

THE FARMER'S CREED

BY FRANK MANN

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
HONORABLE WAY A MAN CAN SPEND HIS DAYS ON EARTH.

I BELIEVE THAT FARMING NURTURES THE CLOSE FAMILY TIES
THAT MAKE LIFE RICH IN WAYS THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.

I BELIEVE MY CHILDREN ARE LEARNING VALUES THAT WILL
LAST A LIFETIME AND CAN BE LEARNED NO OTHER WAY.

I BELIEVE THAT 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 SPLENDOR OF A SUNRISE, THE RAPTURE OF WIDE
OPEN SPACES, AND THE EXHILARATING SIGHT OF YOUR
LAND GREENING EACH SPRING.

I BELIEVE TRUE HAPPINESS COMES IN WATCHING YOUR
CROPS RIPEN IN THE FIELD, YOUR CHILDREN GROW TALL
IN THE SUN, AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL 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 HONOR 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.



Honoured to serve the family of John Haraga
To send a condolence, please visit our website at
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John (Johnny) passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Health Center on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the age of 94.

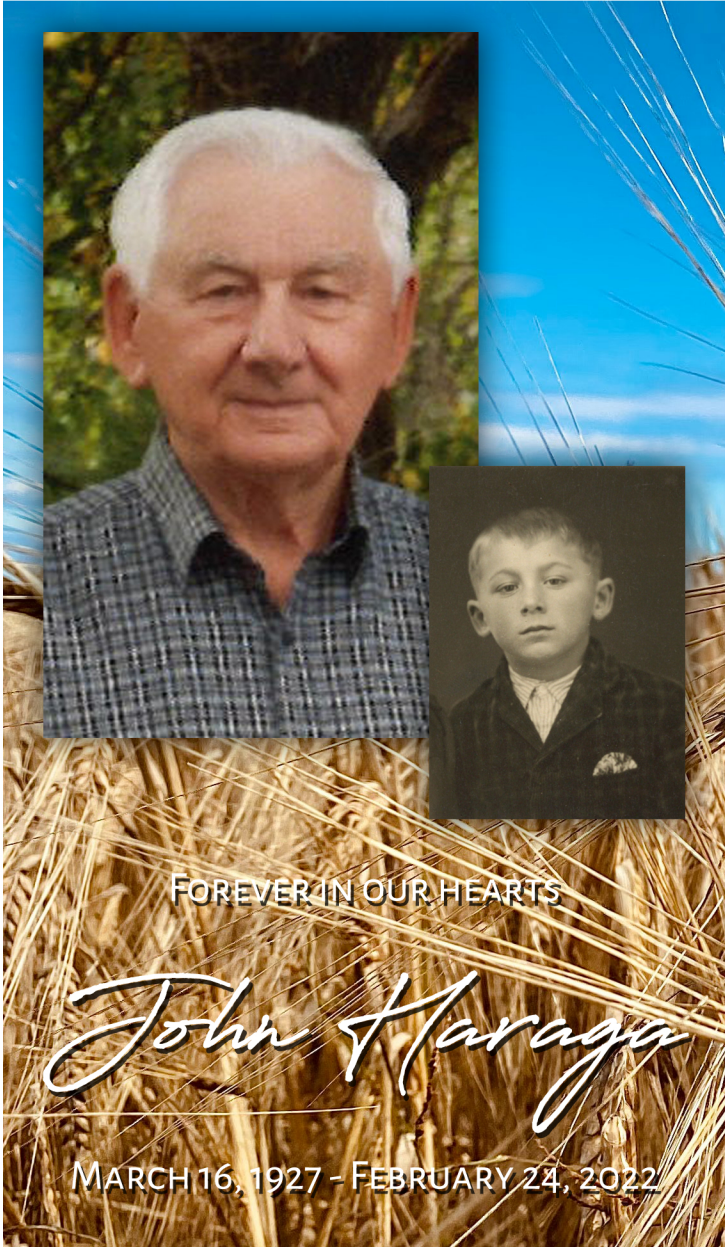
Dad was born in Velka Lubela, Czechoslovakia in 1927. At the age of 3 weeks old, Dad's father, Izidor, immigrated to Canada to work in the coal mines and for the CPR. In 1935 Dad and his mother, Zuzana immigrated to Canada to be reunited with his father. Dad took his schooling in Skiff and in 1950 attended S.A.I.T. in Calgary to take a welding course. Following that he continued to farm until he retired and moved to Lethbridge in 1999.

A man of simple pleasures with a touch of mischief thrown in. Dad was not a flashy man and didn't care to travel. He enjoyed fishing, but most of all he loved farming and driving his favourite 835 Versatile tractor to go summer fallowing with the radio off and a bag of sunflower seeds beside him. As quiet as Dad was, he could be quite sociable, especially if a cold beer or a shot of whiskey was involved. Dad had a playful side when we were young, when he wasn't working, he would enjoy playing 500 baseball, playing the card game hearts, checkers, and of course the occasional water fight. Some of Dad's common sayings were "okie dokie," "we see you then," "it's good enough," and his favourite when calling out his neighbours "oh bullshit".

Dad loved his grandkids and great-grandkids, kids in general just seemed to be drawn to him because he loved to play with them. His favourite pastime with them was wrestling where he employed the famous leg lock technique. This brought a twinkle to his eye and a smirk on his face. Dad also enjoyed pestering Mom but knew when it was time to stop. Dad will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered.

John is survived by his loving wife, Alice, of 69 years, and sister, Helen Whittaker. He is predeceased by his parents, Izidor and Zuzana Haraga, and brothers Rudy and Arnold.

Father to Joyce Ito (Roy), Brenda Sorge (Tom), Ken Haraga (Trish) and Bob Haraga (Deb); grandfather to Brody, Aubree (Brennon), Cayle (Colleen), Devon (Brock), Erin (Kodie), Carmen (Matt), Lindsay (Jason), Tyler (Nancy), Adam, Amanda (Danny) and Austin; great-grandfather to Mila, Ryley, Koji, Tanner, Gavin, Nash, Tate, Tommy, Lucas, Aiden, Ava, Bril, Willah, Gus, Liam and Palmer.



Celebration of Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Patrick Siedlecki Officiating

Processional - *Heaven Was Needing A Hero* - Jo Dee Messina
Poem - HERO
Welcome
Life Story
Reflection Song - *The Dance* - Garth Brooks
Family Prayer
Reading - The Farmer's Creed
So God Made A Farmer
Musical Selection - *Drink A Beer* - Luke Bryan
Message of Hope
Announcements
Closing Words
Recessional - *The Tractor Song* - Granger Smith

Interment

Following the Service, John will be laid to rest
in Archmount Cemetery.

Pallbearers

Brody Ito Cayle Sorge Tyler Haraga
Adam Haraga Austin Haraga Gerald Ivan

Honourary Pallbearers

Roy Ito Tom Sorge Jim Gouw

Reception

Following the Interment, a reception in John's honour
will be held in the Cornerstone Reception Room.