



*In Memory of* **Ernest C BOYCHUK**  
**March 29, 1934 - March 11, 2011**

**Visitation/Services**

**Obituary**

Ernest Carl Boychuk

It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Ernie on Friday, March 11, 2011 at St. Paul's Hospital. He is survived by his sister Lillian Weloski and by his five children; sons Chris (Meghan), Daryl (Danielle), Philip, Terry, and daughter Marianne (Dwayne) and his three grandchildren Aimee, Jory and Luke. He will also be greatly missed by his dear cousins Erna Kost (Wally) and Gerry Seniuk (Jerri). He was predeceased by his parents John and Anna Boychuk (nee Hlibchuk) and siblings Michael and Maria.

Dad was born in Saskatoon on March 29, 1934. He attended Westmount School, Bedford Road Collegiate and then earned his Bachelor of Arts and Law Degrees from the University of Saskatchewan. He had an early love for the sea and this led him to join Sea Cadets, where in 1951 he was chosen to attend an Empire Training Camp in England. There he received the Best Class Leader of the Empire Award and enjoyed tea with HRH the Queen at Buckingham Palace and was invited to return the following year for the Queen's coronation. The navy awarded him the National Defence telescope as the best Senior UNTD cadet and at 29 years of age, he became Commander of the HMCS Unicorn, the youngest Commanding Officer in Canada at the time. His skill and leadership was rewarded with the Silver Destroyer Award for best Reserve Division in Canada.

He began his remarkable and varied career as a lawyer in Saskatoon with the law firm of Rees, Smigelski and Shmeiser and eventually entered public service with the City of Saskatoon's legal department. He was appointed as a Magistrate and later as a Provincial Court Judge. He was Saskatchewan's first Ombudsman and first Chief Judge of the Provincial Court. He was Chairman of the Wage and Price Commission and the Public Utilities Review Commission where he remained until his retirement. During his retirement he served as a part-time judge of the Provincial Court.

Dad was proud of his Ukrainian heritage. He was a lifetime member of St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and served as president of both the Regina and Saskatoon Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Clubs. In November 2010, Dad proudly received the Ukrainian Canadian Congress "Nation Builders Award."

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral 214 Ave. M south Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. with Very Rev. Father Janko Kolosnjaji the Celebrant. Interment will following at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation or St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.

Condolences may be offered to the family through [acdiamckaguesfuneralcentre.com](http://acdiamckaguesfuneralcentre.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to David Grambo of Acadia-McKague's Funeral Centre. 955-1600