

*In loving Memory of*  
**Walter Shandro**



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**OCTOBER 20, 1931 - DECEMBER 11, 2023**

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**“But as for you, go on to the end. You will rest,  
but you will stand up for your lot at the end of  
the days.” - Daniel 12:13**

# EARLY LIFE

Wally was born on October 20, 1931 to hardworking Ukrainian parents, John and Helen, on a farm in the Shandro District near the town of Willingdon, Alberta, Canada where he learned an unrivaled work ethic and invaluable skills as a proud farm boy.

He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses at 12 years old on June 6, 1943 in a livestock tank. He had the thrilling privilege of seeing the truth expand in the early days in Canada and the opportunity to attend landmark conventions. Ever zealous, Wally spearheaded a spiritual legacy that continues to this day including helping several others to reach baptism.

During school vacations, Wally would auxiliary pioneer, accompanying the special pioneers who were staying with his family. After graduating from high school as Valedictorian in 1950, he became a regular pioneer. Wally then moved to Montreal, Quebec to answer the call for pioneers needed to work the French speaking territory. He served in the Turcotte Congregation in French Canada until October, 1953.

On November 7, 1953 Wally married Lucille Brandt in Burlington, Iowa, after which Lucille joined him in pioneering. Children followed soon after.



# WORK & HOBBIES

Throughout his lifetime, Wally was never afraid to forge new trails and face challenges. A few months after marrying, he and Lucille moved to Olds, Alberta, Canada. Wally farmed and worked part-time on an oil rig where, in 1956, he suffered a crippling injury to his right hand. This event ultimately sent him in a completely different direction after he negotiated “a deal” with the Workers Compensation Board to pay for his university education rather than putting him on long term disability which was their standard practice. He graduated as a lawyer in 1962 and after practicing law in Alberta for 23 years, Wally moved to California in 1988 where he became a real estate broker.

Wally never lost his love of farming and the outdoors which inspired him to enjoy gardening and bird watching. He and Lucille were well-admired in their neighborhood for their industrious hard work that produced such a beautiful yard that people would often stop to take pictures.

Wally enjoyed writing short stories and poetry. He loved a good yarn and would often entertain family and friends with poem recitations that left everyone in stitches. He enjoyed photography and would often stage the perfect shot. He loved good food and was an awesome chef, always heavy handed with garlic.





# Wally & Lucille Shandro

November 7, 1953- December 11, 2023



## Seventy Years of Marriage

Wally and Lucille. You rarely mentioned one without the other. Right from the start they applied Bible principles to make their marriage a success through life's ups and downs, working together as a team. They were truly the definition of "one flesh."- Genesis 2:24

They were fully immersed in a regular spiritual routine of meetings, service and study that never wavered through the decades. They were known for their hospitality and memorable pioneer dinners. At home, you would regularly find them enjoying each other's company by doing crossword puzzles together, reading the daily text at breakfast, doing the dishes, and going for daily car rides.

They also enjoyed traveling to many spectacular domestic and international destinations. During a trip to Morocco Wally was offered twenty camels for Lucille (he declined).

In later years, Wally, always a loving partner and caregiver, never liked to leave Lucille alone for long and would hurry home after elders' meetings to give her a hug and kiss.

Wally is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lucille; son Doug; son Tim (Patrice); daughter Kim (Lorry); and daughter Kerri (Jim). He is also survived by grandson Chris (Charisse); grandson Bryce (Nik) and great granddaughter Jessa. He was predeceased by his mother, Helen Shandro, age 76; father, John Shandro, age 89; sister, Mary Billey, age 90; sister, Pearl Zukiwsky, age 91; sister, Victoria Fedorak, age 93; and grandson, Michael Shandro, age 33.

Wally treasured his faith and it guided every aspect of his life. He enjoyed many theocratic assignments and privileges including serving as an elder for many decades. Along with his wisdom and exceptional leadership capabilities, he was known for being a loving and humble shepherd who took an interest in young ones to encourage them to make the truth their own and reach spiritual goals. Many have commented that Wally was an integral part of their spiritual growth.

Always inquisitive, Wally enjoyed learning new technologies (even texting) and keeping pace with the organization. Wally was especially grateful for Lucille's unwavering support as he gave himself in Jehovah's service. His sterling reputation in the congregation and community will always be remembered. - Ecclesiastes 7:1







Thank you all for your prayers, encouraging visits and words of support over the last several months.

We are confident that Jehovah God longs to reward His precious servant, Wally, for his nine decades of endurance and faithful service. Wally had firm faith in the hope of a resurrection to life on a paradise earth with no more tears, pain or death, where he will be reunited with his cherished wife, Lucille and his friends and family.

No doubt, he will certainly be eager to accept his new assignments!

- Job 14:14,15; Hebrews 6:10; John 5:28,29; Revelation 21:3,4



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