50th Wedding Anniversary



On March 10, 1990 the family of Peder and Ruth Tastad held a come and go tea at the Loreburn Senior Centre in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

The hall was decorated with balloon arrangements in peach and bronze. The wedding cake was made and decorated in matching colors by Doris Stamnes a family friend.

Leverne Baxter of Saskatoon was the capable MC for the afternoon. Featured in the program were vocal duets by Helen Njaa and Kathleen McGillivray, piano numbers by Karen Tastad, Peter McGillivray, Margaret McGillivray and Sarah Agrey, violin selections by Sarah Agrey and a flute number by Karen Tastad. Ruby Chrestensen and Sylvia Langager presented a humorous skit depicting Peder and Ruth's life together. Pastor Ken Wilsdon led in devotions and Axel Chrestensen brought greetings.

The bridesmaid of 50 years ago, Mrs. Dora Johanson of Sylvan Lake, Alberta (Ruth's sister) was one of the honored guests. Other friends and relatives came from Rocky Mountain House and Grande Prairie, Alberta; Newmarket, Ontario, Moose Jaw and Sasktatoon.

Peder and Ruth were married on March 1, 1940 in Red Deer, Alberta. They have farmed continuosly in Strongfield and Loreburn since then. Their children (all present at the 50th celebration) include Kathleen (Angus) McGillivray of Newmarket, Ontario; Richard (Leone) of Strongfield; Garth (Carol) of Saskatoon; and nine grandchildren; Peter and Margaret McGillivray; Tracie, Ryan, and Chad Tastad; Kristin, Karen, Kirk and Sarah Tastad.

Peder and Ruth attend Skudesnes Lutheran Church and have been active members. They also enjoy activities at the Loreburn Senior Centre and visiting with their many friends and relatives.

We celebrate their lives together with the works from Deuteronomy 8:2, "And thou shalt remember the ways which the Lord thy God has led thee."