



Ernest (Ernie) Hickson

January 25, 1924 - October 13, 2018

HICKSON: Ernest Stanley Hickson was born on the family farm in Elton Municipality, Manitoba, on January 25, 1924. He was the eldest son of Harry and Elizabeth Hickson and attended Powerville School, along with his nine siblings. He began his farming career with his dad, continued with his son Darcy, and later with his grandson, Donovan. He started with horses but saw many changes in farming equipment as he moved from dairy to beef cattle, mixed farming to organic farming.

In 1953, he married Gwen Brownridge and together they raised three children: Greg (Diane) Hickson, Winnipeg; Darcy (Wendy) Hickson; and Judy Osinski (Joe) Calgary. He had seven grandchildren, each of which he considered a true gift: Julie (Mike), Jill and Dana Hickson; Emily (Blake) and Donovan Hickson; Paul and Andrew Osinski.

Farming was Ernie's life, but he made time for baseball in the summer and curling in the winter. He was also dedicated to church and community. Over the years, he served on the Elton Municipal Council, the Forrest Community Rink board and Forrest United Church Council. He believed the future rested with young people and he made a point of being involved with young people all his life. In the community, he coached hockey and lead 4-H and in the church and he ran the Tyro Boys groups and sang in the choir. He drew children to him like flies and ended up being an adopted grandfather to many children, who affectionately called him "Grandpa Hickson".

He wasn't much of a traveller, but he went willingly with Gwen to visit family and relatives at points east and west. What he really loved was going to local cattle shows or the Manitoba Agricultural Museum at Austin, or any other excursions that allowed him to visit all day and be home at night.

About 10 years ago, he and Gwen retired to Brandon to live on 26th Street. They enjoyed their time there until March 2017, when they moved into Victoria Landing. After a brief illness, Ernie completed his life here on Saturday, October 13, 2018. He will be missed by many who loved his endless wit that could light up the room with laughter, his kindness

and his love.

Ernie is remembered by his wife of 65 years, Gwen; his children; his grandchildren; his sisters: Edith (Bill) Docking of Teulon, MB and Betty (Bill) Witter of Vernon, B.C.; his sister-in-law Gail Hickson, Brandon, MB and many nieces and nephews. Ernie was predeceased by his parents Harry and Elizabeth Hickson; sisters: Mabel (George) Croy; Evelyn (Alf) Anderson; Ivy (Joe) Prost and Connie (Jock) McDougall; brothers: Donald (Elaine), Lorne (Byng) (Norma) and Kenneth (Gail).

A Funeral Service for family and invited close friends will be held at the Brockie Donovan Chapel, 332 – 8th Street, on Tuesday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Barb Jardine officiating. Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations in memory of Ernie may be made to a charity of choice.

Events

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:30PM

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Brockie Donovan Chapel
332-8th Street, Brandon, MB, CA

Comments



“ Dear Gwen, Greg, Judy, Darcy and the whole Hickson family. I was saddened to hear of Ernie's death. I always loved seeing Ernie and Gwen at various functions throughout the years and I remember him from my "younger" days, always with a small (and usually a joke or a kind word). He was a very special person. I always think of him on January 25th, as he shared our Mom's birthday. Thinking of you all at this sad time. With love, Lois Farley

Lois Farley - October 27, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Hickson's passing. (He'll always be Mr. Hickson to me) I have fond memories of seeing Mr. Hickson at church, at the Forrest rink and in our community. He always was happy and eager to speak to us. My condolences to you all!
-Janice Leslie (Sparrow)

Janice Leslie - October 23, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ My condolences to the Hickson Family, thinking of you through the process of loss. What a great person he was in this life, great memories. Love Sandra (Sparrow) Crowe

Sandra - October 23, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Hello Gwen, Greg, Judy, Darcy and families. Ernie meant a lot to so many as we all share in the loss of your loved one. Ernie was a special friend and neighbor to me and our family in those early years which we were able to keep going over all these years since I left the farm in 1972. The sharing of Christmas cards over those years with both us packing in so many lies over just a few sentences, always looking forward to writing next years and receiving next year's card. The one year I learned how Ernie was 'not' that fond of Elvis Prestley's music, sooo, on one Christmas I sent him an Elvis LP record. The following year I received along with a Christmas card small pieces of a vinyl record. I know, the roar of laughter echoed in both households. Our sympathy to all but know that all of you have been blessed to have some of your dad's traits to carry on. We are all, also blessed in having a husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and ourselves in having such a friend as Ernie Hickson. God Bless you all as we share in your grief but also your celebration of a very special man on this day. He will be truly missed.

Dale, Tina Hockley and family

Dale/Tina Hockley - October 23, 2018 at 02:42 AM



“ Gwen and Family,
Our deepest sympathy to you all. I always remember Ernie as a very friendly, smiling person especially at the United Church in Forrest, 4-H Rallies, picnics, and fun times at the skating rink.
"God has him in his keeping, you have him in your hearts."

Cherish the Memories
Hugs to All,
Wreatha (Turner) Curtis, Esterhazy, Sask.
Jacee Turner
Mark Turner

Wreatha Curtis - October 23, 2018 at 12:57 AM



“ Our sincerest condolences to Aunt Gwen, Greg and Diane, Darcy and Wendy, Judy and Joe and all the precious grandchildren of the Hickson family...We are thinking of you and sharing in your loss with much sympathy and compassion...Uncle Ernie was a very special person and will be sadly missed but never forgotten...Love to you all

Karen and Wayne Davies

Karen Davies - October 22, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to auntie Gwen, cousins Judy and Joe, Greg and Diane and Darcy and Wendy and their families. I have many memories of being at the farm and spending quality time together at Hickson Reunions. Uncle Ernie will be greatly missed. Hugs to all of you. Love Elaine

Elaine Docking Ronovsky - October 22, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you in the loss of Ernie! May he RIP. We were friends of Joe and Ivy Prost.

