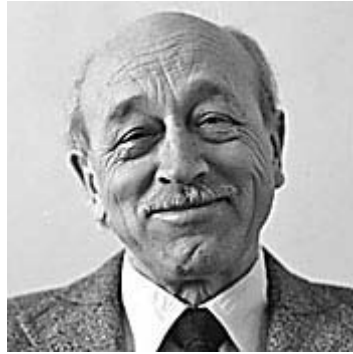


EMIL JOSEPH HRENCHUK



EMIL JOSEPH HRENCHUK With sorrow, the Hrenchuk family announces the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Emil on May 4, 2009 at the age of 92 at home after a brief bout with cancer. Emil was born in Winnipeg on September 6, 1916 to Stefan Hrenchuk and Rosalia Senker. He graduated from St. John's High School, and later served with the RCAF 547 Squadron (Coastal Command) during the Second World War. After the war, he attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Education in 1948. In Toronto he met and won the heart of his beloved, Laura Johnston, with his corny jokes. They were married on December 26, 1949 in Winnipeg and had two children, Charlotte and Carl. Emil taught high school but soon joined the fledgling School of Physical Education at the University of Manitoba. This spurred him to complete an M.A. in 1953 at the University of Minnesota while juggling a teaching load and a young family. He loved teaching. Affectionately named The Cat by his students in the 70s, it was clear they appreciated him, too. Emil enjoyed university life for 35 years, coaching volleyball, serving on the University Senate, and interacting with students from across campus as Intramural Director. He was a founding member of CAPHER and contributed to the development of the School of Physical Education into a full faculty. Emil retired in 1981 and was honoured in 1982 with the title of Professor Emeritus and a long service award. Emil loved life. He enjoyed laughter, the arts, sports and nature. He was an optimist who adapted to life's curves with equanimity and grace. As a young man, his passion was acrobatics and gymnastics with his lifelong friends, the Gauchos, at the Universal Athletic Club and at Grand Beach. He passed on his passion for sports and living to his students. He was devoted to his wife and children and was a warm and compassionate husband and father. He was an active member of St. Vital Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Christian Family Movement. After retirement, he developed a curriculum for teaching Manitoba seniors physical fitness and traveled the province training leaders. He and Laura volunteered at the Fort Whyte Centre and were members of the Manitoba Naturalists Society. He loved to travel and explored Canada as well as many countries and cultures in Europe with Laura in their Volkswagen camper. His deep faith, pragmatism and unique sense of humour carried him through life's challenges. Emil was a good and honourable man, a gentle man whose family came first throughout his life. Family and friends will miss his intelligence, warmth, caring, cheerfulness and smiling eyes. Emil was predeceased by his parents, Stefan and Rosalia, and his sisters, Victoria and Louise. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Laura, his sisters, Carol Maxom (Joseph) and Elsie Trager (John), children, Charlotte (Rene Rivard) and Carl (Christine Johnston) and grandchildren, Anna, Odette, George, Lee, Claire and Andrea, his nieces and

nephews and their families. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Lindenwood Manor in the Heritage Room, 475 Lindenwood Drive East (use the Heritage Entrance). In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice or Right to Play, an international organization promoting sport as a tool for development and peace. NEIL BARDAL INC. 204-949-2200 nbardal.mb.ca