

## Robert Peter "Bob" Seidel (1913-2007)



Robert Seidal was born on Wednesday, June 4, 1913 at Bruno, Saskatchewan, to Paul and Gertrude Seidel. Bob was the second youngest of ten children. Bob left for Flin Flon, Manitoba in 1939 to work with his brother-in-law, Ralph Gardwine. The following years were spent in the Canadian Armed Forces building transit ways in northern British Columbia. In 1945 Robert left the military to come to The Pas to operate a dairy farm.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Pulvermacher on December 3, 1949 in the little chapel of the Bishop's House in The Pas. Their marriage brought five wonderful children into their lives: Bobbi, Rod, Paul, Pat, and Sylvia. These children would then offer their loving parents ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In 1958 Bob started Arctic Auto Wrecking where many a part was sold for "double or nothing." Bob was an Allis Chalmers dealer and he had a vehicle storage facility when the city of Thompson was being built. He enjoyed an active livelihood of farming in our community. Bob was a country mechanic, but it could be argued he fixed things because he was too tight to buy a new one!

Following his retirement, Bob did some traveling with his lovely wife to Arizona, Las Vegas, Wisconsin, Churchill, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Bob celebrated various accomplishments and milestones in and throughout the community. Bob's faith was very important to him and his family. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus in The Pas where he was a past Grand Knight and an Honourary Life Member. He was also a Past President of The Pas Chamber of Commerce; President of the Farmers' Association; member of the Port of Churchill Committee; active with The Pas Trappers' Festival; founded the Northern Lights Square Dance Club; a trustee of the school board; started the first local rodeo; and was an active member of The Pas Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. In short, he enjoyed an active social life which frequently included barn dances in his early years of marriage.

Bob leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to celebrate his finest treasures of family and friends. He passed away at age 94 on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at St. Paul's Personal Care Home in The Pas.