

Bruce F Murray

NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS LEADER Bruce F Murray - Passes Away Suddenly March 22, 1941 - March 30, 2004 Murray, Bruce Francis - 63 Pictou, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 30. He was a man of vision, and an entrepreneur with immense pride for his family and his extended family. Born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late George and Nonie (Wallace) Murray. An active leader in the business community, he was an adviser and confidant to many. Starting at the age of six working for his father, printing and publishing was in this blood, he worked his way through Advocate Printing and Publishing Company Limited until the proud day when he brought the company back into family ownership. Often shying from the limelight, he successfully led Advocate with a philosophy of service and fairness and an unstoppable drive for perfection, to become one of Canada's largest and most respected print communication companies. A people person, he had great love and respect for those around him. His sharp wit and sarcasm immediately broke the ice and endeared him to those he met. He was equally comfortable in corporate boardrooms or working along his Advocate family on the plant floor. He was a true community leader quietly involving himself in community projects. He had a great pride for his family, you would catch him bragging about their various accomplishments and abilities as long as they weren't in earshot. A quiet champion, always there for support, but not wanting to get in the way. When not at work he was happiest at his beloved Lowden's beach home. He loved to be surrounded by family, preparing too much food on the barbeque; sharing a quiet moment with Shirley in the canoe, or sitting back and holding court with one foot up on the deck. A man of many talents, he could fix anything. He loved to work with his hands, whether he was working on his yard, wood-working or doing construction work for others. He was never happier than when he was helping, taking care of people and offering advice. If there was a crisis, he would make everything right. He loved to look out for people, especially family and could sense whenever there was anything wrong. His involvement in the community was extensive. He was proud to offer his leadership and resources. He was honoured by the Canadian Community Newspaper Association (Silver Quill Award, prestigious Life Time Membership Award, former director); Atlantic Community Newspaper Association (Past President); Pictou County Chamber of Commerce (Business Person of The Year, Business of the Year), International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors (current director); Pictou Academy Education Foundation Board of Directors; his past involvement was lengthy including recreation, education, health and religion and community economic development. He was predeceased by his parents George and Nonie (Wallace) Murray. Bruce is survived by his wife and the love of his life Shirley (MacKay); sons, Jock (Maria), Halifax; Chris (Cherie), New York; Sean (Crystal), Pictou; daughter Jill (Jon David) Stanfield, Bible Hill; chosen daughter, Jeanne (MacKay) Cruikshank; grandchildren, Sampson, Tineke, Megan, Benjamin, Mac, Georgia and Whitney; Granddogs Husker and Potter. He is also survived by brothers, Wallace (Marie), Vancouver; Dr. T.J. (Jock) (Janet) Murray, Halifax; Ross, Halifax; Ian, Toronto; Dr. Scott (Trish) Murray, Halifax; sisters, Margot (Ron) Walberg, Thunder Bay; Janet (John) Henley, Toronto, Maida (Sandy)Murray, Halifax; and Wendy Murray, Halifax.

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