Clarence Theodore Lekness

DECEMBER 14, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Clarence Lekness. Clarence was born to Oluf and Olga at home on the farm in Hatfield, Saskatchewan (Govan) and raised with his three siblings brother Chris, sisters Beret and Christie. He attended Cuthbert School. After his education Clarence helped on the farm and drove a taxi in Regina in the winter. In 1954 Clarence married Francis Sotski and they had three children Melinda, Bruce and Greg. Clarence and Fran lived on the homestead farm until the Fall of 1956 when they moved into Regina and Clarence drove for Moore's Taxi. On Feb. 1, 1957 Clarence joined the Regina Fire Department where he was employed until his retirement in 1993. Clarence also owned and operated Chucks Furniture from 1980 -1985.

After Fran's passing in 1998 Clarence moved to Calgary where he helped Bruce and Jan with the grandchildren and building a new house in Bragg Creek, AB. In 2002 Clarence met Loree (Reid Smith) and they were married on Feb. 14, 2003. Loree has three children Kelvin, Kimberly and Kammie.

Clarence was predeceased by his parents Oluf and Olga; first wife Fran; and his sister Christie (Hunter). Clarence leaves behind his loving wife Loree; daughter Melinda; sons Bruce (Jan) and Greg (Cindy); grandchildren Blair and Rae; stepchildren Kelvin (Dusty), Kimberley (Daren) and Kammie (Chad); step-grandchildren Jake, Ella, Clay, Grace, Brooklyn and Samantha.

The family wishes to thank the Pasqua Hospital for Clarence’s wonderful loving care. It is Clarence’s request that Family and Friends gather to visit and remember “The Good Times” in the afternoon of Friday, December 27, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. James Anglican Church Hall, 1105 Empress Street, Regina, SK.

Messages of Condolence

It is with a heavy heart to announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague Clarence Lekness.

Some of you may have known Clarence as the bread ladies husband but he was more than that to many of us at the Market.

Clarence and Loree first came to the market in March of 2017. They had a small table which he would bring in with him each market weekend and set up just outside the doors. Within a couple hours they were always sold out. I think people were drawn to the caring energy of these 2 retirees.

When the market expanded we invited them back to join us but being it was summer and they were in a home with no air conditioning, neither of them wanted the oven running all day making bread and waited for fall to set up.

Clarence and Loree love to venture new and healthy ways to live. He quickly fell in love with the Stephens Health line of products which he asked to sell along side his wife’s business.

When vendors began to put their own twists on their spaces, Loree and Clarence loved the idea and wanted to make their space look welcoming and feel like home. These two loved being at the market. Clarence would always come in and sell his items on Tuesdays and Sundays above his regular Saturdays attendance. He made so many friends. Between sitting with Harold or getting his hair cut in the Barber Shop, he always had someone to visit with.

The last Tuesday Clarence spent with us was one we would never forget. This day was the day he suffered his heart attack. It was amazing to see how many people rushed to his side. Everyone there made sure he was treated with the utmost care from everyone involved. He told me how much it filled his heart to have so many people care so much about him.

After this day, many things changed for Clarence and Loree. Clarence refused to slow down but Loree was always there watching over him.

Some of their last memories together were of travelling to visit family and having a

wonderful birthday.
He even made a point to come into the market to say hello to all his friends. Although he didn’t make it far into the market, we all went to him. I will never forget how much we laughed and smiled and cried together. It was a happy day for us all and one many will not forget.
My sympathies to Loree and family as well as all of you that will mourn his passing.

— Chrysta Garner

I am so very sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. He was a very special person and always had a kind word for everyone. Condolences to the families and remember the lovely memories of Clarence. Take care everyone.

— Janet Ferguson

My deepest sympathy is extended to my sister, Loree, all of her family and to the Lekness family for the loss of a very dear and precious soul. Clarence was a wonderful addition to our lives and he will be missed and lovingly remembered - always. Lesley

— Lesley Graham

We are so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. We've always enjoyed the company and the conversations with both of you over the years. Our condolences to your Loree and the whole family. Sending our prayers out to you.

— Frank and Tess Boehm

Our heart breaks for Loree & her family. Clarence was one of the kindest, gentle, amazing persons that you could ever meet. I loved going to Market as from almost day one yous' were across from me up until I moved into the spot I am at now. It was amazing watching how many smiles Clarence & Loree brought to people including myself. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed. We have all missed his pleasant ways at the Market since the illness took over his life. May you RIP Clarence. Love, hugs, & prayers are sent to Loree & her family.

— Linda & Tim Gienow

My mom and dad were part of Clarence's life from the time he was born and Sue and I have been privileged to know him for so many years. When we were first married, he sold us our first house and his cement crew did our driveway. We really enjoyed our many conversations with you and Clarence in the years since we returned to Regina, particularly some of the stories from " the good old days". We extended our condolences to you, Loree, and to his family. We know his good nature and kindness will always be remembered by everyone.

— John and Sue Anderson

Clarence was a beautiful, patient, lovely man who would do anything for anyone. All that knew him will miss him. Prayers to all of his family.

— Kim Caldwell