Luciak, Edward Michael

May 20, 2025

Edward Michael Luciak

Edward Michael Luciak, aged 89 years of Moose Jaw, SK, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 7th, 2025.

Edward was born on October 8th, 1935, in Hodgeville, SK, to parents William and Annie (née Cisek) Luciak. He grew up alongside his seven siblings and began his education at a country school before attending Agriculture School in Moose Jaw.

Edward's strong work ethic and love for people defined his life. He began his career at Joe L'Heureux Grocery in Vanguard, SK, followed by work in the meat department at Eaton's Groceteria in Moose Jaw. In 1957, he purchased Brothers Confectionery at 319 Caribou St W. Just a few years later, in 1960, his brother Bill (William) took over that store, and Edward went on to purchase Maple Leaf Grocery from a local merchant. He worked there until his retirement in 2018.

At Maple Leaf Grocery, Edward became a fixture of the community, known for his skill in meat cutting and his signature sausage-making. He wasn't just a grocer—he was a friend to everyone who walked through the door. His love for his work was matched only by the joy he found in the friendships he built over the years. Even in his final days, when asked what he wanted to do, his last audible word was simply, "work."

In 1961, Edward married Marlene Kowitch, and together they raised two children, Michael and Alison. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Edward would do anything for his family. He found great happiness in spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Edward had a deep appreciation for nature. He loved planting and caring for trees and took pride in creating habitats that supported wildlife conservation. His Ukrainian heritage, culture, and faith were also central to his life. He was a proud, long-time member of the Prosvita Ukrainian Society and remained active in his church and community throughout his life.

Above all, Edward loved people. His warm, welcoming nature meant

that no one remained a stranger for long.

He was predeceased by his parents, William and Annie Luciak; sisters, Rose (Kon) Stoppler and Mary (Bill) Senicar; brothers: Joe Luciak, John (Helen) Luciak, Bill (Eleanor) Luciak, and Don Luciak; and brother-in-law, Willard Richards.

Edward is survived by his loving wife, **Marlene Luciak**; son, **Michael (Michelle,** her children **Lynnea, Pierre, and Alex) Luciak**; daughter, **Alison (Rick) Philipenko**; grandchildren: **Lexin (Hannah) Luciak, Seena Luciak, Brianne (Evan) Philipenko Barber, Nadia Philipenko (Carson), Tessia Philipenko (Reid),** and **Katriana Philipenko**; great-grandchildren: **Leah and Max Luciak**, and baby **Clara Barber**; sister, **Helen Richards**; sisters-in-law, **Irene Luciak** and **Doreen Luciak**; as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to **Dr. Brent Janzen** for many years of exceptional care, and to **Dr. Yendamuri** for his recent compassion and dedication. Deep gratitude is also extended to the incredible nursing teams at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital and the Pioneer Lodge Palliative Care Unit.

A Celebration of Edward's Life will be held at 2pm, on Saturday, May 24th, 2025 on the farm – South of Moose Jaw on 9th Avenue South, turn west on Highway 363, and signage will be posted for further directions.

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Shirese Noble Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.

Gerry and Pat Reilly on April 11, 2025 at 2:31 pm

Condolences to the whole family at this hard time . Ed was a great guy and very hard working and friendly . One of the best sausage maker in the meat business!

Reply

2.

Ron Sapergia on April 11, 2025 at 2:33 pm

very sorry to hear of Eds passing ,he was an awesome sausage maker and a real gentle man, our condolences to the family

Reply

3.

Gordon Barnett on April 11, 2025 at 5:06 pm

My deapest sympathy to the luciak family, I dealt with Ed for 20 years selling Old Dutch Chips, once in a lifetime you should be allowed a friend like Ed.

Reply

4.

Karen Ireland on April 12, 2025 at 8:53 am

Marlene and family,
“A life well-lived is a life remembered with love”. Ed will be well remembered by so many people.
Deepest sympathy, Karen Ireland

Reply

5.

Helene Rogowski on April 12, 2025 at 4:26 pm

Sending you healing prayers and comfort during your time of grief.I am so sorry for your loss.

Reply

6.

Susie and Brian Sanderson on April 12, 2025 at 4:42 pm

A truly sincere Gentleman,
One’s Easter or Pascha Basket, was only complete when filled a few rings of his sausage.
His Memory will be Eternal.

Reply

7.

Pat Toombs on April 13, 2025 at 12:06 pm

I first met Mike 40+ years ago. We got him to make sausage He instructed My ex Skip and I on how to make sausage. He was gracious and very helpful What started out as a business relationship became a friend like family relationship . A true gentleman , a man proud of his heritage, someone who made a difference in many persons life. Condolences to the family , I was lucky because Mike was part of my , albeit not on a daily basis but that made no difference , Mike always greeted me like a friend and made me feel that I truly mattered. My journey in life was

better because I encountered Mike along the way. Rest in peace Mike.

Reply

8.

John & Christine Hughton on April 15, 2025 at 10:59 am

Marlene, Mike, Alison & families – Very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I always enjoyed a quick visit when we came back to Moose Jaw (and of course to get some of his great sausages). Our thoughts are with you all.

Reply

9.

Lissa and Murray Gruza on April 15, 2025 at 7:35 pm

Dear Marlene, Alison and family: We were so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was such a pleasant, welcoming person – genuine in his interactions with people, caring for those less fortunate than he, and proudly supportive of his family, community, church and culture. May happy memories and the love of family and friends help sustain you in your loss. Вічная Пам'ять!

Reply

10.

Nicole Sweeney on April 16, 2025 at 10:23 am

My sincere sympathy to Marlene and family, he was a very great man.

Reply