

A Farmers Creed

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honourable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free; the splendour of a sunrise, the rapture of wide-open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children growing tall in the sun, your whole family feeling the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honour that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.



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Leslie Hoytos

April 6, 1937 - June 21, 2021

LESLIE HOYTOS of Milk River, passed away on Monday, June 21, 2021, in the Milk River Long Term Care Centre at the age of 84 years.

Leslie was born on April 6, 1937, to Bert Sr. and Helen Hoytos at the family farm in the 1-17 district of Milk River, Alberta. He was the youngest of four children; Bert Jr., Steve, Pricilla and then Les. He was educated at the Banks View School in 1-17. After school years, he worked for local farmers before purchasing his farm southwest of Milk River in 1960. During his early years of farming, he also set up machinery for Quinn Motors in Milk River.

He married Bonnie (Lavon) Murton May 3, 1960, and welcomed his sons, Dennis and Rob. Les farmed a mixed cattle and grain operation until 2018, and he had a passion for John Deere and auction sales. In September of 2019, he moved to the Prairie Rose Lodge in Milk River, where he resided until June of 2021, and then moved into Milk River Long Term Care until his passing.

Les is survived by his sons; Dennis (Kim), of Milk River, and Rob (Barb), of Milk River; grandchildren Nicole (T.J) Howg of Coaldale, Ronald (Nicole), Jeff (Danielle), all of Lethbridge, and Brad (Bailey) of Milk River; great-grandchildren Roman, Navy, Jovan, Alyka, Finley, River, Avery and Olivia, and special friends Laurence, Theresa, Nicole and Dillon Ell, and his ex-wife and mother of his children, Bonnie Lay.

Graveside Service

Saturday, June 21, 2021, at 2:00 PM

Milk River Cemetery, Milk River, Alberta

Reverend Marion Martin Officiating

Scripture - Psalm 139:7, 8

Welcome

Prayer

Musical Selection - *The Field Behind the Plow* - Joey Kitson

Story - *The Invisible String* - Nicole Howg

Reflection

Scripture - Exodus 34:21-22 & Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Reflection

Commendation

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Poem - *The Farmer*

Blessing

Musical Selections

I Wish Grampa's Never Died - Riley Green

When I Get to Where I'm Going - Brad Paisley & Dolly Parton

Pallbearers

Brad Hoytos Jeff Hoytos Ron Hoytos

T.J. Howg Laurence Ell Dillon Ell