



When you plant seeds
in the lives of others
And water them with
Love and Care
You will reap a harvest
of sweet memories
That will follow you
everywhere



In Loving Memory Of

TED WACKER

September 26, 1926 - July 27, 2024

On the evening of July 27, 2024, Edward “Ted” Wacker, of Coaldale, passed away peacefully at the age of 97 years.

Ted was born in Magrath, Alberta. His father was a grain elevator agent which moved the family around Alberta during Ted’s adolescent years. The last grain elevator location that his father worked at was Swalwell, Alberta. They lived in the Hamlet for a while and then moved to their farm 1.5 miles west of Swalwell where he stayed for the rest of his farming life. In the spring of his grade 12 year, he said “I’m going to quit school and go farming” because he wanted to farm instead. Ted took great pride in his farm work, farm machinery, trucks and projects that he built.

In addition to grain farming, he delivered milk to people and owned 2400 chickens. He took the eggs to the local egg grading station where he met his future wife, Lillian Jantz. They were married on May 1, 1965. They farmed together until Lil’s passing in 1999. Ted continued a little by himself, but then rented the land out. He moved to an acreage in Lethbridge County in 2008 to live in a duplex house with his daughter and family. In Lethbridge, he loved building decks and stairs onto the house, building a shop workbench, and working in the shop. In later years, Ted moved to a Retirement Lodge and resided there until his passing.

Farm life was hard work, but for the most part Saturday evenings and Sundays meant time off work for Ted. Frequent activities were meals and barbecues with the Penners, and brunches at Three Hills Coffee Break, or somewhere in Calgary. There were also many weekends and holidays that were spent at his farm in Swalwell with his daughter Barb (Martin), and grandchildren Cody and Mandy; a favorite activity was riding the quad.

Besides farming and working in the shop, Ted liked to go for coffee in the mornings and afternoons to socialize with his friends. Ted also enjoyed going to Pioneer Acres yearly show in Irricana, Alberta in August. He would explain all the details of the old machinery to whoever was with him, and he even brought his fifth wheel holiday trailer one year to have a place to rest and eat with Ed and Doreen in tow.

Ted was predeceased by his wife Lillian, and nephew Dale Penner.

Ted leaves behind his daughter Barb (Martin) Gergely; grandson Cody; granddaughter Mandy (Nick); brother-in-law Jerry Penner; and sister-in-law Mildred Penner; nephew James Penner and family (Nicholas, Calei, Jesse, Declan); great niece Justine (John) Capatos and family (Ben, Ruth, Andrew, Evelyn); and long-time friends Ed and Doreen Knopp of Calgary.

Ted will be most remembered by his daily coffee trips, his hard work during farming season, and taking his grandkids farming.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

10:00 AM, Thursday, August 1, 2024

Kneehill County Cemetery

Luke Watson, *Officiating*

Welcome ~ Luke Watson

Obituary Reading

Sharing a memory of Grandpa ~ Cody

Psalm 23

Reflection

Committal~ Luke Watson

Family is now invited to lay flowers