

# Floyd "Scotty" Herbert and Shirley Joan Gilchrist

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Gilchrist**



**Sept 27, 1930 - Nov 30, 2023 and Nov 9, 1932 - Jan 20, 2025**

With heartfelt sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved parents, Floyd "Scotty" Herbert Gilchrist on November 30, 2023, at the age of 93, and Shirley Joan Gilchrist on January 20, 2025, at the age of 92. They lived and farmed near the community of Milestone, were married for 70 years, and touched the lives of everyone they encountered. Scotty and Shirley are survived by their sons, Doug and Glen Gilchrist. They passed peacefully with their sons by their sides.

## **Floyd "Scotty" Herbert Gilchrist**

Scotty passed away on Thursday, Nov 30th, 2023, at the Pioneer Village long term care facility, due to complications of prostate cancer metastasizing into bone cancer. Scotty is lovingly remembered by: his sons, Glen Gilchrist and Doug Gilchrist, both of Regina; his brother, Jim Gilchrist of Milestone; sisters-in-law, Lee Gilchrist of Red Deer, Arvella Gilchrist of Saskatoon, Pat Hendrickson of Winnipeg; as well as numerous special nieces and nephews and their children. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Verda Gilchrist; siblings, Ruth Reeve (Robert), Forrest "Bud" (Gertie), Laverne (Ila), Melvin "Bill," and sister-in-law, Carol Gilchrist. Scotty was born and raised on the family farm in Corinne,

Saskatchewan, alongside his twin brother, Lloyd “Dutch,” and five other siblings. He attended Hartly Country School, just half a mile east of the home farm, where he and Dutch often raced to and from school. He later attended Milestone High School, where he met Shirley and became smitten. He completed his education at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw technical schools, earning certificates in carpentry. In 1953, he married Shirley Hendrickson, and together they raised two sons while joining the Hendrickson family farm. Scotty also apprenticed and earned his journeyman papers, working for the elite builder Nels Jenson in Regina, constructing many quality homes. He was never afraid of hard work, during the winter months, when not farming, he picked up odd jobs in Regina, frequently working for Martin Ruby Esso Service Station on South Albert Street and drove for Regina Taxi. Scotty farmed for over 50 years and was an active member of the Milestone community. He helped build both the Public School and High School addition. He also volunteered as a Soo Line ambulance driver, served on the United Church, School, and Rink Boards, and spent time coaching hockey and baseball with both of his sons. His dedication extended to public service, he joined the council for RM #129 Bratt’s Lake in 1970, first as Division 2 Councillor and later as Reeve of the municipality for many decades. A natural optimist, Scotty always saw the glass as half full, even when things didn’t go his way. Retirement was never an option for him, he continued farming until 2007, when at the age of 77, he sold the farm and subdivided the farmyard into an acreage so they could still enjoy country life before later moving to a condo in Regina. For Scotty, life on the farm was heaven on earth. Seeding and harvest were the highlights of his year, and there was nothing more satisfying than coming into the house after a long day, enjoying a home-cooked meal, and waking up the next morning at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. to do it all over again. He loved meeting new people and never hesitated to introduce himself to strangers, making them feel welcome. He and Shirley traveled extensively, taking long road trips to visit family and friends across California,

Oregon, Alberta, and British Columbia. Their adventures also took them overseas to Hawaii, Montserrat, Antigua, the Canary Islands, Portugal, Spain, Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia. They even embarked on an Alaskan cruise. When he wasn't traveling, he studied the world atlas, eager to learn about distant places and cultures. In 2019, at the age of 88, he bought a mini motorhome with the intention of traveling across Canada and the U.S. to visit relatives, especially his nieces and nephews. Unfortunately, the pandemic prevented him from fulfilling this dream. Scotty loved old-time, square, and round dancing. He and Shirley traveled across Saskatchewan and the United States, dancing and making lifelong friends. Scotty lived life on his own terms, with sharp wit, an incredible memory, and quiet generosity. Though he may not have always expressed it in words, he deeply loved his family. He will be missed by everyone he charmed, and occasionally infuriated, over the course of his 93 years.

### **Shirley Joan Gilchrist**

Shirley passed away on Monday, January 20th, 2025, at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina after complications from dementia and pneumonia. She was predeceased by her husband, Scotty, in 2023; her parents, Forest and Nina Hendrickson; her sisters, Edythe Bratt (Jesse) and Marjorie Sherman (Ralph); and her brother, Melvin Hendrickson. She is survived by her sons, Glen and Doug Gilchrist of Regina; sisters-in-law, Lee Gilchrist of Red Deer, Arvella Gilchrist of Saskatoon, and Pat Hendrickson of Winnipeg; brother-in-law, Jim Gilchrist of Milestone; and numerous special nieces and nephews. Shirley grew up helping on her family's farm and attended school in Milestone. After high school, she attended the Reliance School of Commerce for modern business training, where she gained skills in shorthand, stenography, business administration, and primary accounting. She put these skills to use as an administrative assistant at the Milestone Co-op. She married Scotty Gilchrist on July 15, 1953. They honeymooned by driving to Oregon and California, visiting relatives on both sides of their families. Together,

they raised two sons on the Hendrickson family farm, transforming a hired-hand house into a loving home and later remodeling the original farmhouse. She made a home out of every house they lived in. Shirley was a true superwoman, she balanced her job at the Co-op, cooking and cleaning for her family and parents, gardening, preserving produce, assisting with farm work, and even teaching Sunday school at the United Church. She mastered multitasking long before it became a buzzword, without cell phones or modern conveniences, and never once complained. She lived a life of honesty, hard work, generosity, and courage. She loved a good card game, an Orange Crush float before bed, and socializing with friends and family. She was deeply committed to her community, volunteering at fowl suppers, catering for church events, and working at the rink concession stand. She enjoyed watching singing competitions like 'The Voice' and 'American Idol'. She was a devoted Roughrider fan, though perhaps, more so a fan of receiver Weston Dressler, her "boy crush." She was also a huge curling enthusiast and couldn't get enough of Brad Gushue and all bonspiels. And it didn't stop there, her love of figure skating filled her winter. Like Scotty, Shirley loved old time, square, and round dancing. She often said those years of dancing were their best, as it was something special just for the two of them. The dancing was great, but the after-parties, shared jokes, and lifelong friendships were just as meaningful. Shirley was modest and never considered herself a great cook or hostess, but friends and family disagreed, staying at her home and sharing a meal with her and Scotty was better than staying in a five-star hotel. She also had an impeccable sense of style, always putting together beautiful outfits and ensuring Scotty looked just as sharp. Shirley lived life serving and caring for others. Her family and friends meant everything to her. She will be missed by everyone who knew her over the course of her 92 years.

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Doug and Glen

Till we meet again!

### **Commemorative Gathering**

A celebration for Scotty & Shirley will be at the Milestone Masonic (Elks) Hall 125 Main Street on Saturday July 12th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Followed by an interment at the Milestone Cemetery

Note: In addition to celebrating my parents lives we have combined celebration's with the family of Bruce Gilchrist who will also be having an internment for Bruce at 1:00 pm in the Milestone Cemetery and gathering at the hall at 2:00 pm for refreshments and sharing memories.



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