

# Rudolph Klemenz

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rudy Klemenz, dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at the age of 87 years, surrounded by his family.



Rudy was predeceased by his parents Michael and Theresia and 14 siblings. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Ida of 59 years; their children Kim, Karen, Leroy and their families; Wendy, Kyle and Kaylee (Weston); Cam, Madison, Kira and Rylan. Rudy is also survived by one sister Mary; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Dad was the hardest working man you will ever meet. He worked countless hours and made many sacrifices to provide for his family. We are so proud and lucky to be part of his life and accomplishments and have so many great memories. He taught us so much on how to work, how to live and how to have fun. His kids and grandkids did not know at the time but he was teaching us in his own way how to be respectful, courteous and always pushed us to do our best. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered. Love from your family.

Rudy was the youngest of 16 children. He was raised on the family farm, north of Horizon, Saskatchewan. He started his working career in Toronto, Ontario, boxing chocolates (and likely eating a few :)). In 1958, he moved to Regina, Saskatchewan. He began working for Cairns Homes and built the first house foundation in the subdivision of Glencairn. In 1974, he started his own business, R. Klemenz Concrete Foundations where he built approximately 500 foundations in the city of

Regina and surrounding area as a member of the Housing and Urban Development Association of Regina and Canada. In 1982, he semi-retired and worked for the Regina Catholic School Division and finally retired in 1996. He had a natural ability to figure out how things worked and he could fix anything. He enjoyed camping, fishing and reading. He was a superb gardener and grew vegetables and beautiful flowers, geraniums being his favorite. He had a love for music including country music and listening/dancing to the polka party. A special interest in cars and trucks led him to attend many shows with family. Being skilled in woodworking, he built several wood cabinets and toys for his grandchildren. Above all, his love for family and spending time with his grandchildren was his greatest joy, feeling very blessed to meet his great-grandson, Weston, earlier this year.

Rudy was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in 2003 with a 3-year life expectancy and was able to live for an extended period because of a great medical team and new advancing medications. A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Kontsiotis, Dr. Belak, the many nurses and staff at the Regina Pasqua Hospital and Regina General Hospital as well as Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services for all your care and support. In memory of Rudy, friends so wishing may donate to the Canadian Lung Association or make a blood donation to Canadian Blood Services.

At his request, no funeral service will be held.

## Messages of Condolence

We were so sorry to hear of Rudy's passing. I know that he will be missed by his family as pride for them was evident in any visit we had with Rudy. A part of our family will certainly be missing when we get together.

— **Bob and Barb**

Uncle Rudy was one of my favourite Uncles to come and see. I had the opportunity to come and see my grandmother's (Eva) siblings when I was young. Playing on the farm milking cows, the music.

And also my uncle Scott sends his deepest condolences to the family.

RIP. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

— **Alison Kennedy (Kellington)**

Our deepest condolences to Karen and families.

— **Jim and Natalie Tretiak**

Our thoughts and condolences are with you Aunt Ida, Karen, Kim and Leroy, and your families! We are so sad we haven't been together for awhile! But know you are in our thoughts! Hugs to you all!

— **Brian and Linda Klemenz**

I'm so sorry to have read of Rudy's passing. My sympathies to Ida and family. So many great memories of Horizon days and different functions throughout the years.

— **Fay Klein**

So sorry to hear Uncle Rudy passed, we will so miss that big smile and laughter that was heard around whatever function your family attended which was pretty much all of them. Rest in peace Uncle Rudy you are and always be greatly missed.

— **Kent Klemenz**



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