



## **SUNDQUIST, Glen Alan**

Glen Alan Sundquist passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon on Jan. 26, 2025.

Glen was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Anna. He is survived by his brothers Leslie and Murray (Denise); his children

John Sundquist (Melissa), Sarah Skanderbeg (Brian), Kevin Sundquist, Robert Sundquist (Candice Chyz) and Tracy Sundquist (Jeffrey Bilyk); and grandchildren Matthew, Nicholas, Abigail, Olivia, Eve, William, Melody, Sophia, and Eleanor.

Glen was born on August 2, 1949 in Watrous, Sask. He worked on the family farm while attending school in Watrous. Glen became an electrician after studying in Moose Jaw. He worked at the Colonsay potash mine for several years until he decided to travel to Australia on a work visa.

He purchased a cruise ticket with stops in Asia, South East Asia, and ultimately Australia. He travelled by train from the east to west coast of Australia, working near Perth as an electrician. He returned by air to Alaska and found work in an asbestos mine in Clifton Creek, YT.

Glen was convinced that electronics technician was the future and applied at Sask Poly for the program. He ultimately returned to the farm. He built a living quarters in a shop to provide a home for his growing family while he built the house he lived in until fall of 2023. He worked briefly at the Lanigan potash mine as an underground electrician. He spent three winters finishing the interior of his home as he farmed and ranched. Glen adopted energy efficient construction techniques in his build with double 2x4 exterior walls, triple pane windows and a home built furnace.

Glen saw a need to develop energy efficient solutions and began working on an invention to take waste heat from a domestic hot water heater and use it to distill water. He built a working apparatus in his shop and successfully applied and received patent for his invention in both Canada and the US.

He ran a mixed farming operation of about 1,000 acres and a cattle herd peaking at approximately 60 head. There are many fond memories of putting the tractor in gear and picking rocks by hand for endless hours, maintaining his farm equipment, haying, seeding and harvesting. He could repair or build absolutely anything.

Glen couldn't resist a good deal. He often purchased multiples when items were on sale. If you needed something, a phone call to Glen was a good start as he had a collection of spare equipment/tools in original packaging.

Glen developed a real passion for gardening. He waged a war on portulaca and potato bugs - and won. He made it his mission to grow far more food than he could eat himself. Family always feared a visit as it would include unsolicited and unlimited bags of potatoes, carrots, and beets. Everyone loved Glen's garden produce.

He loved food, especially his own homegrown beef and garden vegetables. Glen was known for his appetite and could not resist a good pie. Grandkids were always impressed at how he ate multiple helpings and took care of everyone's leftovers.

Ever the entrepreneur, Glen operated a successful taxi business catering to the railways and employed some close friends. He dreamed of building things and was always making plans, such as opening a rooming house on his home quarter, building a retirement residence on his pastureland near the airport, or building structures on his lots at Manitou Beach.

In retirement, Glen spent most of his time gardening and maintaining his property. He spent many hours on his lawn mower and was known to ride his mower from his farm to Manitou Beach to cut grass on vacant lots he had purchased. Glen also enjoyed spending time with his family, always looking forward to their visits. He read books with his grandchildren and attended many of their sports activities.

He sought out innovative and lesser-known ways to look after his health. He loved to soak at the Manitou Springs Mineral Spa and would strike up conversation with anyone from anywhere. Rarely a day went by where he didn't swim at the spa.

Glen had a small, but deeply committed friend group. The family is forever grateful for his friends, especially Cam Walter, who helped him as his health declined.

Glen moved off his farm in the fall of 2023, taking residence in Primrose Chateau in Saskatoon. The close proximity to John, Sarah, and Tracy allowed him to spend significantly more time with his children. He moved once again in December 2024 to Oliver Lodge for long-term care.

Glen's intelligence, innovation, kindness, curiosity, joy, and love will be deeply missed by those he leaves behind.

In accordance with Glen's wishes, there will be no funeral service. The family will be arranging a casual gathering at a later date in Watrous to honour his life.