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OWEN, Peter Martin Q.C.

It is with great sorrow that the family of Peter Martin Owen Q.C. announces his passing on May 15, 2006 at the age of 81 years.



Peter was born in Munich, Germany, in 1924, and received his early education in Europe. He and his family were able to escape the Holocaust when they fled Nazi Germany in 1938. Peter was given shelter by Mr. Harry Friedman when he came to Canada as a boy, not speaking English at the age 14. He attained a Bachelor of Arts by age 18, joined the Army, and then graduated from law in 1948. Peter married Violet Rose in 1953, practised in many fields of law and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1965. He was devoted to his profession, and held many posts including President of the Edmonton Bar Association, founding member of the Criminal Legal Aid Project, and was the first Executive Director of the Legal Education Society of Alberta. Peter was also devoted to his community, and worked tirelessly on many favourite community projects as Board member and President of the Edmonton Art Gallery, Vice Chair of the Alberta Racing Commission, trustee of the Beth Shalom Synagogue, member of the Board of the Edmonton Symphony, member of the Board of the Volunteer Centre of Edmonton, member of the Board of the Premier's Advisory Committee on the Constitution, and President of Beit Horim. He became the Chair of the Board of the University of Alberta Hospital in 1978 and, in that capacity, led efforts to plan and build the Walter C. McKenzie Health Sciences Centre. Peter was first and foremost a beloved husband to Violet, and loving father to Tom (Lynne), Dan (Jacqueline), Susan (Leon) and Mia (John). His family remembers Peter as a father whose greatest joy was spending time with his wife, children and eight grandchildren. His life experience, many contributions, and unending support and love helped to mould and guide the paths his family have taken. He was our compass.

Funeral Services will be held at the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, 7622 - 101 Avenue at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jewish Archives and Historical Society 7200 - 156 Street. 089008

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This is to inform you of the funeral of Peter Martin Owen, of Blessed Memory to be held Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, 7622 - 101 Avenue. 089807

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