

Rudy leaves to mourn his passing, wife Florence of 65 years, children Howard (Lucille), Warren & Cyndy, Finn, Jett; Brad & Angel, Bronc, Sunshine, Honey, Spur; Devin & Laura, Wyatt; Carolyn Dick (Ken), Steven & Sandra, Carson, Levi, Denver; Annalisa Dick, Jeff Gabrush; Darlene Parker (Jay), Evan, Ian; Deb Siemens (Doug), Parker, Marshall & Jenn, Ben; Kyle; and Dale.

Rudy was predeceased by his parents, his parents in-law, one sister, one brother in infancy and one brother-in-law.



Broken Chain

(by Ron Tranmer)

*We little knew the day that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.*



In Loving Memory of

Rudy Toews

September 19, 1928 — July 19, 2019

Celebration of His Life

*Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 2:00 pm
Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church
Watrous, Saskatchewan*



Prelude — Picture Tribute
 Processional — *He knows my Name*
 Welcome & Prayer — Pastor Darren Holland
 Hymn—*How Great Thou Art*
 Eulogy — Carolyn Dick & Deb Siemens
 Tribute — Howard Toews & Dar Parker
 Memories from Grandkids — Warren Toews
 Hymn—*Great is Thy Faithfulness*
 Bible Reading *Psalm 23* — Bronc Toews
 Devotional Thoughts — Pastor Darren Holland
 Poem *Close the Gate* — Dale Toews
The Anchor Holds — Photo Media
 Prayer
 Recessional



Pallbearers — Dale Toews, Annalisa Dick, Warren Toews
 Steven Dick, Parker Siemens, Evan Parker
Honorary Pallbearers — Brad Toews, Devin Toews, Marshall Siemens,
 Kyle Siemens, Ian Parker
Guest Book Attendants — Ken Loewen, Dianne Loraas
Song Leader — Wayne Dick
Pianist — Karen Klassen

Following the service, please join our family for one of Dad’s favorite treats, Tim Hortons donuts.

We thank the staff of the Lanigan Central Parkland Lodge and the Watrous Manitou Lodge for the love and care given to Rudy, Dad and (Great) Grandpa during his final months. We are also very grateful to our church family and community for their wonderful support.

In memory of Rudy Toews donations may be made to:
 — The Gideons International In Canada
 — Lanigan Central Parkland Lodge
 — Watrous Manitou Lodge



*Interment preceded the service
 In the Philadelphia Church Cemetery*

Rudolph Henry Toews was born on the family homestead in the Guernsey area on September 19, 1928 to Henry (Heinz) and Tina Toews, the second of four children. He grew up on the farm with his three siblings, Irene, Katie and Walter.

Their home was close to the Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church where the family was actively involved. This is where he began his lifelong personal faith in Jesus, was baptized, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and made many lifelong friends. After completing school, he continued his education at Bethany Bible College in Hepburn, SK, for three years.

Upon his return to the Watrous area, he married Florence Klasen, who he had grown up with. They were married on Oct. 10, 1953, and they were blessed with five children, Howard, Carolyn, Darlene, Debra and Dale.

Dad and Mom carved out a livelihood for our family on the farm. Howard came back to the farm in 1974 and joined them in the mixed farming operation. Later, once married to Lucy in 1977, they moved onto the main yard with Dad and Mom where the four of them farmed together for many years until Dad and Mom made the move into Watrous. The operation continues today with Brad and Angel and their children now living on the home place.

Even once retired, Dad loved to come out to the ranch. He made many trips out to see what was going on, bringing out the mail, and, as recently as summer of 2018, still servicing the lawnmower and mowing grass and helping where he could.

Dad was active in the community. He volunteered with the Gideons and at Dallas Valley Camp with Mom well into their eighties. He loved sports, especially watching grandchildren and great grandchildren play hockey and football. Dad curled, playing until a few years ago.

Dad enjoyed singing, listening to classical, gospel and country music. Mom and Dad had a busy social life, going to the symphony, live theatre and supporting the arts around the community. He loved to travel and to meet people and making connections, finding out where they were from and whom they were related to. Going for coffee with friends was a highlight in town, at Danceland, or any Tim Hortons. But most important of all, he loved his God, his wife, and his family, five children and spouses, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

His health started to fail in September 2018 and he spent the last six months at the Lanigan Central Parkland Lodge and in the Watrous Manitou Lodge until the Lord took him home on Friday July 19th.