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August 24. 1929 – November 27, 2021

The Family and Friends of Charlie Brawn would like to announce his passing on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Points West Living, Red Deer.

Charles (Charlie) Brawn was born in Carnduff, Saskatchewan and was raised near the community district of Nottingham, Saskatchewan. During his colourful lifetime he lived in a number of places. Time spent with Charlie was filled with stories and recounting about the many towns in Saskatchewan which are now just names on a map. Eventually he moved to Red Deer, Alberta from Saskatchewan where he had a trucking business in the oil patch. The long hours and working hard, is what he knew best.

Charlie was very enthusiastic about country music. He collected music and the history of musicians, especially from the 1950’s. Charlie never

missed an opportunity to jam with other musicians. He hosted numerous musicals get togethers at his home in Red Deer. Charlie played dobro, harmonica, acoustic guitar, button accordion and banjo. When Charlie transitioned into Senior’s living, he continued to invite his musician friends to get together and share music. Nothing made Charlie happier than to have his friends around him to celebrate his birthday with music and song! Many, many songs he loved but one of his favourite

songs was precious jewel by Roy Acuff. Play the song on the computer, In memory of Charlie.

Charlie was one of the individuals who was instrumental in forming the Waskasoo Bluegrass Society in the late 1990's. He managed jams at the Downtown House in Red Deer for many years. Charlie's favourite song was Precious Jewel. Charlie was so dedicated and a supporter to the country music that he had a dream to build a Country Hall of Fame Museum for the Alberta Musicians. Maybe someday this will happen and Charlie would be Proud.

Along with his love of music Charlie was an avid historian regarding farming and vintage farm machinery used on the Prairies. How his passion started on collecting the vintage miniature toys was when he went over to a collector's home and seen his grandchild playing with a John Deere tractor, from then on Charlie was hooked. If you seen a fellow at a trade show with a western hat and a big grin on his face, willing to shake your hand it was probably Charlie Brawn from Red Deer. His squeezebox in hand and playing for us. From that day on a friendship grew. He even had Full size tractors too! A collector of his prized possessions including the oilfield decal stickers frenzy in the 80's. Charlie collected and built an extensive farm toy collection. His replicas of farm machinery and trucks contained intricate details. He also made model villages and farmyards as settings for the replicas. At one time he had one of the largest collections in North America. He bought, sold and traded more models than any collector. Charlie often showcased his collection at Sunnybrook Farm and the Agri-Trade at the Westerner Park in Red Deer. Charlie was a horse trader or should we say a model trader.

Charlie just recently received Honorary "Senior of the Year" for his years of volunteerism and many other contributions to the community of Red Deer. Very proud day for him surrounded by friends. Charlie had a heart of gold to whom ever

needed a helping hand, he was there to help. He was a wealth of knowledge, understanding and always had a story to tell that was entertaining.

Charlie was everyone’s friend and he would talk to anyone. He had his Tim Horton buddies, coffee and sprinkled donut were waiting for him. He loved his Taber corn and couldn’t wait for the season to roll around for the taste of Alberta Corn.

Charlie is now looking over his large collection of models with that big grin on his face and likely horse trading again with someone.

Charlie was always kind and generous. He will be greatly missed. Even now he is probably arranging a music jam just inside the Pearly Gates.

Thanks to every one who made special memories throughout his 92 years of living.

He was such a good friend to so many of us. All your friends will miss you Charlie but we will remember you always forever you were a true friend.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Please be mindful with all Covid rules for social distancing and wear a mask if you wish. Thank you

Messages of Condolence

Charlie had a great different way of life, music oil tractors old cars &many good friends never a dull moment to entertain, a hard worker, good friend

— Gary & Karen Mack

Here is what I would love to share about Charlie

Charlie lived a life for Joy! He was my Grandfather figure from my early teens into my current adult life, I have so many memories that involve him from mashed potatoe fights to camping jokes, to cards of every game, he was a solid figure in my life from Birthdays, Weddings & Support when my father died.

His life was filled with all the horrific and enlightening moments a Full life can have. He was a wealth of knowledge, understanding and always had a story to tell that was entertaining.

Our 4 boys were blessed with multiple Christmas Days with him waking and saying I can smell that delicious Coffee. Always being schooled by the Checkers Master himself or taught just how to pool que Krokono. He is a JOY in our Memories and Hearts. Charlie gave us all the love of Music especially the button accordian & Blue Grass Music. Our boys enjoyed playing with him and performing for him I can't say enough kind words about what he gave myself and my family with his time and ear.

We are so blessed and know life better because of our Grandpa & Great Grandpa Charlie.

— Amy Leitch

Charlie’s welcoming smile and enthusiasm were a happy part of many musical events, jams, exhibitions and trade shows in and around Red Deer. He was always glad to see other musicians, as well as anyone who shared an interest in his many instruments, gadgets, models and displays, and he always had new stories to tell about his full and colourful life. He was a wholehearted, energetic man, with a wide circle of friends whom he appreciated and valued. We will miss him.

— Patricia Smith

Having known Charlie for many years it sadden me to hear of his passing. Charlie played in a band for many years with my husband, now they can make music together again. R I P Charlie.

— Irene Hanson

I have been looking for Charlie Brawn as I wasn't aware he passed as I was hoping to reach Charlie and his family and I know he was married and had stepdaughter Sherri or Sherry I'm hoping they can contact me please do let me know thanks.

— Susanne Harnden
