

In Loving Memory Of

ELMER ANDREW WALDEN

Born: Saturday, March 30, 1929

Died: Monday, July 4, 2016

Age: 87 years

FUNERAL SERVICE

Matthews Funeral Home
Melville, Saskatchewan
Monday, July 11, 2016
at 11:00 a.m.

CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Francis Hengen

MUSIC

Leonard Gadica

INTERMENT

St. Henry's Parish Cemetery

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Elmer's family, friends and co-workers

URN BEARER

Kyle Walden

RECEPTION

St. Henry's Parish Centre

Elmer Andrew Walden was born March 30, 1929 in St. Peter's Hospital, Melville to Levi and Nellie Walden. He was the third eldest of 5 children - Marian, Harvey, Laureen and Levi (Lee). Elmer spent most of his life in Melville and spoke fondly of the childhood summers spent at the Frank farm and his school years at Central School.

After graduating high school, Elmer tried his hand at numerous occupations, finally settling in on the railroad on July 24, 1950. In his 38 year tenure with Canadian National Railway, he worked his way up from Brakeman to Conductor. After retiring on December 31, 1987, he spent most of his time tending to his yard, operating a bird hotel in its trees, and travelling across the western United States and Canada with his wife, Midge. Elmer loved being a grandfather, especially when it involved taking the kids on an adventure to his favourite place - the local Dairy Queen.

Elmer was a passionate hockey fan who avidly followed the Melville Millionaires and whether it was watching the games in person, or listening to them on the radio, he would rarely miss a game.

Elmer's love for the Millionaires extended past the ice rink to the baseball diamond and he had been known to accidentally take in home games that extended to 17+ innings. When Elmer wasn't "bleeding blue" he was a proud Roughriders fan (minus Durant). Outside of sports, Elmer had a passion for airplanes that developed in his younger years after he became a pilot. He loved war history, geography, and for those who knew him well, sweets.

Elmer was predeceased by his son, Scott Walden; his parents, Levi and Nellie Walden; sisters Marian (George) Meko and Laureen (Kenneth) Carraway; and brothers Harvey and Levi (Jackie) Walden. He leaves to celebrate his memory: his wife, Mildred (Midge) Walden; his sons, Glenn (Shelley) Walden and Grant Walden; grandchildren Kyle Walden, Stephanie Walden, and Sarah Kendry; and numerous other relatives and friends.



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