

# Schafer, Roy Donald

August 13, 2024





## Roy Donald Schafer

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roy Donald Schafer (born Timmel) on Thursday, August 8th, 2024. Roy fought stomach cancer longer than he let on and finally asked to go the hospital just 10 days before he passed away.

Roy was predeceased by his father, Bud Timmel; stepfather, Roger Schafer; brother, Steve; and son, Tim. Roy will be missed by his mother, Nellie; wife, Dale; son, Vern (Sharon); daughter, Patty (Cam); brother, Boyd (Holly-deceased); sisters, Penny (Mike) and Gayle (David-deceased); his 7 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; as well as many relatives and friends.

Roy Schafer (Timmel) was born in Kalispel, Montana on May 12th, 1949. He spent his childhood and what he described as “the best time of his life” in and around Killdeer, SK. When his mother remarried, he moved to a farm near Rockglen, SK where he spent his teenage years. When Roy left school, he started working with a company building grain elevators. It was this job that took him to Pennant, SK where he met his future wife of 57 years. After Roy and Dale married, they moved to Rockglen where

Roy started his 38-year career with the Department of Highways. While in Rockglen, they had three children: Tim, Vern, and Patty. Six years after starting work in Rockglen, Roy was transferred to Ceylon, SK then the following year to Willow Bunch, SK. Roy and Dale lived in Willow Bunch until approximately 2004 when they retired to Moose Jaw. In Moose Jaw, Roy spent his time with neighbours and taking care of their yard and house. In the last few years, Roy's love of fishing was reignited by his friend and neighbour, Terry.

When Roy was not working, he enjoyed playing sports when he was younger (mainly hockey, but also ball), fishing as he reached middle age, and visiting and talking to everyone he came across as he got older. He often talked about his amazing neighbours and how they all got along so well.

Roy wished to be cremated so his remains could be scattered in the hills near Killdeer. He disliked funerals almost as much as doctors and hospitals, so Roy asked that no Funeral Service be held. You may, if you choose, donate to a charity such as the Cancer Society, the Humane Society, or the Sask. Wildlife Federation. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Michelle Ellis, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

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**Lois Cronan** on August 13, 2024 at 9:48 am

So sorry to hear of your loss, Nellie and Cebrina. Sounds like a hard working, and great man. Condolences from Lois (Struble)Cronan and Larry Cronan

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2.



**Melissa Mitchell** on August 14, 2024 at 3:09 am

So sorry to hear of Roy's passing, I grew up spending lots of time with both Dale and Roy. Sincere condolences to Dale, Vern, Patty and the rest of the family.  
From Melissa and my dad Delbert

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3.



**Theresa Klyne** on August 14, 2024 at 9:06 am

Dale so sad to hear about Roy. My sympathy to you and family.  
Theresa

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**Stan and Leone Novak** on August 14, 2024 at 11:49 am

Sorry to hear of Roy's passing will always remember the times spent working with him at highways and our conversations about fishing whenever we met

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Judy Quon on August 14, 2024 at 5:53 pm

Sending my condolences,Vern and Sharon and the rest of the Schafer family, for the passing of Roy. So sorry ot hear about your lose.

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Brigitte Lalonde on August 14, 2024 at 11:39 pm

To Dale & Family: My sympathies to you at this sad time. Hugs to you Dale, we had some good visits thru the years. You & Roy were nice people and very hard working.

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Dorothy Boszak3 on August 16, 2024 at 7:24 pm

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Nellie,  
Sincerely, Dorothy Kimball Boszak

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