



BOYCHUK - The family of Russell Wayne Boychuk sadly announce his passing at 59 years of age at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 9:48 pm. Russell was born in Yorkton, SK to Matt and Olga (nee Popowich) Boychuk on April 20, 1962. He lived on the family farm in the Drobot District until 1966 when the family moved to Yorkton and lived on Betts Avenue. Russell's grandparents, Wasyl and Maggie (nee Spilchen) Popowich resided on First Avenue directly behind their home on Betts. Olga moved her family to Canwood Crescent shortly after the passing of her husband, Matt in 1971. Russell attended Burke School and Dr. Brass School for his elementary years. For grades 7-9, he attended St. Joseph's Junior High School, followed by the Yorkton Regional High School for his senior years. It was at St. Joe's that he first met Kathy Godin, as they were in the same grade eight classroom. In 1979, at a home of Kathy's friend, they crossed paths again and it was after that encounter that they started dating and became high school sweet-hearts. On August 6, 1983 Russell and Kathy were united in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church. Russell and Kathy are blessed with two boys, Chad in 1988, and Travis in 1991. Russell worked for Morris Rod-Weeder during his teenage years. He started his career of floor covering with Thorsrud's United Carpet in 1980. In 1991, Russ became sole proprietor. He contracted work through various companies within the Yorkton and surrounding areas. He was an expert in

his trade and took great pride in his work. Following his first serious attack of chronic pancreatitis in December of 2016 he semi-retired and was employed as a Maintenance Worker with Sask. Abilities, another job in which he took great pride in doing. Russell's main focus was always his family. He would do anything for his boys, attended their basketball games, guitar lessons, etc. The family loved to camp. Russell and Kathy have had seasonal spots at Clear Lake, MB for the past four years. Russell also loved family gatherings, and whenever he heard that an uncle or aunt was in Yorkton, he would be asking them over or visiting with them elsewhere. Russell took pride in his house and yard, and extended campsite summer home. He was constantly cleaning the house, making meals, barbecuing and maintaining his yard. His latest pleasure which he found so much relaxation at was the seasonal spot at Clear Lake. Russ was a lover of all pets. He would bring them home from work if he could - which in fact he did. His most recent love is Roxy, a rescue dog adopted through Paws and Claws Animal Rescue. Both Roxy and Molly were special to Russ. Russ suffered with illness for most of his life, and especially the past five years being in and out of hospitals and having numerous procedures. He was diagnosed with Chronic Pancreatitis in 2017. He suffered a stroke in 2020 - losing most of his sight in his right eye. Following his last ERCP in September of this year, he became very ill and was admitted to the Yorkton Regional Health Centre on September 30th. He fought hard for his life, but could not go on anymore. He came to terms and asked to go in peace. His boys and their wives were able to see him before his passing, as well as his brother, Richard; his sister, Sharon and her husband David; and never to leave his bedside, his beloved wife, Kathy. Russell is predeceased by his parents, Matt (1971) and Olga (1994); and his brother, Ron (June 10, 2018). He leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his life his wife of 38 years, **Katherine** (nee Godin); his children, **Chad** (Angelina) and first baby grandchild on the way, and **Travis** (Angelia); his sister, Sharon (David); brother, Richard (Debra); sister-in-law, Wendy (widow of Ron); his in-laws, Bernard (Julie) Godin, sister-in-law, Loretta (Scott) Turner; brothers-in-law, Dan (Caren) Godin, Byron (Brenda) Godin, and by numerous nieces, nephews and countless friends. A Prayer Vigil was held on Thursday December 9, 2021 from St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church with Lay Prayer Leader Mary Bibliw leading the service and Angelina Boychuk sharing a reading from the Book of Wisdom, and pianist, Chris Fisher assisted by member of the parish choir singing the hymns, "Christ Be Our Light", "Psalm 119", and "Day Is Done". The Crossbearer was Kelly Boychuk, and the urn bearers were Russell's sons, Chad and Travis. Russell's uncle, Steve Popowich shared the obituary and a heartfelt eulogy. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday December 10, 2021 from St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church with Reverend Father Louis Kim Nguyen serving as the Celebrant assisted by Deacon Dave Hudy. Jenna Godin gave the First reading from Isaiah 6:1-3d with Christina Uhrn giving the second reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and the Gospel Reading was from the Book of John 14:1-6. The choir sang the hymns, "This Day God Gives Me", "Psalm 23", "There Is a Longing", "Blest Are They", "Songs of the Angels", and "Now Thank We All Our God". Those so wishing to make a charitable contributions in memory of the Late Russell Boychuk may do so with a gift to Paws and Claws Animal Rescue Box 1047 Yorkton, Saskatchewan S3N 2X3 www.pawsandclawsyorkton.ca as a token of remembrance. Kopan's Funeral Service Highway #9 North Yorkton, Saskatchewan is honoured to have been entrusted with funeral arrangements.