

Bruce Murray Receives Provincial Honour

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This June, Bruce Murray, the former owner of Advocate Printing & Publishing, who passed away in 2004, is being recognized for his provincial contributions with an induction into Nova Scotia's Business Hall of Fame.



In a recent *Pictou Advocate* article about Murray's Hall of Fame induction, journalist Carol Dunn described his rise in Nova Scotia's business community, writing, "Bruce Murray was born in 1941 in Pictou and began working as a paperboy for *The Pictou Advocate* when he was six years old. At the time, his father, George C. Murray, owned the newspaper and his mother, Nonie, was a weekly columnist. He worked at many different jobs, including janitor, printer's devil, press operator, advertising manager and president."

After his father's death in 1962, Bruce Murray became a part owner of Advocate and began to steer the publishing company deeper into commercial printing. Today, the company is led by Bruce's son, Sean Murray, and employs close to 500 people in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Jill Murray, Director of Corporate Communications for Advocate, reflects on her father's achievements, in the *Pictou Advocate* article, saying, "My father touched many lives through his drive to build a small town print shop into an industry leader. He was often described as humble, quiet and determined with a passion for seeing those around him succeed. Whether you needed the benefit of his strong hands, his sharp mind or warm heart, he was there. He was a man of action and clear vision."

This year's induction dinner for the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame is being held on June 10 at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax. Since 1993, the Hall of Fame event has raised nearly \$1.75 million for Junior Achievement in Nova Scotia.

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