

History

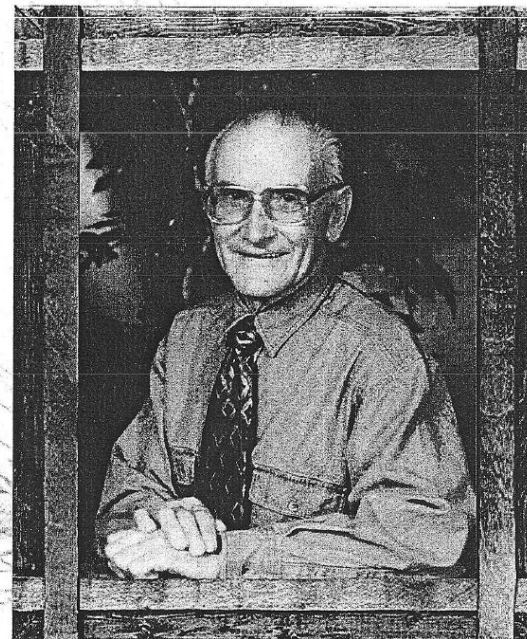
On March 1, 2020 Merlin Olson passed away in the Red Deer Nursing Home. Merlin was born on January 10, 1921 in Govan, Saskatchewan to Martin and Clara Olson. He was predeceased by his siblings Ivan, Marie, Evelyn and Alice.

Merlin's 3 passions in life were his faith, his family and farming. Merlin married Elaine Carson on July 7, 1948 and they settled on the farm north of Porcupine. There they raised their family. Merlin was called to be an Elder in the Community of Christ Church in 1951. He later went on to become the pastor at the Porcupine congregation for many years and in this role was active in the Ministerial Association. Merlin had a soft gentle touch with animals, his favorites being dogs and horses which he would train. Merlin was involved for several years with racing thoroughbreds in Saskatoon. Merlin enjoyed music and could play the piano by ear, he had a beautiful tenor voice and enjoyed being part of the Porcupine Plain Community Choir. As a youth Merlin played baseball and hockey. Merlin had great pride in watching his grandson's hockey games and would travel to Benito to see them play. Merlin was happy when his son followed in his footsteps by taking over the family farm when Merlin retired at the age of 71; although he still loved nothing more than helping out during planting and the harvest time. Merlin was active at the Sunset Club.

Merlin is survived by his siblings Cliff and Ida, his children, son Gary and Joan Olson of Porcupine Plain; daughter Ellen and Barry Zawislak of Benito, Manitoba; his daughter Leslie Olson of Edmonton, Alberta. Grandchildren: Trevor (Della) Zawislak, Brad (Helen) Zawislak, Dustin (Leanne) Olson and Crystal (Chuck) Soloway. Great grandchildren Drea, Hunter, Savannah, Zoe and Hailey, as well as numerous nieces and nephew.

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In Loving Memory Of



Merlin Fredrick Olson

January 10th, 1921

Govan, Saskatchewan

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March 1st, 2020

Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan

Order Of Service

Prelude ~ Joan Boyko

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Processional

Lighting of The Memory Candle

Hymn: He Leadeth Me ~ Pg. 12

Opening Prayer ~ Rick Fischer

Welcoming Remarks

Tribute ~ Looi Bourgonje

Choir Anthem ~ In the Garden

Eulogy ~ Ellen Zawislak & Leslie Olson

Memory Presentation

Words of Hope and Assurance

Hymn of Blessing ~ Blest Be the Tie that Binds ~ Pg.4

Announcement

The Internment will take place at the Chelan Hillcrest Cemetery. The family would like to invite you to join with them for fellowship and lunch at the Porcupine Plain Community Centre following the grave side service. The family would like to extend their thanks to Caroline's for catering the lunch, and all those who have attended the service today, and to those who have assisted in any way during this difficult time. It is very much appreciated.

Benediction

Recessional

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Merlin Fredrick Olson

Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan

Funeral Service

Monday, March 9th, 2020, 2:00 PM

Porcupine Plain Community Centre

Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan

*Officiants ~ Lloyd Chase and Brenda Senga
from the Community of Christ Church*

Interment ~ Chelan Hillcrest Cemetery

Pianist ~ Joan Boyko

Choir ~ Porcupine Plain Community Choir

Directed by Muriel Cameron

Pallbearers

Trevor Zawislak, Brad Zawislak, Dustin Olson

Tim Jensen, Rick Fisher, Murray Hamilton

Honorary Pallbearers

"All those who have shared in Merlin's life"

Memorial Guest Register Attendants

Crystal and Hailey Soloway

Memorial Donations

Red Deer Nursing Home