



## In Memoriam

HYNDMAN, Louis Davies (1935 - 2013) Age: 78

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HYNDMAN, Louis Davies, O. C., Q. C., LLB (Hon) With deep sorrow, the family announces Lou's passing on Sunday, November 24, 2013. Born on July 1, 1935 in Edmonton, he is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Maclennan); children, Jennifer (Alison), Bruce (Alexis) and Peter (Pamela); and his cherished granddaughter, Madeline Ruth Hyndman Mountz. Lou attended the University of Alberta, where he became a fourth generation lawyer and a budding politician as President of the U of A Student council in 1958/59 during his final year of law. His time at the U of A foreshadowed a political

career that would commence in 1967 at age 32. Running alongside an underdog slate of new faces under the banner of Progressive Conservatives, Lou's chances were slim as he contested a Social Credit incumbent and a government that had been in place for more than two decades. The Socred government did renew its mandate, but six keen new faces, under the leadership of Peter Lougheed appeared in the opposition, Lou among them. In 1971, the PCs won a majority and he became Minister of Education and House Leader. Subsequently, he served as Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs and Provincial Treasurer, retiring from the political field in 1986. He returned to the office of Field Law and assumed directorships of a number of companies. His keen interest in public policy led to his appointments as Chair of the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans (1987- 1989) and as Chair of the Canadian Royal Commission on National Passenger Transportation in the 21st Century (1989-1992). At the municipal level, he Chaired the Alberta Capital Region Governance Review from 1998-2000, exploring ways in which Edmonton and its surrounding region could collaborate and coordinate vision, services and future planning. The University of Alberta was always close to his heart and he was honored to be elected to serve as its Chancellor from 1994-1998. In short, Lou devoted much of his career to public and community service and was committed to making a difference in hopes of making the world a better place. Lou was devoted to his family and we will miss his gentle manner, his wisdom and his wonderful sense of humour. We remember him with great love and respect. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Myer Horowitz Theatre in the Student Union's Bldg. at the University of Alberta, 8900-114 St., Edmonton T6G 2J7. Flowers are gratefully declined but if individuals so desire, donations to a bursary for students in financial need would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to: Chancellor Emeritus Lou Hyndman Service Bursary c/o Rachel de Leon, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding Financial Aid Office, 1-80 SUB, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2J7.

The University of Alberta has lost an alumnus, a chancellor emeritus and a stalwart supporter. Louis Davies Hyndman, QC, OC, '56 BA, '59 LLB, '00 LLD(Honorary), died November 24, 2013, at the age of 78.

Hyndman, born in Edmonton July 1, 1935, is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Jennifer and sons Bruce and Peter, all of whom are graduates of the U of A. His lifetime of achievements include serving for four years as the university's chancellor.

"I am deeply saddened by Lou's passing," said U of A President Indira Samarasekera. "Over the decades, he was a visionary advocate for education and post-secondary education in Alberta, and helped lay the foundation for the prosperity that we enjoy today. Lou and Mary were very good friends of the university, and we will miss him dearly."

A member of the University Naval Training Division, Students' Union president and member of the Zeta Psi fraternity during his time on campus, Hyndman followed his father (who graduated from the U of A's law school in 1929) and grandfather into the practice of law until embarking on a political career that would span nearly 20 years.

### **Public life**

Hyndman served five terms as the MLA for Edmonton West (and later Edmonton Glenora), and was named minister of education and minister of intergovernmental affairs. He was appointed house leader in 1971, a position he would hold until 1979. Hyndman served as provincial treasurer from 1979 until retiring from politics in 1986.

He returned to his law practice and served on a number of boards of directors, including Canada Trust and TransAlta Corporation. He chaired a number of provincial and federal commissions, notably the Canadian Safety and Accident Review Board Commission and the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans.

He was named as Queen's Counsel in 1975 and appointed an officer of the Order of Canada in 1993.

### **Return to the University of Alberta**

Hyndman was installed as the 15th chancellor of the University of Alberta in June 1994. During his tenure, he strove to build the institution's reputation on a local, national and international scale.

Hyndman was also instrumental in establishing the chancellor's and president's scholarships at the institution.

As he prepared to step down as chancellor in 1998, Hyndman touted his alma mater as "the single most important reason for any success I might have had."

### **Philanthropy and community service**

Throughout his life, Hyndman devoted his time and energies to a number of charitable and community and public organizations. He was a director of the both the C.D. Howe Institute and the Asia Pacific Foundation. His charitable works included serving on the board of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation, and with the Alberta Association of Children and Adults With Learning Disabilities and Goodwill Rehabilitation Institute of Alberta. Hyndman served as honorary captain of 4 Destroyer Squadron of the Royal Canadian Navy from 1993 to 1996; he remained a member of the Visiting Committee for the Faculty of Arts from 1994 until his passing.

Hyndman's legacy of leadership and service lives on in the Lou Hyndman Edmonton Glenora Award, valued at \$20,000 over two years. The award was established in 1986 to recognize students who have shown leadership through involvement in university or community organizations, sports activities, and cultural or political activities.

### **Recognition of a life of service**

In recognition of his years of leadership as a politician and in the U of A community, Hyndman received an honorary doctor of laws degree during the spring convocation in June 2000. During his address, he urged graduates to embrace lifelong learning and accept the expanding and changing dynamics of their careers—including influences from the social and physical sciences, humanities and performing arts.

"The university taught you how to learn, how to educate yourself—perhaps its greatest gift," said Hyndman. "To handle these inevitable career variations you will use the skills learned here of synthesizing, objectively researching and knowing the right questions to ask.

"Welcome these career changes. Invite them. They ensure a constant lifetime of renewal that is as energizing as it is fun."

### **Bursary pays tribute to a U of A champion**

Lou Hyndman was deeply committed to helping students and continued to champion their success beyond his tenure as chancellor. As a tribute to his impact on the university, in 1999 the University of Alberta Senate endowed the Chancellor-Emeritus Lou Hyndman Service Bursary. This award

recognizes a graduate student who has contributed to improving the quality of life on campus through exemplary service in student government, student organizations, student services, community service or volunteer activities. Since 2000, 23 bursaries totalling \$11,500 have been granted. Hyndman was extremely proud of this bursary, and both he and Mrs. Hyndman always enjoyed learning about the students who received the award. The Hyndman family has requested that donations in his memory be made to the Chancellor-Emeritus Lou Hyndman Service Bursary.

- See more at: <http://news.ualberta.ca/newsarticles/2013/november/university-community-mourns-loss-of-lou-hyndman#sthash.JF4Gg2J9.dpuf>

**Below are the items listed in his UNTDA VIP profile;**

Government House Leader - Alberta Legislative Assembly

Minister of Education - Alberta

Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs - Alberta

Provincial Treasurer (Finance Minister) - Alberta

Member Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Edmonton West -> Edmonton-Glenora

Chairman - Canadian Safety and Accident Board Review Commission

Chairman - Royal Commission on a National Passenger System for Canada in the 21st Century

Chairman - Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans

Honorary Captain (Navy) - 4th Destroyer Squadron - Canadian Navy

Chancellor - University of Alberta

Order of Canada - Officer

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