



ACHTYMICHUK – Leslie Peter passed away peacefully at the impressive age of 94 years on March 17, 2022 at the Yorkton & District Nursing Home. Leslie was the first of 8 children born to John and Martha Achtymichuk, first generation children of Ukrainian immigrants on July 5, 1927 on the farm east of Rhein, Saskatchewan. After finishing high school in 1946 he apprenticed and worked as an electrician for 8 years. On May 2, 1949 he bought a city lot in Yorkton for \$60 and over the next 4 years after work and on weekends built an 8 bedroom home with the help of friends and family on Fourth Avenue North. This became the family home. He built it with a 15 foot deep basement in which there was a basketball hoop and gym apparatus to entertain his 6 siblings, cousins, and friends. Many family events, good food and memories were made over the years in that house. Eventually it would be

converted into 7 suites creating additional income for Leslie for the rest of his life and a home for his parents. Around that time the wonderful things he was learning in the Bible really started to mean more to him so with many conversations with his sister Mabel and searching the Bible to prove the things he was learning he began associating with the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on a regular basis. His desire to join the full time Ministry became stronger each year until in the middle of winter January 1, 1956 he moved to Saskatoon. That spring he met Jean Crowther from Mont Nebo, Saskatchewan at a congregation meeting who also had the same faith and goals. They were married June 10 of that year. After assignments to Blaine Lake, Sask. and then Ottawa, Ont. helping to establish new congregations and encourage others in the Bible education work, they took a French language class to prepare for an assignment in Quebec. They moved to Trois Rivieres, Quebec for 3 years where they had to endure police disruptions and mob action in their ministry due to opposition from the Premiere and local church officials. Despite this, many responded favourably to their message. In 1960 they made the move to Toronto and spent 25 years there, during which Leslie purchased 2 homes and converted both into multi - apartment dwellings which were rented out to support the couple in their ministry. After 11 years of marriage their 2 children Rhonda (1967) and Douglas (1969) were born. There they all made many dear life-long friends. In 1985 after his dear mother Martha passed away, the 2 houses in Toronto were sold and the family moved back to the Yorkton home which kept him busy renting out rooms and maintaining until age 93. At age 89 he lost Jean suddenly which was a difficult adjustment for him but he wanted to stay in Yorkton in his home, so he did this with the wonderful support of Home Care nurses and Meals-On-Wheels. Eventually his health deteriorated and made it necessary to move into the nursing home. Over the years he suffered the loss of many dear friends and family. To name just a few, his young sister Alma (2 weeks old); his mom and dad; his brother, Stanley; sister, Elsie Len (Chester); and his dear wife, Jean (dcd.2018) of 62 years. Mourning his loss for now are his children, Rhonda Arnold (Monte), and Douglas (Corinne); his grandchildren, Chantelle Siemens (Lucas) and Zachary (Keauna); his great grandchildren, Emily, Zoey, and Maxwell; his siblings, Mabel Bogard (Gerry d.), Bernice Keeble (Mel), Milton (Wendy d.), and Angie King (Del d.). After the temporary setback of failing health and death, Leslie is looking forward to seeing life on earth and his loved ones again in the resurrection under much better circumstances in the blink of an eye for him! When the "meek will possess the earth and find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace," and where "death and pain would be no more", and his "flesh would become fresher than in youth ... and return to his youthful vigor". Acts 24:15, Ps 37:11, Rev 21:4, Job 33:25 He wished this wonderful future for all he met.