

Barry David Balls

August 11, 2025



Barry David Balls of Maryfield, Saskatchewan, beloved husband of Fran, loving father to Jennifer (Julie), Vincent (Melissa), and Trevor (Melissa), loving grandfather to Addison, Kyron, Sophia, and Ashley, and older brother to Marlene (Mel) and Kathleen (Dennis), died suddenly at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Moosomin, Saskatchewan Monday, August 11, 2025 at the age of 82 years. He is predeceased by his parents, Don & Maye Balls and his two brothers, Wayne and Dale.

Barry was a teacher for over two decades, who taught in Ottawa, Crossfield, Airdrie, and Fairview Hutterite Colony. He then returned to Maryfield to farm with his parents (Don & Maye Balls). He retired from farming in 2014. After retirement, he and Fran had many opportunities to travel and particularly enjoyed going on cruises with Fran's sister and her husband, Gail & Ken, and their friends Roger & Beth.

Barry was a quiet man with a dry sense of humour and a deep love of puns. He was deeply faithful and involved in the United Church at a local and regional level for many years. His love of the land, particularly the prairies, was evident throughout his life. He was a hard-working, loyal, and compassionate man who was intentional in his acceptance of all people. He loved travelling with Fran, particularly because he could learn about the cultures of the various countries they visited. He also resumed his hobby of woodworking, creating many different decorative pieces including bowls, ornaments, and centrepieces.

He was recently diagnosed with cancer in the bile duct and was awaiting next steps for a treatment plan. His death was sudden and unexpected. His family miss him deeply.

A Celebration of Life will be held from St. Andrew's United Church in Maryfield Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jackie Van't Voort officiating.

For those who so desire, memorial donations in memory of Barry Balls may be made to the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada:

- online <https://united-church.ca/donate>
- by phone Toll-free: 1-800-465-3771 or
- by cheque: PO Box 8746, Stn A, Toronto, ON M5W 3C2

Arrangements entrusted to Carscadden Funeral Chapel.