

Melville Owen Pollard

AUGUST 3, 2012



Melville Owen of Red Deer passed away at the Michener Long Term Care facility on Friday August 3, 2012, after a lengthy battle with heart disease at the age of 66. Mel was born July 31, 1946 in Saskatoon, Sk. where he was raised on the family farm next to Gardner Dam. He

enjoyed farming and truck driving up until he moved to Alberta in 1984.

Thereafter, his entrepreneurial spirit led him on various business ventures until his first heart attack at the age of 49. Mel was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife Lois, of 46 years. Three children, Wade (Deanna) of Sherwood Park, Melisa (Charlie) of Moose Jaw, Sk., and Owen (Amber) of Olds, His four grandchildren, Draedon, Jessica, Hudson and Lily were the highlight of his life. Mel is also survived by his mother

Juan of Saskatoon, three brothers, Mac (Joy) of Vancouver, B.C., Girvin of Gardner Dam, SK., and Lanny (Cindy) of Saskatoon, SK., He is predeceased by his father Harold, brother Rudy and precious little granddaughter, Nevada Rae. Mel was baptized in symbol of his dedication to Jehovah God in Honolulu Hawaii in 1969. Mel continued faithfully witnessing about Jehovah right up to the time of his

death. Even throughout his illness many would often come to Mel for advice or encouragement. He was always upbeat and had a positive hope for the future. The family would like to thank Dr. Brian Keen, the Red Deer Hospice Society and all of the nursing staff at the Michener Long Term Care facility for their loving care in

treating Mel. Special thanks to all of the visitors Mel received locally and those who have

travelled far distances to offer their support and couragement over the years to him, and also his wife Lois. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 pm Friday August 10, 2012 at the Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 11 Bennett St. Red Deer. Arrangements entrusted to Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services of Red Deer.

Messages of Condolence

Amber and Owen: We mourn with you! A loved one lost can grieve the heart, and make us yearn for tomorrow, when Jehovah will keep the promise he made of no pain, no death and no sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Uncle Dennis & Aunt Diana

— **Dennis and Diana Gariepy**

Just wanted to let you know how sad we are to learn that your Father passed away. He certainly fought long and hard and now can just rest until our God of comfort wakes him. We are so blessed to have this hope and the knowledge that when he wakes he will be free of all the pain he endured for far to many years. Uncle Ron and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May you reflect on the good times and that he was faithful till the end. Christian love to all of you.

Aunt Donna and Uncle Ron

— **Donna Bilokraly**

Dear Lois and Family

Sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Hard to lose the ones we love. As the days and weeks pass may you continue to be comforted by the love and support of family and friends till we meet again, and may past memories sustain you at this time as well. Thinking of you, wish we were closer Lois. Much love Betty Wotherspoon and family

— **Betty Wotherspoon**

I grew up a few miles from the Pollard Family Farm. I remember many visits with Mel when he was farming. I have a very clear recollection of enjoying each and every visit. My sincere condolences from the Carlson Family to the Pollard Family on Mel's passing.

— **Grant Carlson**



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