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==Naming==

Requested name: Bud Besse
Requested use of name: Any
Background Information (Reason for name request):

Hello

I am very proud to nominate my Dad, Bud Besse, for consideration towards the Naming Saskatoon Master List. I believe his life long contribution to Saskatoon through personal, professional and community engagement activities deserves recognition. He has volunteered significant time and effort to support community service in the City of Saskatoon and demonstrated excellent in his dedication to service.

Outstanding leadership coupled with hard work, determination and passion made Saskatoon a great city. Saskatoon has recognized these same qualities in Bud since he received his first Citizenship Award in 1948-1949 playing Kinsmen Pee Wee Hockey. The accolades continued throughout his adult life with Kinsmen of the Year; Kinsman Sportsman of the Year; Saskatoon Century Award for good citizenship and outstanding community service; and induction into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame - to name a few.

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest said "People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things."

A life well lived is an extraordinary thing. Bud climbed every mountain and reached the summit in every endeavour. He built a life with his wife Shirley spanning 70 years. Four generations of the Besse family currently live, love and thrive in Saskatoon. Allied Denture Clinic, the business he helped build, continues to prosper and serve Saskatoon. Generations of Saskatoon children and adults benefitted from his selfless service to sports and his community involvement. His accomplishments, outlined in the attached pages, continue to make a lasting contribution to the rich tapestry that is the community of Saskatoon.

Bud is a soft spoken, thoughtful man who engages with wisdom, respect and kindness. A lifelong learner and community conscious individual, Bud continues to read the paper, watch the local news and remains committed to the betterment of Saskatoon. Age, declining health and the pandemic have reduced his engagement activities but he continues to encourage and support his family and friends as well as mentor those seeking to learn from him. It's a family joke that you can never go anywhere with Dad without running into someone who knows him. And he always makes time for a handshake, a kind word and a smile.

Bud Besse is one of Saskatoon's greatest ambassadors. I believe his achievements have earned him a place in Saskatoon's future by naming a street, park or civic property after him.

Thank you.

Born HARRY LEROY BESSE... But the world knows him as BUD BESSE

Early life:

Born in Biggar Sask on [REDACTED] to Bert & Helen Besse, he is [REDACTED] years old. His family lived at Wilson Lake and moved to Saskatoon in 1943. The 4th of 6 kids, he attended Thornton School, Buena Vista School (during the war) and Saskatoon Technical Institution (briefly). He still has his childhood stamp collection.

On a particularly cold day in the winter of 2020, Bud reminisced about winter as a child in Saskatchewan. Before the family *moved* to the big city, he lived in a partially sod house. The floors were linoleum on dirt. He remembers his Dad going north around Sonningdale to cut wood to heat the house.

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me mornings the kids would wake up to find others, strangers, who lived further south sleeping on the floor with their sleds outside loaded with wood as they made their way home.

Learned at young age that survival depends on community working together.

Family life:

Married Shirley Milton in [REDACTED] when they were [REDACTED] years old. Raised four children and celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in June 2021. They still live in the home they bought in 1969. Contributed to the population growth of Saskatoon with 4 kids + 7 grandkids + 6 great grands (so far), plus partners and a large extended family. With Shirley's love and support, Bud was able to pursue his professional and community goals. He is the epitome of a good human, one we all try to emulate, asking ourselves always "What would Dad do?"

He dressed up as Gandalf from Lord of the Rings for Halloween 2021. Although he's never seen the movie, he slammed down his cane and said "you shall not pass" with great authority. Kids, grandkids & great grands loved it.

Growing family values continues to be a lifelong endeavour.

Small business owner:

50 years as a Saskatoon business man. in 1950, at the age of ■■■, he started work at Saskatoon Dental Lab; became a dental technician and opened Hub City Dental Lab. He went on to become a denturist & a partner in Allied Denture Clinic along with younger brother Larry Besse and two other partners. While he retired in 2000, the business he helped build continues to thrive and serve citizens of Saskatoon and area ***One career spanning 50 years. Started his work life with limited education and went on to become a self made Saskatoon business man, bringing jobs and financial benefits to Saskatoon.***

Sports:

Like all sports minded youngsters of his era, he was an avid softball and hockey player. His ties with these two sports have followed him throughout his adult life and he added curling and golf along the way.

Citizenship Award - 1948-1949 - Kinsmen Pee Wee Hockey League.

Involved in hockey from 1955-1985. A referee at all levels of hockey in Saskatchewan for many years; a member of the Saskatchewan Amateur Hockey Association (SAHA) Executive for a number of years including Referee In Chief and Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association (SMHA) coach and administrator. 200 friends and hockey acquaintances honoured him at a dinner when he stepped down from his many years of leadership with the SMHA on June 22, 1985.

Involved in softball for 30 years as a player, umpire and coach. As the coach, his team, the Star Phoenix Fastball Team, won the 1965 Commercial C Championship, 1966 Commercial B Championship and the 1970 Provincial Championship.

Curled in the Sutherland Curling Rink Seniors League for

several years. Long time member of the Saskatoon Golf &

Country Club.

100 Saskatoon Citizens - November 30, 1982 - Honoured by the City of Saskatoon, Century Saskatoon (1882-1982) and the Sports Committee for demonstrating good citizenship and outstanding service in the Community.

Now into his 80's, Bud has continued to be involved as a spectator/supporter of all levels of ball, hockey, ball hockey, soccer, golf, dance and music recitals with friends, kids, grandkids & great-grandkids. A big fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football

team and the Montreal Canadians Hockey team as well as live horse racing from around the world on his computer!

Strengthened & supported Saskatoon through his community participation.

Community Activities:

Charter Member of the Pow City Kinsmen

Club. Kinsmen of the Year 1974.

Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year 1985.

Charter member of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Inducted as a Builder - Class of 1986.

Honoured by the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association at a dinner at Prairieland Exhibition as a long time supporter of thoroughbred horse racing in the Saskatchewan. Past owner of a number of thoroughbreds.

While honoured & humbled by recognition, he is a true believer that your involvement in your community brings its own reward.

Bud Besse - A life well lived and a man well loved.