

# WWF Welcome ∞



Welcome to Windy Willows Mature Black Cowherd Dispersal and Complete Red Angus Dispersal. When the initial discussions regarding downsizing occurred, it was met with many mixed emotions. Not realizing what the future for us would hold, writing this welcome has taken on a different meaning.

In the spring, after weeks of various levels of conversations between Collin and myself, it was finally decided to disperse the complete Red Angus herd. Then, while sitting at the table one day, visiting with friends, Collin announces that we are dispersing our Red Herd and our Mature Black Cows, four years old and older. To say I was surprised was an understatement, as I was the one who initiated the idea of selling a few in the first place.

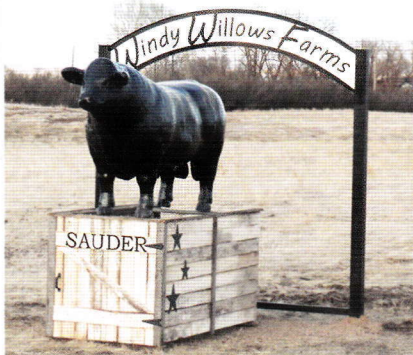
I knew it was one of the hardest decisions Collin ever had to make. He had a few health issues over the winter and I could tell once he accepted the idea, he decided that downsizing was going to be good for us, "time to slow down" he said. Thus, we trudged forward working with our management team to secure a date and location, finally arriving at Sunday, December 15 at Heartland Livestock Services in Swift Current. Knowing that it would be a bittersweet day, he also knew it would be heartwarming to know that Windy Willows genetics would be touching many other herds.

As usual Collin put lots of thought and consideration into our AI program. This past spring was no different. However, as he would AI each Red Female or Mature Black cow, he would smile and say "Well just AI'ed her for someone else!"

Collin took great pride in his cows and the way we live our lives. He was honoured and humbled to receive his 50-year Heritage Award in the Canadian Angus Association at Agribition last year, yet surprised that 50 years had gone by so quickly. So, we present to you 50 years of Windy Willows genetics, the heart and soul of our operation. To each purchase we wish you the same joy and love of the Angus Cow that Collin so willingly gave Hillary and I.

All the females have been fall vaccinated with Covexin 8 and Pyramid 5 and treated with Ivermectin. The heifer calves were vaccinated with Bovishield One Shot and Covexin 8. The Red heifer calves were weaned on October 10th, 2019. Pregnancy testing took place September 3rd, 13th, 16th and 25th. They will be retested just prior to the sale to confirm pregnancy.

Hillary and I look forward to continuing in the purebred cattle business with our younger Black Angus cows and heifer calves. We look forward to many more years doing what we love with our heart and soul into each animal the way Collin instilled in us both.



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Red Angus Dispersal & Black Angus Mature Cow Dispersal





*Friends, neighbors and family gathered at Windy Willows Farms on Monday, October 21 to finish our combining and baling. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support through this difficult time.*

*It has taken a team to get our family through the past month and we cannot express our deepest gratitude enough to each and everyone of you, whether you were on the combine, baler, grain carts, trucks, making meals or delivering food and drinks. THANK YOU!*



*Collin was known for his expertise in making eartags. His legacy will continue as Hillary has made all the lot tags for the sale cattle.*



*Silaging 2019*



*Weaning 2019*





# 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.*

