Smith, William Lorne (Bill)

March 25, 2019

William Lorne (Bill) Smith

July 27th, 1926 – June 24th, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce that **William Lorne (Bill) Smith** of Drinkwater, SK passed away at West Park Crossing in Moose Jaw, SK on Monday, June 24th, 2019. He was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Louise Smith; sister, June Woodley; brothers-in-law: Don Woodley, Jim Ellison, and Walter Pritchard; and sons-in-law, Neil Cunningham and Ian Lowe. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, **Greta**; his six daughters and their families: **Lynn**, Tracy (Jason), Alyssa, Brooklyn, Hailey; Trent (Angela), Curtis, Michael, Kaleb, Tyson; Kelly (Trevor), Cooper, Emery; **Lorna** (David), Jeff (Melissa), Ainsley, Owen; Robyn (Mac), Frances, Sam; **Terry** (Bill), Leslie (Dan), Nicholas, Burke; Kenda (Roger), Kayce, Marley; Ashley (Jordin), Scarlett, Griffin, Bill's children; **Rita** (Kelly), Jayde (Conrad), Berklee; Corey (Larissa); **Joan** (Ed), Tianna (Cory), Deagan (Michelle), Ed's children; and **Gail** (Mike), Joel, Nicole (Jake); sister, Norma (Bob) Watson; sisters-in-law: Marjorie Pritchard, Elizabeth (Earl) Campbell, and Donna Ellison; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was born in Moose Jaw on July

27th, 1926. He married Greta in 1948 and together they built a successful farming operation in the Drinkwater area. He loved the land and took pride in the growing, the fixing, and all other facets of farming. He was a talented mechanic, welder and problem solver. Bill believed in hard work, integrity, honesty and free enterprise. He loved a good joke and lived his life with a twinkle in his eye. Bill believed in helping the community and directed his energies to numerous projects over the years. He was a member of the Drinkwater Community Club, Palliser Wheat Growers, and the Weyburn Inland Terminal. Bill was passionate about fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and boating. Above all, Bill loved his family. He loved to give knee squeezes, loved teasing and loved supporting their many activities. We thank the staff at West Park Crossing for the heart felt care and compassion shown to Bill and his family through this difficult journey. **A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Friday, June 28th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home and a private family interment will take place at Drinkwater Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Drinkwater Community Club, Box 96, Drinkwater, SK SOH 1G0, Moose Jaw Health Foundation, 55 Diefenbaker Dr, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 0C2 or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.

Larry and Brenda Paysen on June 25, 2019 at 7:29 am

Extending deepest sympathy to all of the Smith family.

Reply

2.

Corliss Okerstrom on June 25, 2019 at 9:24 am

Remember the good times and Bill will always be with you. Robert and myself use to square dance with your parents and they were always interesting and interested in any thing going on in everyone lives. Lynn and rest of family thoughts and prayers with all of you at this time of sorrow.

Reply

3.

James P Sikorski on June 25, 2019 at 9:34 am

Very sad to hear Mr. Smith has passed away. I would like to share my sympathy to the family, also a word of encouragement as mentioned Revelation 21:1-4.

Reply

4.

Elwood & Vern Lynds on June 25, 2019 at 1:25 pm

Our most heartfelt condolences to all Bill’s Family.

Reply

5.

Karen Tweed on June 25, 2019 at 9:45 pm

Dear Greta
I am so sorry to hear of Bills passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy.
Sincerely
Karen

Reply

6.

Don Fleming on June 26, 2019 at 10:51 pm

Greta,Lynn,Lorna,Terry and the rest of Bill's family team ! I was very sad to hear of Bill's passing and was glad that I had a chance for a good visit the last time I was home in moose jaw . One of my best memories of Bill was at the curling rink in drinkwater when we on the Miller twins team playing against the Smith family team – lots of fun and laughs and some great shot making too ! He was definitely his fathers son in so many ways.Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time - GOD BLESS

Reply

7.

Bill Gibbs on June 27, 2019 at 12:50 pm

My sympathies to Greta and family.

Reply

8.

Wanda (Fleming) Bohl on June 27, 2019 at 6:26 pm

We were sorry to hear of Bill’s passing, he was such a special man and so many of my memories of Drinkwater included the Smith family as well as many of the others in Drinkwater. I feel so honoured to have grown up there, with all the
families like yours that made it so special. I was honoured to be one of the girl’s babysitters back in the day.
My thoughts are with you all at this sad time. You were so lucky to have had him for so many years, as I am certain you will have many special memories that you shared over the years.

Reply

9.

Doug and Ronda THul on June 27, 2019 at 8:28 pm

Our condolences to all the Smith Family, I am sure you have many great memories of Bill, Cherish them.

Doug and Ronda

Reply

10.

Ken and Betty Longmire on July 2, 2019 at 10:03 am

Very much enjoyed our farming talks about farming and John Deere equipment at Loon Lake. Bill was such an interesting person.

Reply