

## Dave Ridsdale Passes, (1925-2009)

The truck transport industry in Western Canada lost an active participant, supporter and friend last week, with the passing of Dave Ridsdale of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

A co-founder of Ridsdale Bros. Transport in 1949, Dave also volunteered time as the president of the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (1980-81).

Funeral service will be held at 2:30 pm Nov. 11 at the Hillcrest Funeral Home in Saskatoon. E-mail condolences can be sent to [www.hillcrestmemorial.ca](http://www.hillcrestmemorial.ca).

Well-known in the transportation sector, David Robert Ridsdale grew up on a farm where he developed a passion for horses and love of the land. At 18-years-old he joined the military and was assigned to the Reconnaissance Corps. After the war he returned to the Asquith area where he met his wife of 62 years, Edith Gunnlaugson.

Six months later, with his brother, Fred, Ridsdale Bros. Transport was established, a growing company that now operates in the Western provinces with his sons in charge. Fred eventually left the company and Dave continued on. He was awarded the prestigious Trailmobile Service to Industry Award in 1982 recognizing his support and dedication to the transport sector.

Seven years later he retired to an acreage and the quieter farm life he loved. Even then, Dave and Edith's home remained the family hub of activity and family gatherings. Dave began to slow down a little and gave up water skiing when he was 70! Winters found him maintaining the backyard rink, coaching hockey and fueling snow machines. The Ridsdale's also took time out to travel extensively in North America.

Fiercely loyal to family, staff and customers, Dave always had time for a cup of coffee with a visitor. He was tenacious in maintaining his rural roots, but eventually lost that lifestyle due to Alzheimer Disease that he struggled with for 11 months in the Luther Care Home.

Predeceased by his parents, George and Alice Ridsdale; two brothers, Harold and Fred; sister Anne and grandson, Christopher; Dave is survived by his wife Edith; Sister Olive Lyback; son Wayne (Brenda) and grandson Benjamin (Tamra and great-grandchildren Caitlin, Carly and Issac; granddaughter Sarah (Craig); daughter Dianne (Don) and grandson Adam (Rebecca) and great-grandchildren Grace, Emmett and Alex; Grandson Noah; son Gary (Marnie) and grandchildren Nicollette and Andrew; daughter Valerie; son Greg and grandchildren Reanne, Rebecca and Rosalyn; son Robert and grandchildren Brandi (Michael) and great grandchildren Alexis and Robert; granddaughter Taryn (Curtis) and great grandchild Ethan and granddaughter Jennifer.

In Lieu of flowers, Friends are asked to consider a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Sask (1405 Faulkner Cr., Saskatoon, SK. S7L 3R5) or the Luther Care Home, Temperance Munroe Wing Recreation Fund (1212 Osler St., Saskatoon, SK., S7N 0T9)