Richard & Audrey Trevors
47 Biggs Drive, Unit 10
Riverview, NB
E1B 3Y8



“ Our heartfelt condolences to Aunt Gwen, Greg and Diane, Darcy and Wendy, Judy and Joe and all the grandchildren in the Hickson family. Sometimes we are given a gift to help us through life and to so many Uncle Ernie was that gift. Never without a clever witty comment to bring smiles and laughter to those around him. This is what I will remember the most about my dear uncle. He truly could brighten up a room with his presence. Thinking of you all at this time.

Hugs, Marnie & Rob Bell & family

Marnie Bell - October 21, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ My condolences to Gwen, Greg, Judy, Darcy and the rest of the family. I have fond memories of Uncle Ernie, the farm and Hickson family reunions. While I was young at the time, it was my sense that Uncle Ernie was the driving force behind the reunions in the 70s and 80s and that he really enjoyed getting everyone together. My thoughts are with the family.

Tracy Witter

Tracy Witter - October 19, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Gwen, Greg and family, Darcy, Wendy, Emily, Donovan, Judy and family, We were saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. He will always be remembered as a cheerful, kind and thoughtful man who was very committed to all that was important including the community. Thinking of you all in the days ahead, Sincerely, Doug and Judy Marvin & family

Judy & Doug Marvin - October 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Gwen & all your family
Our sincere sympathies to you. May many happy memories help you through this difficult time.

Murray & Carole Sangster

Murray & Carole - October 17, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ Greg & Diane - my sincerest sympathies to you and all your family, will be keeping you in my thoughts.

Take care, Eileen

Eileen Morrow - October 17, 2018 at 07:04 AM



“ We were sorry to read of Ernie's passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to you Gwen, Darcy, Wendy and family. May your cherished memories of Ernie bring you comfort in the days ahead. Thinking of you ~ Cyril & Tiena Stott

Cyril & Tiena Stott - October 16, 2018 at 11:42 PM



“ Gwen, Greg, Darcy Judy and families. I am so sorry to hear of Ernie's death. I have so many memories of him and they all make me smile! From driving the truck when he and dad combined together, to being bought as his “slave” to raise money for the new Forrest rink, to listening to his stories and sharing laughs! Ernie was a wonderful man and I am so glad that our families shared wonderful times together. Hugs to you all..

Diane Powell (Shelvey)

Diane Powell - October 16, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ Darcy & family,
We were very saddened to read of your dad's passing. He was truly a kind “gentleman”. We are thinking about you at this time, & wishing you peace & happy memories.

Don & Liane Heinrichs

Liane Heinrichs - October 16, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Dear Gwen, Greg, Judy, Darcy and families,
I was saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. He was a kind and gentle soul and it always made my visit back home when I could sit and chat with you. He had a life well lived and loved and I'm sure will remain in everyone's memories for a long time. My deepest condolences to you all. Love Janie (Moffat) Hale

Janie Hale - October 16, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ Greg is following this tribute.

Greg - October 16, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Portraits



Greg - October 16, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ Thanks for sharing!

Janice Leslie - October 23, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ Gwen, Darcy & Wendy and families - On behalf of Council and staff of the Rural Municipality of Elton, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Ernie. Ernie has done so much for his community, including serving on Council from 1965 to 1971. Elton Municipality wishes to extend their appreciation to Ernie's family for sharing him with us.

RM of Elton - October 16, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. I always enjoyed our chats and often tell the story of the gopher cop sales! Gwen, Darcy & Wendy, and families ... my thoughts and sympathy are with you.

Kathy Steele - October 16, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ Darcy, Wendy, Emily and Donovan
Please accept our sincere condolences pass along our sympathy too all family members. Thinking of of you during this time.

Jim, Marion, Hailey and Miranda Rusinowicz

Marion - October 15, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Darcy Wendy and family
We were very sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of grieving
Laurie and Joan Campbell &family

Joan Campbell - October 15, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ Gwen and family
So sorry to read of Ernie's death. Can't believe he was that age think of him often when I think of mum as they shared the special birthday. Our sympathy to you all,
Fay (Farley) and Kirk Gillespie

Fay Gillespie - October 16, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Our condolences to you all, Ernie was a good friend to everyone and a great addition to his community. Good memories are cherished.
Jaye and Beth Smale

Beth Smale - October 17, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Gwen and family, Our most sincere sympathy in the loss of Ernie. We were so fortunate to have known Ernie and considerate him as a friend. May remembering happy times help you at this very sad time.

Gary and Vonda Cranswick

Vonda Cranswick - October 17, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ Dear Gwen and family our condolences to you all. Ken & Joyce Barlow
Joyce Barlow - October 19, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Our Neighbour from the farm Ernie Hickson, our thoughts and prayers are with the Hickson Family at this time.
We care from Keith and Marlene Robins

Keith and Marlene Robins - October 21, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family Gwen. Your family has been so important to me for so many years. Elizabeth (Owens) Sumner, Kevan & Tanya Sumner, Kerrilee & Stephane Lapointe and their families.

Elizabeth Sumner - October 21, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, our deepest condolences to the Hickson Family. Sincerely, Bruce and Karen Brooks

Bruce Brooks - October 23, 2018 at 01:00 PM