

Norman Newman

Norman H. Newman 1928-1993

Norman Newman was an entrepreneur with exceptional business skills. He took over an existing family business, Capitol Stores Limited, improved its operations and added new stores. The company reached thirty percent market share of the Halifax/Dartmouth grocery business before Mr. Newman sold the business. In addition, Norm established other companies with food or consumer staples emphasis – Valu-Fair Health and Beauty Aids, Steak & Stein Restaurants and Inglewood Realities, which developed shopping centres that housed his stores and other retail outlets.

Norman served as President of Independent Wholesale Grocers Limited, a nationwide buying group, and chaired the Bank of Montreal Atlantic Provinces Business Advisory Panel. He was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in 1995.

In the community, Norman Newman exhibited the same energy and judgment as in his own business enterprises. He served as President of Symphony Nova Scotia and established an endowment to enable the Symphony to bring outstanding soloists to Halifax each year. He served as President of his synagogue and as a board member at Dalhousie University and the United Way. Norman and his wife, Barbara, established a fund at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia to encourage Nova Scotia children to participate in the visual arts.

Norman Newman was also a dedicated husband and father of four daughters. He demonstrated to his family, friends and people he encountered in business and the community principles of integrity, honesty and respect for others.

Fitness was part of his daily life. He enjoyed running, skiing and, most of all, sailing. He studied navigation (including celestial), prepared his boat meticulously for the water, sailed the Atlantic coast and made two trans-Atlantic sailing voyages.

Norman Newman's disciplined approach, his energy and his judgment resulted in his business success and motivated him to participate and contribute to his community. The Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship is a fitting tribute to a great Nova Scotian entrepreneur.

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