

Sommerfeld, Lawrence John

April 26, 2022



Lawrence John Sommerfeld

Lawrence John Sommerfeld, aged 86 years of Moose Jaw, SK passed away on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Katherine Sommerfeld of Swift Current, SK; and Michele Gamble, daughter of Lorrie Gamble. He is survived by his brother, Rodney Sommerfeld and his sister, Linda Dyck both of Medicine Hat, AB. Lawrence will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by the love of his life of 41 years, Lorrie Gamble; her grandchildren Tiffany and Tyson, and her great-grandson Hudson. Larry was the first man in Saskatchewan to obtain custody of four children in 1970 and his surviving children have viewed their father as a hero for his personal sacrifice he made to raise them while working with the Royal Canadian Air Force. His children are Gilbert (Lynn), Dr. Karen Sommerfeld- Forge (David), Debby Dombowsky (Michael),

and Judy Lans (Rodney). Larry's grandchildren are Stephen (Cher), Braden (Nina), Levi, Jesse, Elise Markin (Daniel), Emily, Luke, Josiah, Heidi, and Sterling; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Larry enlisted in the RCAF in 1955 as an aero-engine technician and was stationed in Winnipeg, MB, Trenton, ON, and in 1967 was transferred to Moose Jaw where he worked with the Air Force until he retired in 1978 after 23 years of service. He enjoyed a few years of employment at CPR as a brakeman while he was pursuing his love of the land and purchasing a farm near Pasqua, SK.

Larry enjoyed hunting, farming, raising cattle and chickens, and giving away eggs to many people. Larry's favorite hobby was to restore or rebuild vehicles, almost exclusively Fords!! His dear friend, Wayne Alm, worked alongside him on many vehicles. Their notable accomplishment was a 1952 Ford 1-Ton truck that they modified, rebuilt and sold to Knight Ford Lincoln, where it sits on display in front of the dealership. In earlier years Larry had also enjoyed drag racing, stock car racing, boxing, working on his antique cars, and giving his kids rides in the rumble seat of the 1928 Model T which they thoroughly enjoyed! Larry faithfully took his children to the Apostolic Church Sunday School, kids clubs, youth groups and Kedleston Camp.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff on the 2nd floor at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital, to Dr. G.B. Van Heerden, and to all the caring nurses and staff on the Raphael Wing of Providence Place. Although Larry was a little 'crusty' on occasion, he often expressed his appreciation for the wonderful care he received from his several 'favorite' nurses!

A private family memorial gathering is planned in the future.

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

1.



Heather Gemmell on April 26, 2022 at 9:13 pm

I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was such a kind man & good friend & neighbour for my Mom & Dad on Willow Ave.

Heather (Varley) Gemmell

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Jim Johnson and Margie Metereo on May 3, 2022 at 6:35 pm

Condolences to Lori and Larry's family. He was a great guy always loved talking with him. He will be greatly missed.

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Judy on July 12, 2022 at 12:16 am

Thank you for your kind comments, Heather. I'm glad you wrote on this website, because now I have the chance to thank your mother who was particularly kind to me as a child. One day, she found me sitting on the back step crying, so she invited me over where I played with the game called mouse trap in the back porch. She made me some lunch, then took me shopping downtown and bought me two pairs of shoes: some black and white saddle oxfords and a pair of brown shoes. By the time we got back home, someone had returned at my house so I was able to go home. The fact I still remember that afternoon 50+ years later, says your mother's kindness made a difference. Thank you.

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2.



shirley tillie on April 26, 2022 at 10:20 pm

Larry was always someone to visit with at auction sales. Deepest sympathy.

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3.



Randy Fuhr on April 27, 2022 at 7:44 pm

Larry was a wonderful man and I'm pleased to have known him as a friend and a work colleague. My condolences to his family. May he Rest In Peace.

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4.



carl miller on April 28, 2022 at 10:33 pm

rest in peace larry

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5.



Maureen Wareham on April 30, 2022 at 10:15 pm

Karen, Debbie and families I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May God enfold you in His arms and may your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

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6.



Rick Hägglund on May 27, 2023 at 12:44 pm

Cousins Gilbert, Karen, Debbie and Judy: Thank-you Jesus that Uncle Larry prayed for me when I was sick and recovering. Thank-you Debbie for relaying those messages to me when I was recovering. Thank-you Gilbert for your prayer updates phoning me. My dad Carl thought the model A with tumble seat would be too much for him so we brought it to uncle and traded it for a gas lawn mower which we needed. Most important my parents and I were very happy that all of you love Jesus and made him a priority.

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