

Original Submission - Maruk

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Naming

Requested name: Maruk

Requested use of name: Street

Background Information (Reason for name request):

The Maruk Family has a long history of living in and supporting community in the north end of Saskatoon. The family story begins with my grandparents, George and Lottie Maruk. Supporting their neighbors, building community and doing for others, while not expecting anything in return, was a way of life. These are principles their son and my father, Cliff Maruk, lives by. As I travel in the north end of Saskatoon, I see many fellow neighbors that now have streets named after them (Gillies, Perreault, Adilman, Theissen and Silverwood). I would like to honor the memory of my grandparents, celebrate the contributions and beautiful history my family has contributed to Saskatoon. Having the Maruk name considered for street naming or park naming would be an honor and a legacy for our family and future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

My grandfather, George Maruk, was born in Dana, SK 1919. The son of Dora (Hryciuk) and Mikeal Maruk. The family of 10 moved to Saskatoon when George was a young boy of 7. George attended Princess Alex School. George married Lottie (Charlotte) Kusch in 1932. The Kusch's had a farm/homestead where the current Princess Auto stands on the Hudson Bay Slough. As a young married couple, they lived and worked on the Paul Neusch farm on Miller Avenue. They planted a tree when they got engaged that still stands on Miller Avenue. In 1964, George and Lottie purchased the Ralph Whitney farm on Miller Avenue and created Maruk's Green Grove Farm. They had two children, Cliff and Carole. Cliff (my dad) spent much time helping his dad farm the area from Home Depot (Circle Drive) to Boston Pizza (51st St) and McDonalds (Miller) to Ave A (Idylwyld today), plus most of Silverwood residential and golf course land. They were a strong community minded family and the door was always open for visitors and a meal if you needed. There were many summer garden parties with outdoor games and winter didn't disappoint with skating and snow-filled activities in the Maruk yard.

George was known to build a massive toboggan hill with snow he piled for neighbors of all ages to enjoy! As a young boy, Cliff attended Wilson school and the old North Park country school – and then when built, the new (current) North Park School. Cliff was always happy to help in the community. He recalls as a young teen driving the Massey 44 tractor with a grader and leveling the first ball diamond at Archibald Park. As a young adult welder he helped build the hockey shed at North Park school and welding the lights to large poles. The hockey shed still stands and was still in use recently! Cliff has fond memories of outdoor hockey time on the Hudson's Bay Slough (Princess Auto area) where you could shoot the puck for miles!

Lottie Maruk had attended Brownell School (71st St) and when daughter Carole was school aged, she did as well. They were both taught by Marion M Graham. When Cliff attended Tech, he has fond memories of Marion M Graham teaching him there. Lottie was instrumental in getting Marion M Graham School named after the former educator.

Cliff met his wife of 58 years, Sue, in 1960 at the Meads Drugstore (current 7th Ave Shoppers) ice cream counter. They started their family in Richmond Heights. Cliff followed in the footsteps of his parents and the strong community engagement that George and Lottie had exemplified. Cliff and Sue were involved in the Circle 8 Square Dancing club, the St Mark's Anglican Church, and have memories of fundraising efforts initiated by the Richmond Heights community to build the Archibald rink. Cliff played many sports, but ball and hockey were top of the list. He was able to share his love of, and skill for, hockey and spent many years coaching too.

As Cliff and Sue's family expanded, in 1976, they joined the senior Maruk's and built a house on an acreage adjacent to the land his parents owned on Millar Avenue. He started his own welding business and built a welding and manufacturing shop off Idylwyld Dr. In later years, Cliff and Sue moved into Lawson Heights where they built a new community and Cliff participated as a board member for many years. He has spent his entire life living within a few miles of where he grew up. He will happily point out landmarks and give you a history of who lived there and what events may have occurred.

Cliff is a kind, gentle spirited man who continues to do for others on a daily basis. He loves his neighborhood and has built his entire life within the north-end of Saskatoon. He is one of those people who makes the lives of others better. He brings joy, love, laughter and many memories to those around him. It would be an honor for the name "Maruk" to be considered for a street name or park in the north end of Saskatoon.

With sincere gratitude,
Leane King (Maruk)

Attachment:

Additional comments:

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? No