

Newans, Gordon Junior

July 17, 2024



Gordon Junior Newans

Gordon Junior Newans aged 79 years of Moose Jaw, SK, passed away Friday, July 12th, 2024. As per Gord's request, a Private Family Gathering was held Sunday, July 14th, 2024. Gord was born on February 6th, 1945, in Avonlea, Saskatchewan, the sixth of ten children.

Gord is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Dixie; children: Ron (Shonna) and children, Bob (Robin) and children and Penny (Chad) and children. He leaves 10 grandchildren: Jesse, Kass, Meagan, Ben, Tanner, Brennan, Paige, Jett, Savannah, and Spencer; and 10 great-grandchildren: Lennon, Ledger, Sage, Pearson, Hailey, Lincoln, Callie, Beau, Tate, and Ivory.

After retirement and the sale of their home of 45 years, Gordon

took Dixie on their final trip, a train from Saskatoon, through the Rocky Mountains, to Vancouver. Together they went through Stanley Park by horse and carriage, walked the seawall, and enjoyed exploring the city.

Gord had a passion for working with his hands. He started work at a very young age. He loved all aspects of farming and building so much that he worked through the Iron Workers Union Apprenticeship Program achieving his Journeyman ticket in 1989. Gord was a force, with incredible physical strength! At times he was called the Human Crane when he would grab a steel beam and move it himself. He was excited every May long weekend –cattle branding at the Doney farm and his enthusiasm was always uplifting and something special he shared with his sons. With hands the size of baseball mitts, he was still able to calm the calves being as gentle as ever.

Gord had a mind for critical thinking and from common sense he would build things simply from the plan in his head. He achieved many accomplishments as a self-taught carpenter, completing projects in and around our neighborhood, from concrete to garages and home additions. This talent grew to a larger scale of erecting large Quonsets for farm machinery and horse-riding arenas.

Gordon loved to surprise, and to the amusement of his wife and children, would frequently roll up with something new – a shiny new vehicle, ATVs for each of his children, and once perhaps to his own surprise, two Shetland ponies from an accidental wave to a friend at an auction.

Summers were spent travelling with his young family to Cypress Hills to meet up with his older brother and his family to camp. Gordon could be a jokester, and he and his brother would entertain their families with pranks. On one occasion, they imitated bears growling and scratched on public outhouse type washrooms to scare their wives, only to realize they had the wrong stalls and left others running out in hysterics. There were stories told and the song Tiny Bubbles sung around the campfire while pretending to have no teeth (amazing how that comes out, try it).

Gordon loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially as babies, and he loved when they popped in to

visit. To observe his strong nature, turn into gentle adoration for grandkids was a reminder that he did have a soft side. We will miss those eyes as blue as the skies and a smile that lit up a room.

Gordon was a worker, something he instilled in all of us and a gift we will be forever grateful for. We will carry his words to remind us: *"Always measure twice, cut once"*.

We pray you are at peace, rolling through the green hills, admiring the crops.

A Private Family Service will be held to honour Gordon. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Gordon's name may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Box 2414, Toronto, ON M4P 1E4. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

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Darla Mayer on July 17, 2024 at 9:32 am

Dixie and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Gord's passing.

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2.



Corliss Okerstrom on July 17, 2024 at 11:37 am

Dixie remember the good times and he'll always be with you. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

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Shauna Lowe Ciera Spark Olson on July 17, 2024 at 11:40 am

So sorry for your loss!

Goes was such a nice and caring man always a smile on his face.

He will be so very missed

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4.



June Vanin on July 17, 2024 at 12:14 pm

Dixie and family thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time

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Michelle Acorn on July 17, 2024 at 3:50 pm

I was so sorry to hear this sad news. My condolences Dixie and family. Sending hugs.

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Leona and Cal on July 18, 2024 at 5:57 pm

So sorry to hear of Gord's passing , we had the privilege of being Gord and Dixie's (and Duke) neighbors for many years , they would even drive by their old house after they sold it just to visit the old neighbor hood . Gord was a hard worker and a gentle giant . our thoughts are with Dixie and family

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Rhonda Hill on July 20, 2024 at 11:37 am

To The Newans Family

So very sorry to know that Gord has passed.

I know you will miss him very much.

May he rest in peace.

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Yvonne Kerr on July 22, 2024 at 7:27 am

So sorry to hear this news of Gord's passing. My condolences to you Dixie , Penny and your whole family.

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Lori Dobrescu-Walz on July 31, 2024 at 2:55 pm

so sorry to hear of Gords passing, he will be so missed
and so lovingly remembered.

My condolences to you Dixie and your family

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