

EUGENE PHILIP WAUTERS, beloved husband of Virginia Wauters, passed away at the Chinook Regional Hospital surrounded by family, on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the age of 86 years.

Besides Virginia, his loving wife and partner of 62 years, Eugene is survived by his children and grandchildren: Karen (Thomas) Larissa, Ginny, Moritz, Selina; Cheryl (Yuey) Trevor, Justin; Susan, Daniel, Dawson; Gerrad (Sandra) Bailey; Linda, Mary (Clayton), Eric; Philip (Mona) Brody, Emily, Sadie; his brother Terry (Judy), sister Lorraine (George) and sister-in-law Tricia Watrin; cousin Marc (Georgette) and their families in Belgium. Eugene was predeceased by his parents Philemon and Celina Wauters, his in-laws George and Mary Ehnes, his brothers and sister in laws Ettienne (Dorothy), Jerrald (Bert) and nephew Greg.

He was born at St. Michael's Hospital in Lethbridge, Alberta, on June 28th, 1936. Eugene grew up, raised a family and farmed in the County of Lethbridge.

Eugene attended McLean, Crystal Lake, Hardieville, and McNally schools. At an early age, Eugene showed an interest in mechanics, livestock and working the farmland. After graduation, he was employed by Canadian Pacific Railways as a crew clerk, fireman and later, a written engineer. He resigned from CP Rail in 1958 and started renting 80 acres of the family farm, as well as driving truck for CP Merchandise Services. It was during this time he met Virginia Ehnes.

The two were married on November 12, 1960. In the spring of 1961, they purchased a farm of their own, which became the homestead where they raised their family and pursued their dreams of farming. In 1964, he resigned from CPMS to focus on farming. In 1967, he started a cattle herd with ten head from his dad to expand their farming operation.

Eugene always had a fondness for Ford vehicles and Allis-Chalmers tractors; the only exception to this was his '56 black Dodge car.

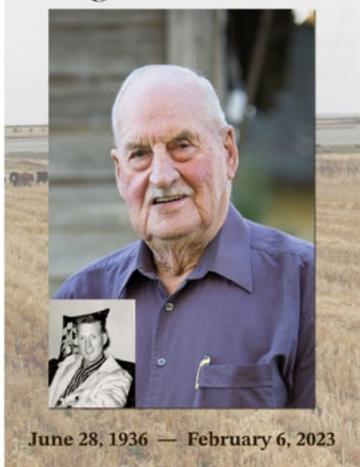
Eugene was incredibly proud of all his children and grandchildren. They all learned at an early age to drive tractor, change pipes, and feed cattle. Eugene firmly believed in hard work and never leaving a job unfinished. He passed these traits along with the love of the land and animals to his

Eugene strongly believed that contributing back to the community was important. He made many lasting friendships through all of the various boards and community organizations that he served on; Sunnyside School and Community Association, Broxburn and Coaldale Sugar Beet Growers, East Lethbridge Mutual Telephone Company, Southern Alberta Co-operative Ltd., Knights of Columbus, Camp Columbus Waterton, Alberta Association of Municipal District & Counties and Lethbridge County Councillor and Reeve.

There were few things that Eugene loved more than a good scotch, good company and shootin' the sh**. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Always In Our THOUGHTS Forever In Our HEARTS

Eugene Wauters



Prayer Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home 2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Officiant Deacon Frank Peta

Pianist Riana Maerz

Readers Linda Wauters, Philip Wauters

Gerrad Wauters Eulogy

Funeral Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church 2405 - 12 Avenue, South, Lethbridge, AB Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Celebrant Father Philip Van Tinh Lee

Cheryl Hudak Organist Lisa Mulgrew

Honour Guard Knights of Columbus



Gift Bearers Mary Tilleman, Larissa Ruhstaller, Bailey Wauters. Ginny Ruhstaller, Emily Wauters, Sadie Wauters, Selina Ruhstaller

Readings

Karen Wauters Ecclesiates 3:1-11a Lisa Mulgrew Paalm 23

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Cheryl Low

John 14:1-7 Father Philip Van Tinh Lee Prayers of the Faithful Susan Mandel

Interment

Following the Mass, Eugene will be laid to rest in Royal View Cemetery

Pallbearers Eric Wauters, Trevor Low, Justin Low, Daniel Mandel, Dawson Mandel, Brody Wauters, Moritz Ruhstaller, Clay Tilleman, Matt Criddle

Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Assumption Parish Hall

Thank you and open mic Mary Tilleman