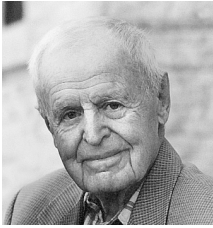


In Memoriam



Dr. David Friesen, 1911-2007

DAVID FRIESEN, Q.C. Peacefully, on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Victoria General Hospital, Dr. David Friesen passed away at the age of 95 after a long active life. David will be lovingly remembered by his dear wife of 64 years, Katherine Friesen, (nee Loewen), son Robert Friesen, daughter Ruth Hastings, their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David was born in the Ukraine November 16, 1911. He moved with his parents and siblings to Winnipeg in 1924. In 1926 the Friesen family moved to Carmen, Manitoba where David completed grade 8-11. He took Grade 12 at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute. He then worked his way up to become a manager of a grocery store chain on Osborne Street. In 1934, he returned to University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law, where he graduated with an LL.B degree. David was called to the Bar of Manitoba in 1941 and received Queen's Counsel in 1956. David was a strong believer in continuing education. He attended the University of Minnesota, and received his M.Sc, (Bus. Admin.) in 1963, his H.S.G. licentiate (Bus. Admin.) in 1968, Ph.D. (Economics and Bus. Admin.) in 1973. The last two degrees were taken in St. Gallen, Switzerland. He received an honorary LL.D from the University of Winnipeg. In 1951, David and Katherine founded Qualico Developments Canada Ltd., and were both very active in the business for many years, providing shelter for many thousands of people in western Canada. David was baptized in the First Mennonite Church and has been a lifetime member of the church. He was a member of the Christian Businessman's Committee.

David was also active in the founding of the Mennonite Benevolent Society, and was its president for many years. He and Katherine founded Autumn House Inc., a senior citizen home; Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary School, Menno Simons Christian School in Calgary,

Alberta and were the founders of the Chair of Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg. He was a founding member of the Crosstown Credit Union. He was past president of the Manitoba Home Builders Association, the president of the German Canadian Business and Professional Associations of Manitoba. David was a member of Winnipeg Planning Committee, Manitoba Bar Association, and the Canadian Bar Association.

Funeral Services were held at the First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, on April 19, 2007 with Rev. John R. Friesen officiating.

Readers of the *Journal of Mennonite Studies* will note Dr. Friesen's central role in founding the Chair in Mennonite Studies in 1978; not only did he provide a very generous initial endowment he retained an enduring interest in the Chair's academic program. With deep gratitude we acknowledge his vision for education, community spirit and his part in keeping the remarkable Mennonite story alive for new generations. Dr. Friesen's contribution was more fully recognized in the 2003 issue of the *Journal*.