

# Raymond Fredrick Johnson

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Raymond Fredrick Johnson passed away peacefully on, Jan 15, 2024.



He was born on Jan 18, 1930 in Longueville Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1953. Raymond worked as a journeyman carpenter until 1958 when he became a City of Regina firefighter. He retired in 1987 after 29 years of service. Dad and mom met “over the tomatoes” at the grocery supplier and it was love at first sight. They married May 12, 1956. A year later they began their family. Raymond was avidly involved in the firefighters social club. He was also an avid outdoors-man who enjoyed hunting, family camping and fishing trips. Dad was a family man enjoying Sunday drives in the country while eating cookies from the Dads Cookie factory. As a family we picked berries, Saskatoons, choke cherries and pin cherries. We spent many early morning hours trolling for fish. Family time also consisted of BBQs, board games, cards and picnics. As a true Irishman, dad recited many limericks and poems. This was one of his favourites, “The Cremation of Sam McGee”. Dad and mom also enjoyed travelling to places like Fiji, Ireland, England and Scotland to name few. They also enjoyed cruising to Alaska as well as driving the Alaskan highway. They travelled Canada coast to coast as well as many places in the United States. After retiring they moved to Armstrong BC and back to Regina Sk at the end of 2022.

Raymond is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Frances (Romman), his children Patricia (Keely), Katherine and Daniel. He has five grandchildren Kyleah (Nick), Zachary (Anna), Kathryn, Christopher (Brittney), Melanie (Rhys), four great

grandchildren Mackenzie, Elliot, Everett, Aumi and one great great grandchild Archer. He is also survived by a brother Val in Ireland and numerous nieces and nephews in Ireland, England, Scotland, New Zealand and Canada. He is also survived by his wife's sister Mildred, brother Richard ( Doreen) and sister- in- law Louise. Predeceased by his parents, William and Elizabeth (Weilly), three sisters and five brothers, infant daughter Kelly and grandson Neal. Also his wife's two sisters, one brother and two brother-in-laws.

At Raymond's request there will be No service. At a later date his ashes will be taken to Ireland. Up to his passing Raymond still had a very strong Irish accent and occasionally would speak some Gaelic words. In the spirit of a true Irishman we say good bye:

Ar dheis De' go raibh a anam

May his soul be on Gods right hand

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Messages of Condolence

We loved Raymond and Frances they will be our forever friends. They were our neighbours whom we became close to. Frances is our friend forever and we love her dearly.

Our love and prayers to the family and a Blessing to their daughter for her lively helpful person she is.

— **Ron and Susan Waterman**

Raymond was my favorite neighbor in Armstrong and my favorite Irishman. He was a very kind and generous man with a great sense of humor.

I will miss him,

Willi

— **Willi Stouten**

Forever in my heart. Rest in peace Grandpa "J"

— **Melanie**

Our sincere sympathy on the passing of Raymond. We always enjoyed any conversations we had with him, especially his sense of humor. He was always such a gentleman. May all your memories from all those years together bring you comfort. 8xg

— **Jerry and Gail Cowden**

Our condolences to all the family especially Auntie Frances. I remember the time she and Uncle Raymond came to visit my parents in Cork (Bob and Lilian).

Thinking of you all at this sad time. Joyce and Sudhir

— **Joyce Ganguly**

Forever in my heart and never forgotten ☐

My condolences to Frances, Patricia, Katherine, Danny, Keely & all of the family who will miss him. xx

— **Shelley**

So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad Pat . Sending love and hugs to you and your family. ☐ .

— **Debbie Reid**

Dear Frances, Pat, Kathy and Danny and families,

So sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. He was such a special man, handsome, kind and funny. I too loved his Irish accent!

You were both such good friends with my mom and dad and I'm so grateful that we had years of friendship.

He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Rest in Peace

Sincerest condolences,

Sandy and Wayne Isted

— **Sandy and Wayne Isted**

Dear Francis and families, so sorry to read of the passing of Ray. He was a great guy and a pleasure to know. Rest in peace.

Pat Anderson

Penticton BC

— **Pat Anderson**

Frances, I am sorry to hear of Ray's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Sending love and prayers your way.

Michelle Mailhot and family

— **Michelle Mailhot**

Sincere condolences to Frances and all of Raymond's family and friends. I fondly remember Uncle Raymond from his visits to Ireland. May the memories you made together be a comfort in the coming weeks.

— **Bill and Goretti Parker**

Fifty years I started with the RFD, and had the pleasure(?) of meeting Ray! It didn't take long to realize who you messed with, and who you didn't! Care to guess who you didn't? That being said you knew what Ray stood for, and you knew who you could count on - in any circumstance. Strong beliefs on work, and family. Sincere condolences to the family on the loss of a good man.

— **Ralph and Linda Elgren**



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