

Leo Shirey Dawson

October 11, 1927 – January 31, 2025

Leo Dawson was a member of the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society whose lifelong commitment to education, community service, and learning left a lasting impact on the Grande Prairie region.

Born in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, and raised on the family farm near Rochfort Bridge, Leo pursued a career in education that took him throughout Alberta before he joined Grande Prairie Regional College in 1969, now Northwestern Polytechnic. He dedicated his professional life to teaching, educational leadership, and supporting students.

Leo and his wife, Martha, made Grande Prairie their home and became active members of the community. Over the years, Leo contributed to numerous organizations, including the Canadian Club, Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity, the Grande Prairie Marching Band, MAPA's band program, St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie Little Theatre, and the Alberta 55 Plus Senior Games. Following retirement, he remained active through farming and service on the Kleskun Lake Grazing Reserve Board.

Through his involvement with the Branch and the wider community, Leo demonstrated a lifelong interest in history, learning, and preserving connections between people and places. He will be remembered for his dedication to education, his service to others, and the many contributions he made throughout his life.

This matches the tone and structure of Carol, Fran, and Gail much better.