

# John Lawrence "Larry" Poland

MARCH 30, 2014



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle. Larry passed away March 30, 2014 at the age of 90 years. Larry was the eldest of four children born to Harold and Eileen Poland. He lived with his parents and siblings on a farm east of Drumheller. After completing high school in Drumheller Larry served one year in the army near the end of World War 11. As a young man he also worked for Green Construction and in the coal mines. On March 12, 1949 Larry married Doris Lefley. They shared 63 years together before her passing April 6, 2012. They had two children, Larry Wayne and Colleen. Larry had 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Larry and Doris lived on the farm soon after their marriage. They built their home and later moved it to where it sits today. Larry was also one of the first land owners to have and operate oil and gas wells on his property. Larry and Doris moved off the farm into Drumheller October 2002 due to health issues, and in June 2003 Larry was moved into the Continuing Care facility, where he resided until his passing. Many thanks to the numerous people that always had time to chat with him, give him a hug, tell him a joke, or just brighten his days. He always had a smile for the nurses and staff members of the Recreational Department. There will be a Celebration of Larry's Life [on Friday April 11, 2014 from 1pm-4pm](#) at the Royal Canadian Legion in Drumheller. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's memory to the Recreational Department of Continuing Care at the Drumheller Hospital, 351- 9 street NW, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y1.

## Messages of Condolence

My condolences to Larry Wayne & family, Colleen Gary & family on the passing of Larry.

I have wonderful memories of him and Doris from when I was a young girl. He loved life and always had a smile. They are both in my thoughts and prayers.

Rest in Peace Larry.

Love Shari

— **Shari**

Remembering a grand fellow, always good for a little visit. Oh the changes he had seen & experienced.

— **Fred & Gerri Shadlock**

Larry and Colleen

Sorry to heard the news of your dad passing. I remember the times my dad and I were there on the farm visiting or my dad repairing the equipment.

My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sadness.

Roger

— **Roger Basarowick**

To Larry's children and grandchildren I extend my sincere condolences. Your father and grandfather was one of the good guys. Any time I had the pleasure of Larry's company was time well spent. Rest in Peace Larry. You will be missed.

— **Terry Newman**

It's been a year now, since my Grandfather has passed. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about, or am affected by the legacy both he and my Grandmother have left behind. They taught our family the importance of working together, and to remain strong and loyal to our convictions. On this I never waiver. I am also fortunate to be able to enjoy the land they worked their lives cultivating, to create a legacy that could be passed on to future generations. I take great pride in what they accomplished and hope to make them proud with my contribution. I'm grin from ear to ear, knowing that I already have. Rest in peace Gramps. I miss you every day.

— **Marcie Poland**

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