carol. Both your Mom and Dad were very good to me and I know you will miss them both very much. My sincere condolences go out to you and your entire family.

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