

1946 - 2024  
**BOB WIGNES**  
In loving memory of



Close the Gate (For Dad)

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,  
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,  
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

By Nancy Kraayenhoef

*Fotheringham-McDougall*  
FUNERAL SERVICE

Robert (Bob) Martin Wignes was born April 20, 1946 in Humboldt, Saskatchewan. He was the oldest of 5 children born to Svend and Audrey Wignes and grew up in the Glynfield district near Plunkett, Sask. Bob attended Glynfield School and later, Viscount High School. He worked in a variety of jobs the first few years after leaving home, became a business owner and eventually went back to farming near Viscount where he fulfilled his passion of living and working on the land for 45 years. Bob met Marilyn Knuckey in high school and they were married in November 1968 and raised three children. Their first home was in Watrous, and in 1978 they moved to the farm at Viscount. They retired back to Watrous in 2005 and enjoyed 10 years wintering in Yuma, Arizona. Bob volunteered his time with several clubs and organizations, took part in many sports over the years, and was involved in the communities of Viscount and Watrous. Bob was very social and made friends everywhere he went and will be missed by many.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife Marilyn of 55 years, daughter Deanna (Bret) Gaetz, son Calvin (Tracy) Wignes and daughter Tara (Jason) Zeller; grandchildren Jillina (Mat) Beaudoin, Katelyn (Ryan) Blechinger, Colby and Kira Wignes, Aleah and Grayden Zeller; great-grandchildren Levi and Brooks Blechinger; brother Ray (Wendy) Wignes and sisters Jean (Mervin) Syroteuk, Inger (Jerry) Olah and Fay (Russell) Johnson; brother-in-law Ivan (Karon) Knuckey and sister-in-law Carol (Doug) Savage and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Svend and Audrey Wignes; parents-in-law Norman and Maisie (Les Murray) Knuckey; brother-in-law Gordon Knuckey; great-granddaughter Ada Blechinger.

Bob's family thank you for attending and invite you to stay for the reception following the graveside service.

*In loving memory of*

**ROBERT (BOB) MARTIN WIGNES**

aged 77 years

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
Watrous Civic Centre  
Watrous, Saskatchewan

**OFFICIANT**

Kristie Pilling

**REGISTER ATTENDANTS**

Aleah Zeller Grayden Zeller  
Bev and Colleen Hunt

**USHERS**

Taylor Savage Dwane Savage

Curtis Olah

**READERS**

Jillina Beaudoin Katelyn Blechinger

**MEMORIAL TABLE ATTENDANT**

Kimberly Crone

**URNBEARERS**

Colby Wignes Kira Wignes

**EULOGY**

Deanna Gaetz Calvin Wignes

Tara Zeller

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Neil and Wanda Bortis

**PIANIST**

Elva Turner

**PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT**  
Watrous Columbarium