

IN MEMORY

Late APG Advisor Harold Haugen remembered for contributions to APG

Long-time Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) Advisor and former Director Harold Haugen is remembered for his friendly disposition and dedication to sharing information to grow the pulse industry.

“He put a lot of effort into going to field days and meetings,” said Gordon Tuck, Haugen’s friend of 30 years, and former fellow APG Zone 5 Advisor.

“When we went to events, he always visited. He spent a lot of time talking to people and having friends. We spent a lot of time together and we talked every week. I miss him big time.”

Haugen passed away November 4 at the age of 72 after a lengthy journey with cancer. The obituary that he wrote himself stated that he grew up on the family farm near Lougheed, which he helped operate throughout his life. He married Marilyn in 1981 and they had two children, Heather and Scott. Both children grew up to be involved with the farm, and Scott became an APG Zone 5 Advisor in November.

Beyond farming, Haugen was involved in a variety of endeavours including selling real estate, participating on farm boards, and he most recently served on the Board of Directors at UFA for almost a decade.

He was involved with APG for more than 25 years. He began as an advisor, and was an active participant within

Zone 5 for close to 10 years before he was elected as a commissioner (director).

Tuck said that Haugen worked tirelessly to share information about the benefits of growing pulses with other farmers.

Haugen served on the FarmTech Foundation committee and was an APG representative for Grain Growers of Canada for many years.

In a 2014 *Pulse Crop News* article, Haugen was quoted saying that “APG is just a great place to be.” He referenced the opportunity to attend conferences in Ottawa, Maryland and Beijing as highlights of his time with the APG board.

“In my many conversations with Harold, he like many farmers in the 1980s and ‘90s were drawn to the Alberta Pulse Growers for learning to grow pulses as a way to diversify their farm’s crop rotation away from growing Canadian Wheat Board controlled cereals,” noted Michael Bury, APG Director-at-Large (Non-Bean).

“Harold loved the idea of like-minded farmers working and learning together for the benefit of all growers, that is what the pulse commission has become! The hope of a large acreage cash crop like canola was always the dream - we will keep it going Harold!” 

