



**SIMPSON** - John Simpson passed away on Tuesday November 3, 2020 at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre at the age of 73 years. John was born on May 6, 1947 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan to John and Myrtle (nee Hanson) Simpson and grew up on the family farm in the Theodore District. As a child he was very involved in sports of all kinds as well as the local 4-H beef club. He attended public school in Theodore, graduating in 1965 and went on to complete the University of Saskatchewan Agriculture program in 1967. In April of that year he had the opportunity to participate in an international exchange program, which gave John the chance to work on a mixed farm in Denmark for seven months. On November 15, 1967 John was united in Holy Matrimony to Patricia Pawliuk. John and Patricia were blessed with three children, David, Robert, and John Patrick; and with two grandchildren, Kiah, and Cort. John is predeceased

by his parents, Jack and Myrtle, and by his brother, Evan. John farmed throughout his life with his dad. Over the years the farms had a variety of purebred breeds as well as commercial cattle. In the early 1980's they started a herd of Red Angus cattle and operated under the name, Symbrae Red Angus. In 1987, they leased 90 purebred Angus cows from Ken Fraser resulting in them showing at Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Saskatoon, and Brandon. They sold bulls at the Northern Progress Bull Sale in North Battleford, and the Connection Sale in Saskatoon, as well as Moosomin, and Yorkton Bull Sales. John has served on almost every community board possible through the years and was involved in hockey, curling, baseball, soft ball and 4-H. John also sat on many boards over the years including the Saskatchewan Angus Association, where he served as President from 1994 - 1996. In 1991, he was asked if he would like to run as a director for the Canadian Western Agribition Board, which he did and stayed on for 19 years. During that time John was a volunteer on the Commercial Cattle Committee. John has been involved with the Yorkton Exhibition Board for the past 40 years, starting out with the Regional 4-H Show and Sale, and the Harvest Showdown Committee. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Yorkton Regional Health Center for their care, compassion, and attention. The family greatly appreciates those friends and family that have sent condolences either personally, by phone, message, card or food. The family would like to thank Jason Kopan of Kopan's Funeral Service for all his help and caring taking final care of Papa. Cremation has taken place and donations may be made to either the Yorkton Regional 4-H Show and Sale or Yorkton Grain Millers Harvest Showdown. Kopan's Funeral Service, Highway #9 North, Yorkton is honoured to have been chosen to be entrusted with funeral arrangements. 306-783-0099 [www.kopans.ca](http://www.kopans.ca)