

Collin Arnold Sauder

February 15, 1955 - October 14, 2019



Windy Willows Farms was 50 years in the making. In the early hours of October 14, 2019, our world was rocked and our lives changed forever. The man, we knew as Windy Willows is no longer with us. There is no better way to honor him than in the sale catalog of his precious Angus cows.

Collin was raised on a mixed grain farm, with a few commercial head of cattle, north of Hodgeville, SK. When he was 14 years old, he convinced his father to take him to the 1969 Saskatchewan Angus Fall Female Sale to purchase his first registered purebred Angus heifer. He purchased the Reserve Grand Champion Female, Perryville Ace's Erica 12Z. Thus, began his love for the Angus breed and cattle industry. After high school graduation, he continued his education obtaining his degree in Animal Science at the University of Saskatchewan. He often recalled stories of University, especially now as Hillary has started college this fall at Lakeland College in Vermilion. He would relive fond memories of friends, professors, get togethers and dorm pranks!

Collin may not have been good at remembering dates or events (ex. birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) but he did have an incredible memory for pedigrees and could sit for hours visiting with anyone who would be interested in talking pedigrees, sale results or Angus news. He had a passion, that Hillary and I quickly became part of, and one he was so willing to share. He had an eye for cattle, that often resulted in being the high seller at many sales. He loved pouring over each bull sale catalog as it arrived in the mail. He took great pride in raising a good, functional Angus cow, growing barley for feed and silage and hosting our Annual Bull Sale. These were some of the simple things in life he taught us and we were able to share together.

Collin was a forward thinker and taught us not to dwell on the things in life you cannot change or have no control over. He lived by this prayer "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference". For us this became most evident when we made the decision to host our 1st bull sale at the farm. He said to me "If we build it (a sale barn), they will come!" and yes Collin, they did! For the past 16 years, the first Tuesday of April would arrive with great excitement, anticipation and anxiety. It was sale day morning! Our hearts would swell with pride as each neighbour, family member, friends and customers would arrive in our yard to allow us to showcase our genetics, our family and our way of life.

Collin's favourite things to do were silaging, weaning and quadding at the ranch. Hillary and I plan to continue enjoying these special times of year, with a much heavier heart but with the same presence and forward thinking that Collin taught us and made us love equally as much as he did.



Hillary, Michelle and Collin receiving the Canadian Angus 50 Year Heritage Award at Agribition 2018 from Trevor Welch, CAA President and Brian Good, CAA Business Development.

