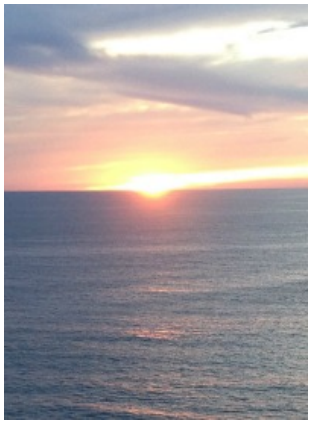

REMEMBERING

Theodore Abraham Klassen (Abe)

August 15, 1923 - January 16, 2019

Theodore Abraham Klassen passed to his eternal reward at the Menno Hospital on January 16, 2019 reaching the age of 95 years. Theodore was the son of Isaac and Helena Klassen and was born in Swalwell, Alberta on August 15, 1923. Due to the passing of his mother at a young age, he was adopted by his Uncle Dan and Aunt Katherine Boese and spent most of his early years growing up in their loving home. In the fall of 1939 during a series of revival meetings, Dad gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized on January 14, 1940 at Linden, Alberta. Although he questioned his salvation at times, he remained dedicated to the Lord and the church. During a time of service at Sunchild Mission, he met our mother, Mary Penner, and the two married on July 27th, 1956 at St. Anne, Manitoba and later were blessed with 4 loving children; Cameron, Russell Brent, Heather and Marilyn. Dad's passion was teaching and this took him to many provinces across Canada including Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. He not only loved teaching but also the students he had the privilege of teaching and has the testimony of many of his former students for the impact he made on their lives. Mom and Dad had a love for travel and this contributed to many memorable family experiences. Dad was blessed with the gift to engage with people on any given subject. One of Mom and Dad's favorite pastimes was to play scrabble with Uncle Milton and Aunt Margaret. We are grateful for the Lord granting him a peaceful departure. Theodore was predeceased by his wife Mary, son Duncan and all his siblings; Walter, Albert, Claude, Frank, Norman and Lydia.

Left to remember him are ~

Son Cameron and Jane,

Grandchildren Kelsie, Jodi, Jenna and Luke of Gentry, Arkansas;

Son Russell Brent of Burnaby, British Columbia;
Daughter, Heather and Mark Hilsabeck of Chilliwack, British Columbia;
Granddaughter Chantelle and Scott Gosselin,
Great Grandchildren Kiegan and Connor of Radway, Alberta,
Granddaughter Marissa and Garen DesRoches of Radway, Alberta,
Grandson Tynan Hilsabeck and Katryna
Great Granddaughter Zoey of Chilliwack, British Columbia;
Daughter, Marilyn and Kent Levitt of Courtenay, British Columbia,
Grandson Orry and Laura Romano
Great Grandchildren Vincenzo and Sofia of Langley, British Columbia,
Granddaughter Tyesha Romano of Courtenay, British Columbia.
A big thank you to his caregivers at Tabor Court and Menno Hospital and
Ralph and Blaine Regehr for all they did for Dad.