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CORRIGAN, Murray Lyle August 11, 1948 - November 13, 2026

Lyle, as he became known, was born two months premature in a farmhouse near Montmartre, Saskatchewan on August 11, 1948. He spent his formative years in Kamsack, Saskatchewan, and spoke fondly of his days at Madge Lake.

After finishing high school in Montmartre, he attended the University of Regina for a couple of years before taking time off to work for a seismograph company, which gave him the opportunity to travel across Canada. This work adventure deeply solidified his true love for his country! Despite loving this job, teaching called his name, and he returned to the U of R, where he graduated with a degree in Education.

His first teaching position was in Oxbow, Saskatchewan, where he spent a few years before taking up a teaching position in Watrous, Saskatchewan and retiring in 2008 after 35 years of teaching.

Watrous is where he met his wife Janice, and they married in 1977. They raised their children, Colleen, Erin, and Trevor, in this community and loved the time spent there.

In 2015, Lyle and Janice moved to Calgary, Alberta to be closer to their two daughters, their spouses and three grandchildren. They never regretted the move as they both had undying love for family. They embraced their new province, although Lyle was more than happy and proud to tell everyone he met that he was from Saskatchewan.

For the past 11 years, he so relished watching his grandchildren play a variety of sports including hockey, ringette, soccer, football and lacrosse.

Lyle loved his community and gave back by serving and leading many organizations in Watrous, including the Catholic Church Board, The Curling Club, The Local Teachers' Association, Kinsmen, Town Council, React Board, and The Provincial Teachers' Association. He was also instrumental in starting the Watrous Youth Soccer League and coached junior football, soccer, basketball, and curling.

He loved to curl and watch Canadian football and was hopeful that the Roughriders would get to the Grey Cup again this year. Lyle also wouldn't turn down an offer to play cards and was so happy and proud to finally beat Janice during these last few weeks.

As everyone knows, there was no stranger he met that he couldn't strike up a conversation with and then leave as a friend!

Lyle leaves to mourn his loving wife of 49 years, Janice; his daughters, Colleen Strachan (Malcolm) and Erin Corrigan (Jacques); and his son, Trevor Corrigan (Jessica). His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he will be greatly missed by Eilidh and McCallum Strachan, Neo Rossouw, and Thomas and Charlie Corrigan.

Also mourning his loss will be his twin sister, Mary Lynn Gorniak (Peter); sisters-in-law Grace and Christine Corrigan; in-laws Donna and Ernie Schiman, Gail Church, and Janet and Larry Woods; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lyle was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Owen Corrigan; his sister, Sheila, and her husband, Peter Bartnik; brothers Brian and Patrick Corrigan; and brother-in-law James Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating blood in Lyle's name or donating to the Canadian Blood Services or the Watrous and District Food Bank.

Extreme gratitude is extended to all those who reached out to the family over the last few difficult years for Lyle. Thanks also to the many doctors and nurses who cared for Lyle, especially the nurses in the South Health Campus Day Medicine Transfusion Unit who were like family to Lyle and whom he grew to love very much.

Rest in peace, Lyle. Your job on earth is complete. Love you forever and always.

At Lyle's request, there will be no formal service. A friends-and-family time of remembrance and fellowship will be held in the summer of 2027, with the date to be posted.

To email condolences, please visit www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are in care of Snodgrass Funeral Home, Okotoks. Ph. 403-938-3111.