

Pechet, Legendary Edmonton Hotelier dies at 91

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EDMONTON — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of legendary Edmonton Hotelier Eugene Pechet, who passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at his home in Edmonton at the age of 91 years.

Eugene was a mild mannered gentleman who was known for his trustworthiness and integrity. A faithful friend he was well respected opening up the North Country with modern full service hotels. He was often referred to as the best in the business. A well known hotelier, he began his hotel career in 1944 with the purchase of his first hotel, the Auditorium in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Eugene Pechet also founded the Canadian Western Bank.

His flagship property was the Mayfield Inn, which he built in 1974 and it became the most popular hotel in Western Canada. Together with his son Howard he created world renowned Stage West Theatre Restaurants that have been in operation for the last 33 years. Eugene Pechet had a long standing tradition of excellence, integrity and commitment to people.

Actively involved in Hotels and Real Estate development for close to 60 years, Eugene Pechet had been the Major Shareholder and General Manager for over 25 hotels including the Yale Hotel, the Corona Hotel, the Highway Motor Inn and the Edmonton Inn, to name but a few. He was fully responsible for the development, finance, construction and acquisition of each property, and primarily most of the properties he built throughout the North Country.

Eugene was born in Lipton, Saskatchewan and moved to Edmonton in 1928. He will be remembered by his loving wife Pat, children Howard (Henriette) Pechet and Lynn (Michael) Bruser. He will be sadly missed by his sister Gwen (Arthur) Hiller, brother Maurice (Kitty) Pechet, his grandchildren Jason Pechet, David Pechet and Joshua Bruser, his stepchildren Nancy (Don) Paulgaard, Brenda (John) Masson and Fred (Karen) McMahan, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. Eugene was predeceased by wife Rose (Simkin) Pechet in 1982.

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Throughout his business career, Eugene Pechet helped hundreds of new immigrants establish themselves in Edmonton and was an ardent supporter of numerous charities.

A service celebrating his life will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Edmonton Chevra Kadisha Chapel at 12313 – 105 Avenue.

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