

Brown, Arnold

Former city man, Salvation Army leader dies at 88

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A former Belleville man who served as world leader of the Salvation Army has died.

General Arnold Brown, 88, "was promoted to Glory from a hospital in Toronto" June 26, according to the Salvation Army.

Brown, who served in many capacities, was world-wide leader of the Corps from 1977-81.

The Brown family emigrated to Canada from England when Arnold was a youngster. He was educated in Belleville and was a member of the Belleville Corps when he became an officer in 1935.

In 1939, Capt. Brown married Lt. Jean Barclay and they subsequently gave 42 years of joint service before retiring from active leadership.

The general was a pioneer in public relations for the Corps and is given credit as the man behind The Living Word television series.

Officials said Brown was as much at home with kings and presidents as he was in the company of Salvationists from the humblest of backgrounds, and was received equally warmly by all.

Funeral services were held in Toronto where his wife still resides.

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