Andy Bucko

DECEMBER 17, 2020

With heavy hearts we share that our dear father (Tato), Andy Bucko, passed away suddenly in his Regina home on December 17, 2020. Left to cherish his memory are his children Sherri (Conrad) Doidge, Jody (Ashley) Wallster, Jason (Jacqueline) Bucko, and Crystal (Jason) Bencharski. Gido loved his 12 grandchildren Andrew and Nicole Doidge; Hunter and Braden Wallster; Crew, Thea, and Hayes Bucko; and Spencer, Nevin, Everett, Berkley, and Quinn Bencharski. He is survived by his siblings Ann (Arnold) Davey, Sylvia Bzdel, Kathy Stefan, Paul Bucko, Eugene Bucko, Raymond (Karen) Bucko, and Harold (Barb) Maximovich; sister-in-law Rose Maximovich; and beloved nieces and nephews. Andy was predeceased by his father Paul Bucko (1955); his step-father Mike Maximovich (1980); his mother Mary Maximovich (2007); brothers Mike Bucko and Stephan Maximovich; brothers-in-law Walter Woynarski, Stu Stefan, Joe Bzdel; and niece and nephews.

Andy was born April 24, 1947 in Wadena, Saskatchewan and grew up on family farms near Mozart. Andy started his working career in Regina at Stelco as a steel worker and then a cab driver. In 1973 Andy and his family moved to Mozart and he started his 39-year career as a truck driver with Crawfords (Plains Poultry/Sunnyland/Lillydale) in Wynyard. During this time, he now owned his childhood family farm where he cared for and loved many different and unusual animals. In 1992, Andy moved to Wynyard. Andy always dreamed of moving to his childhood farm, which he did in 2010 for a couple of years until his health

declined. In 2012 Andy retired and stayed with his children. He then moved to Regina, where he resided the past 2 years.

Dad had a passion for horses and loved spending time with his family and friends. The highlight of the year was the Wagon Trek where his camp was known as Andy's Hillbilly Haven. These were the best times for everyone…after the first few miles. Dad was strong, tough, and athletic. In high school he thrived in football and track. At any age he was ready to challenge a race and usually won. As a live-haul trucker he was known to joke around with the young chicken-catchers and some of them remember losing a race to Dad. Dad was a captain of the Mozart broomball team and he flooded the Mozart rink every year where we all enjoyed fun times. Our house in Mozart was a central place to play 3-spot, hold after-cabaret parties, have coffee, and visit with friends. Our school friends loved being around Dad. He was energetic, fun, treated us like an equal, and made sure we knew that how we felt was important. For those that knew Dad, knew that he got heavily involved in Monarch games, sitting with the opposition's fans causing havoc. He was very proud of his family and loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports. He loved to watch his son play hockey and was the team's biggest fan. He loved watching track, hockey, and football and could also be known to spend 8 hours in the gym to watch 3 minutes of performance.

Andy loved people and will be remembered for his crooked grin, quick and mischievous wit, teasing humour, and charm. Andy was easily-tempered, impatient, and also soft-hearted. He was accepting and could make everyone a friend. His thought and generosity could really make someone's day.

Thank You Dad for the way you cared for and taught others. Thank You for teaching us the value of hard work and making the best 4-H signs. Thank You for teaching us to be independent, boost a car, change a tire, how to saddle and ride a horse, and give others second…and more chances. Thank You Dad for making us

believe we could do anything if we worked hard enough. We love you!

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Messages of Condolence

I remember your dad was always so welcoming to me. He will be missed.

— Chantelle Easton

Sending heartfelt sympathy to Andy's family. We remember him driving truck when my children loaded chickens around Fosston

— Alva Lipka

Our hearts and prayers are with your family... We will miss you Andy!! Rest in Peace!! Thank you for all the many years of wagon treks we went with the Hillbillies Havens!! You were the best leader Andy!! Many many wonderful stories we will cheerios!! And especially a wonderful neighbor you were. REST IN PEACE ANDY!! we will miss you dearly!

— Robert and Donna Panchuk

My deepest sympathy to you all. Your Dad was so much fun! He fun teased incessantly and always made me feel like a part of your family. And his constant math riddles while getting the horses ready helped me to understand why Sherri kicked but in math! Your loss is deep and my heart goes out to you all. May God wrap you all up in his blanket of love. ♥

— Sharon Hall Lonsberry

My condolences to the Bucko family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

— Vince Yaskowich

Sad to hear another wagon trek friend gone on his last ride. Too many saddled up and left us this year keep the camp fire lit some day we will join all of you and we will have one more ride together RIP

— Dan Thorsteinson wagon-master

Sincere condolences to Andy’s family

— Sandy

Remembering the Hawerchuk reunion in 1995, Strasbourg, SK.. Hosted by Teena (Hawerchuk) and Kaz Yasinski. Andy kindly produced a video of the event, we enjoy the memory of that day and thank Andy for doing this for us. Our Sincere Condolances.

— Pauline (Hawerchuk) Barjarow.and Ronald.

So sorry for your loss

Sending my sincere condolences

Some good memories

— Marianne Catchuk

I remember many wonderful visits in your home in Mozart before and after playing broom ball in the little rink across from your home . Rest In Peace

— Shirley Hordal

My Condolences. Andy was a good friend.

— Jack Fewwster

Our sincere condolences on your loss

— Glenda and Dennis Popowich

Sending my families condolences. He will be missed.

— Gail Hermiston

Sorry for your loss . Andy will be missed by many .R.I.P Andy

— Deb

Please accept the condolences from the entire Banks family. We have many happy memories of Andy and are sorry to hear of his passing.

— Gord Banks

My deepest condolences to all of Andy's family. He will forever be remembered for his generosity, his kind & gentle heart and his compassion for all things living. I will forever be grateful for all Andy did for me and for how he touched mine, and the lives around him. He will always be remembered!
Love Always,
The Lafontaine's

— Sasha