



Herman Klassen

March 30, 1919 - March 28, 2008

After a long illness, Herman P. Klassen passed away on March 28, 2008 at Sunset Villa Care Center, two days before his 89th birthday. Friends and relatives are invited to attend a memorial service scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory, 2609 S. Main St., Roswell, NM. The Reverends Robert Holcomb of the First Baptist Church and Elton Dilbeck of the Church of Christ will conduct the services.

Born in The Ukraine to Peter and Katherina Klassen on March 30, 1919, he immigrated to Canada with his parents and twin brother at the age of four. The family settled in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, where Herman received his education. In 1942, the family moved to Vancouver, British Columbia (B.C.), where Herman worked in the retail trade and continued his education in University studies. In 1945, he married the love of his life, Hulda Wiens. In May of this year, they would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. The Klassens moved to Roswell in 1959, where Herman worked as Right of Way and Land Supervisor for Transwestern Pipeline Company for 25 years, retiring in 1984.

Herman attended Bible Study at the First Baptist Church (FBC) of Roswell. He had a passion for memorizing poems and enjoyed reciting them at FBC Christmas Parties. Herman loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with all his heart, and his family and friends are comforted in knowing that he is now at peace and in the presence of Christ.

Herman was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. His family will remember him as a gentle man and a gentleman. He is survived by his beloved wife, Hulda, two daughters, Darlene Klassen (Dave Biringer) and Diane Klassen of Roswell, and a son, Robert, daughter-in-law, Leigh Ann, and two grandchildren, Abbie and Jacob Klassen of Coppell, TX. In addition, Herman is survived by sisters-in-law, Kay Hepting, of Phoenix, AZ, Erna Klassen, of Langley, B.C., Hester Wiens of Victoria, B.C., Elly Witt of Vancouver, B.C., and brother-in-law, David Sawatzky of Abbotsford, B.C., as well as two special cousins, Brian Wilson (Barb) of Tacoma, WA, and Reck Niebuhr (Judi) of Vero Beach, FL, numerous nephews, nieces, other cousins, and many friends. Herman was preceded in death by his father and mother, his twin brother, Henry, who passed away at the age of 36 years, and his sister, Dorothy Sawatzky.

Herman was cremated, according to his wishes. His cremains will be interred in the family plot at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The family wishes to thank Dr. Robert Rader, Dr. Shehzad Jinnah, and the staffs of VistaCare Hospice, Sunset Villa Care Center, and the nurses of the Telemetry Unit of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center for the compassionate care afforded to Herman in his final days.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the VistaCare Hospice Foundation, 400 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Roswell, NM 88201 or online at <https://www.applyweb.com/public/contribute?vcf> or to The Gideons, Post Office Box 777, Roswell, NM 88202-0777 or online at <http://www.gideons.org>. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Herman Klassen*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mrs. Klassen I just want to express my deepest sympathies...to all of your family. God Bless You!*

Alicia Begay - April 14, 2008 at 03:20 PM



“ *Uncle Herman was a good uncle. He was generous and supportive to me and I loved having Aunt Hulda and Uncle Herman visit every summer. I especially remember the trip to Long Beach on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. We found a little motel room near Tofino and Darlene, Hulda, Herman and myself had a good feed of Halibut or some other fresh seafood right from the docks. We walked on the beach and enjoyed the waves.*

Another time Uncle Herman and Aunt Hulda brought me back to Roswell with them. We stopped and had fun in cowboy towns and also Phoenix at Aunt Kay's. Another trip we went to Carlsbad, Lincoln City and Riudoso and through orchard regions of NM to Phoenix. Uncle Herman was proud to point out NM geography. His life on earth is over but he lives on in each of us by how he lived.

May you all, Aunt Hulda, Darlene, Dave, Diane, Rob, Leigh Ann, Abby & Jacob know that you are better persons because he was in your life. He gave you so much.

Love, Shirley

Shirley Witt - April 11, 2008 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ Dear Klassen Family: I worked for Mr. Klassen in the early 80's and thought he was the most wonderful man. You were all truly blessed to have had him as a husband and father. You may remember my father, Fred Simpson, saved boxes for Mr. K because he always wanted to move back to Canada. Mr. K was a true original and I have great memories of him. My thoughts are with you all.
Cindy Shacklette

Cindy Shacklette - April 11, 2008 at 10:36 AM

AA

“ Diane,
We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, our prayers are for you and your family. Prayer and time will take away the hurt.
God Bless, Don and Arcie Alvarez

ARSILIA ALVAREZ - April 10, 2008 at 06:56 PM

MW

“ My condolences to the Klassen family and extended family. I remember Mr. Klassen fondly from the times when I would come over to the Klassen home to visit with Robert; he was a classey gentleman.
Mark Wilson Goddard High School - Class of '78

Mark Wilson - April 10, 2008 at 04:41 PM

AW

“ My Deepest Sympathy goes to the entire family,, who are like family to me!! I can hear Herman in Heaven reciting: "Twas the night before Christmas",, and just making all the Angels smile!!My prayers of Peace to you! Love ya Almetra

Almetra Williams - April 10, 2008 at 12:47 PM

CM

“ Dear Hulda, Darlene, Diane and Robby. Your husband and father was indeed the gentleman you describe in his obituary. He was perhaps the most honest man I've ever know in a profession it was not always easy to be honest. I met Herman as a young man at Transwestern and he had profound influence on my corporate and personal life. He was always there for me when I needed a guiding word. The world has lost a good man - I am so bereaved. Sincerely, Clde Marsau

Clyde D. Marsau - April 09, 2008 at 05:09 PM

TJ

“ *The Klassen Family*
Although your father was not known personally, reading the obituary it was obvious you were blessed to have him for a father... Sounds like he loved life and enjoyed sharing that love with his family and friends.
And you were able to enjoy life with him for so many years.
And he must be a great guy 'cause he had a twin bro'...LOL
Although these days are sad please remember all of those great times you had enjoying his poems and life. You all were truly blessed with his presence.
My dad's birthday was yesterday and I know of those many fond memories.
With kind regards and please know Mr. Klassen and all of his family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers.
With kind regards, I respectfully,
TJ

Tom Jennings - April 09, 2008 at 11:47 AM

MM

“ Dear Mrs. Klassen, Darlene, Diane and Robert:
This evening I saw the online Roswell Record notice of Mr. Klassen's death and wanted to let you know that I was thinking about all of you. I remember how much I enjoyed knowing Mr. Klassen when I was growing up. In reading about Mr. Klassen, I found there were so many interesting aspects of his life that I never knew about; to me he was Darlene's nice father.
I hope the memorial service will be a beautiful celebration of his life. I just want you to know your family is and will continue to be in my thoughts.
Marilyn Fritts Menasco

Marilyn Fritts Menasco - April 05, 2008 at 08:36 PM