

The farmer's trade is one of worth,
His pasture with the sky and earth,
His pasture with the sun and rain,
And no man loses for his gain,
And men may rise and men may fall,
But the farmer, he must feed them all.
God bless the man who sows the wheat,
Who finds us milk and fruit and meat,
May his purse be heavy, his heart be light,
His cattle and corn and all go right,
God bless the seed his hands let fall,
For the farmer he must feed us all.

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed,
and for your attendance at the funeral service.

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL - Humboldt, Saskatchewan
"Dedicated to those we serve."

In Loving Memory Of
Richard Leo Pitka



July 16, 1927 ~ November 21, 2018
91 Years

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

Friday, November 30, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church, Englefeld, Saskatchewan

Celebrant:

Fr. Francis Akomeah

Crossbearer:

Pat Pitka

Scripture Readers:

John Kirzinger & Shari-Lynn Turgeon

Intentions:

Karen Pitka

Giftbearers:

Violet Pitka & Janis Campbell

Music Ministry:

Members of Holy Guardian Angels Parish Choir

Memorial Table Attendants:

Randy & Brenda Strunk

Honor Guard:

Members of the Knights of Columbus

Active Pallbearers:

Dwayne Pitka Jason Pitka Michael Brecht
Doug Brecht John Kirzinger Ron Pfneisl

INTERMENT:

Holy Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Cemetery, Englefeld, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

Diabetes Association or Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery Fund

Memorial Luncheon:

Holy Guardian Angels Church Basement



Richard was born on the farm near Romance SK, the oldest of five children. He attended Korbel Elementary School until the end of grade eight. Richard farmed alongside his father and brother Maurice, until he bought his own farm near LeRoy SK. Richard was a great musician, playing his accordion and guitar in a band called the Romance Harmonizers. The other members of his band were his brother David who played saxophone, trumpet, violin and banjo, and brother

Patrick who played base violin and drums. They played for many dances and house parties in the communities of Englefeld, Watson, LeRoy, and Greenwater Lake. Besides farming, Richard started a business selling sewing machines, known as Pitka's Sewing Machine Sales and Service. He started out selling Phaff and later Genome machines. He was known in the community as the Doctor of sewing machines. He could fix any make of machine. If he

couldn't fix it, he would try to sell you a new one. He was a good business man. The family are very thankful for the care given to Richard at Evergreen Country Home in LeRoy, with Special Thanks to Brenda Nabseth. Thank you to Humboldt District Hospital for their compassionate care in Richards final hours and a very Special Thank You to John Kirzinger, Richard was blessed to have you as a friend and neighbour. John truly lived the second greatest commandment "Love your neighbour, as yourself."

Richard is survived by his sister **Louise** Brecht and family; brother **Patrick** (Karen) Pitka and family; and sister-in-law **Violet** Pitka and family. Richard was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Margaret (nee Hamers) Pitka; brothers Maurice Pitka and David Pitka; and brother-in-law Gabe Brecht.