

==Contact Information==

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==Naming==

Requested name: Henry Valentine or simply Valentine

Requested use of name: Street

Background Information (Reason for name request):

Henry (Harry) Valentine has been a dedicated soccer coach in Saskatoon since 1974, fostering growth in the sport and focusing on sportsmanship and love of the game. He coached several Provincial champion teams from the youth levels, with the Hugh Cairns royals, up to Saskatchewan Shield winners Saskatoon United.

As well, he was a dedicated and well respected Boiler and Pressure Vessel inspector for the Province of Saskatchewan until his retirement in 1997.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

Henry Arthur James Valentine (Harry) was born in the Village of Knock, Banffshire, Scotland on January 24th, 1932, the youngest of three children. The family moved to Glasgow before the onset of WWII, and shortly thereafter his father passed away due to complications stemming from injuries sustained in WWI. When war broke out and the major cities were being bombed, he was evacuated to the rural Deanston area as were a great many children to protect them from harm. Returning home when it was safe, he attended school and later entered into apprenticeship with Barclay Curl shipbuilders as a heavy fitter building ocean-going ships on the banks of the Clyde River. Once his apprenticeship was complete he entered service as an Engineer in the Scottish Merchant Marine, traveling the world. During a shore leave at home, he met Marion Robertson at a dance hall. The two fell in love and were married.

Realizing that the life of a seaman would mean lengthy voyages away from each other, Harry and Marion decided to emigrate to Canada. They traveled by ship with their boxer dog Shiela. They landed in Montreal and made their way to Fort Frances, Ontario where his sister Elma lived with her husband Ross Webb, who had been a Lancaster bomber crew member during WWII. The couple eventually made their way to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Harry used his engineering knowledge for employment, and also furthered his education, attaining a First Class Power Engineering designation. He secured employment as a Boiler Inspector for Royal Insurance.

During this time the couple also started a family, having son Ken in 1965, followed by another son, Ian, in 1966.

In 1973, Royal Insurance was looking to place inspectors in both Saskatoon and Edmonton. Harry weighed the options and chose Saskatoon, moving the family to a home on Cumberland Ave S in 1974. The boys attended Hugh Cairns VC elementary school. Seeing that there was no soccer program for the area, Harry organized a team, bought uniforms with a little money from his employer, and the Saskatoon Royals were born. The team consisted mostly of Hugh Cairns boys, but recruited from outside the area as needed. Under his guidance and coaching, the team did well, winning the U-14 boys Provincial title in 1978. The same team continued on to repeated success in the ensuing years.

Harry also was invited to coach Saskatoon United in the 80s, and saw success there as well with a Saskatchewan Shield victory.

In his working life, Harry transitioned from insurance company to the Government of Saskatchewan, where he served as a Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspector. Power Engineers to this day remember his kindness and knowledge when thinking back to times they encountered him in their workplaces, and how his demeanor made dealing with either stressful exams, which he was tasked with invigilating and marking, or annual inspections, easier for all involved while still protecting the safety of people and equipment.

Today, Harry still resides in that home on Cumberland Ave.

Attachment:

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Additional comments:

I think naming a street for my father would be a fitting tribute to his contributions to Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. There are a great many people in Saskatoon who would, upon seeing a Valentine Ave, or Cres, be reminded of their own fond memories of this humble and dedicated man.

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? No

Harry's volunteerism as both a soccer and hockey coach (mainly soccer), brought credit to Saskatoon and Saskatchewan through the teams he mentored that won City and Provincial championships. He helped raise the profile of Saskatchewan soccer during his years of service, and moreover coached with an exceptional dedication to sportsmanship and fair play.

In coaching both youth and adult Provincial champion soccer clubs, Harry dedicated many of his hours away from work to achieving the goals of those organizations with only the gratitude and respect of players, parents, and fellow coaches and organizers as his only form of payment.

Harry always championed fair play and sportsmanship, and was always willing to assist players in achieving their goals, even if they didn't always have the required funds or needed help to be able to play. In his work life, as a Boiler Inspector for the Province of Saskatchewan, Harry was responsible (among other duties) for invigilating exams written by Power Engineering students. He was always happy to answer questions, and to look for ways to assist those that may have been struggling for any reason, be it language, comprehension, or anything he could do without compromising the intent of the

examinations. He was also always flexible and informative in the field as an inspector, giving confidence to many plant engineers who asked for his assistance with troubling problems. His name is still remembered in the field to this day.

As a winning coach, Harry was always exceptionally humble, never bragging or taking credit where it wasn't due, but instead raising up the players as the heroes of the endeavor. As an Inspector, many of the people he dealt with over his career with the Province would tell you of his professionalism in the field. He was a reliable source of information, assistance, and encouragement, and a great many Power Engineers in Saskatchewan can likely credit some of their success to help or advice from my father. Moreover, he loves Saskatoon, and has since we moved here in 1974. He has told me many times how much he has been glad over the years that he and my mother chose this city over his other option of Edmonton. Coming from Scotland with nothing, they chose Canada, and eventually Saskatoon, as their new home and the place upon which they would build upon their dreams of family and career. I know that neither of my parents ever regretted that decision.

My father does not know I have made this application on his behalf. He would likely be a bit embarrassed if he knew... that's the kind of man he is. You would never know it to meet him, but he has touched hundreds of lives in a positive and encouraging way through the years. Many of the boys he coached also went on to be successful coaches in their own rights, following his examples of fair play and sportsmanship. I hope this reply to my original enquiry means that his name is under consideration. He is 88 years old now, and if his name is chosen I know he'd be shocked and humbled to receive such an honor. I hope this additional information is along the lines of what you're looking for. You may call me at [REDACTED] if there's anything else you'd like to know. If I can provide it, I will.



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Valentine

Provincial soccer champions

Hugh Cairns Royals captured the under-14 provincial soccer championship during the weekend, defeating long-time champion Prince Albert Mustangs. Members of the team are Greg Porter, Brian Skopyk, Ian Valentine, Jeff Lancaster, Ken Valentine, Mel Blackaby, Steve Ardell, Tim Nedila, Chris Billinton, Dean Newton, Byron Tokarchuk, Braden Mertz, Lyle Bock, Todd Janzen, David Heppenstall and coaches Harry Valentine and Eldon Tilk. The team will represent Saskatchewan at the Western Canada playoffs Oct. 5-6 in Calgary.



Tilk



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