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RICHARD GLEN JAMES

16 July 1933 – 15 July 2021

Glen James, 87, of Carstairs, Alberta passed away peacefully in the presence of his family on Thursday, July 15, 2021. Born in Didsbury, he was the fourth of five children of Edmund and Emily (nee Maskell) James, both of Carstairs.

After finishing grade eight in 1947 and due to his father's failing health, Glen stepped up to assume the many responsibilities of the farm which had been in the family since 1927. Glen carried on this responsibility until his father's passing in 1960, at which time he took a year of voluntary service at La Junta, Colorado with the Mennonite Central Committee. This gave him significant opportunity to broaden his horizons by forging lifelong friendships, expanding his passion for music and igniting his desire for travel to visit friends and see the world.

In 1966 he met and married the love of his life, Sharon, and together they welcomed children Trevor, Rodney, and Tracy. Glen's love for animals showed in the care of his dairy cows, American saddle-bred horses, pigs, and prized purebred Charolais. Throughout the years of 1974 to 2006 Glen and Sharon hosted dozens of agricultural trainees from around the world with whom Glen was happy to pass on knowledge of farming and his contagious zest for life. His commitment to the

stewardship of the land of Glenview Farms showed itself in his growing of hay crops and various grains while taking diligent care of every piece of machinery. He enjoyed participating in many sports well into his sixties, especially baseball.

In 2002 Glen became a Grandfather. His three grandsons were his pride and joy and he loved being involved in their lives. Farming became scaled back, but retirement was never really an option. This gave him time to develop a new hobby of restoring old tractors. He relished driving his latest restoration in the annual Beef and Barley Days parade. To his family and friends' delight, Glen's final project was the completion of two recorded CDs of his singing. Glen came to faith in Jesus Christ at age sixteen and served his entire life in several area churches leading music, performing musical selections, and singing with groups including the Drifters.

Left to grieve his passing is his loving wife of nearly fifty-five years, Sharon; two sons, Trevor and Rodney of Carstairs; one daughter, Tracy Luft (Vaughn) of Harmattan; his sister, Audrey James of Calgar; three grandsons, Jamon Luft, Bryson Luft, and Ryden James; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Edmund and Emily; siblings, Alfred, Margaret, and Phyllis; and in-laws, Victor and Hazel Ellik.

The family wishes to express appreciation for the professional care extended to him by numerous caregivers at Peter Lougheed Centre. If desired, memorial donations in Glen's honour may be made to Bethel Evangelical Church of Carstairs or a charity of your choice. A Funeraal Service will be held on Friday, July 23, 1:00pm at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church of Didsbury.

Following the funeral a video recording of the service may be viewed at the following link: https://vimeo.com/channels/1021403.

Messages of Condolence

Glen was the most generous, caring, and loving person I have ever met. I am proud that he was my friend. Watching Glen and Sharon as a couple was amazing. The love between them was obvious and electrical. I will miss him greatly.

— TERRY GENE QUAST

One of the best times of my life, year 2003, when I met Glen and his family. Lot of great memories farming with Glen. I will miss him a lot. -Thomas-

— Tuomas Eskola

Glen will be dearly missed by all of us. In only the short 7 years that we have gotten to know our new neighbours, we could not have asked for nicer folks. Glen took the time to teach my son a little about farming and tractors. Riley and Glen were like two peas in a pod when tractors were the topic of conversation. Glen did call on Riley(15yrs old) to help him out at the farm when he needed a little helping hand and Riley couldnt wait to go!
Forever in our memories, they don’t em like Glen anymore.

— Kim Fischer

Sharon. I was so surprised to hear about Glen. My thoughts are with you. Please call when you feel up to it. Thinking of you.

Jan

— Janice Kroeker

It was so good to share the day with you last Friday in the wonderful tribute to Glen....Praying for you as you learn to live without him by your side,
Loveyou,
Lynda

— Gerald and Lynda Ebel

Dear Sharon & Family,
Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. We really enjoyed working with Glen and your family with cattle, and will always remember him for his warm and friendly way. It was always a pleasure to visit with him whenever we did see him. We are grateful to have known him. The Shuttleworths

— Darryl & Maria Shuttleworth

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