



## MURRAY & MARGARET DRYDEN

1911 – 2004

1907 – 1985

David Murray Dryden was the eldest of eight children raised on a farm in Manitoba. His lifelong love of sports was evident early as he took to skating on the ice-covered pastures of his family's farm on rusty blades clamped to his boots.

By 1948, Murray Dryden had moved to Etobicoke with his wife Margaret and their three children Dave, Ken, and Judy. While active in both the church and the

community, Murray also felt strongly about the importance of sports in child development, which he demonstrated through his sponsorship and coaching of hockey and baseball teams. Both sons, Ken and Dave, went on to successful goaltending careers in the National Hockey League. Murray Dryden wrote a weekly baseball column for the Etobicoke Guardian newspaper, along with several books including *Playing the Shots at Both Ends*.

In 1970, Murray and Margaret personally donated three thousand dollars to found an organization to help children in need. This unique non-governmental organization was called Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW). The Drydens' dream was to distribute bed kits to one million children around the world who lacked a clean and comfortable place to sleep. Although the Drydens did not live to see it, their goal has been realized and surpassed. The charity continues its work and has donated well over one million bed kits over its forty-five year history.

Although Margaret passed away in 1985, both Margaret and Murray were inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1986 and are the only couple to be recognized jointly. Murray continued to work on behalf of his beloved organization for many years. In 1991, Murray was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

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