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Ed McKinney loses battle with leukemia at 73

Well-known Belleville realtor dies

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An elder statesman of the city's realty community has died after battling leukemia.

Ed McKinney, owner of the former J.E. McKinney Realty Ltd. for more than two decades, died Wednesday at Belleville hospital.

He was 73.

Mr. McKinney was a well-known personality in the downtown where he first began his real estate business at 194 Front St. in 1964 after relocating with Bell Canada to Belleville a couple of years earlier.

He later developed a reputation as a developer.

Mr. McKinney was past-president

of the Belleville Sales and Advertising Club.



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A Regina, Sask. native, Mr. McKinney quickly built up a business that, by the mid-1980s, eventually became Re/Max Quinte Ltd., now owned and operated by his son Sean.

Sean McKinney said Wednesday he and his six siblings were proud

of their father as he worked to build a business amid other real estate

dealings to acquire apartment buildings and develop projects throughout the region.

Three building projects bore fruit as a result of Mr. McKinney's business acumen.

In 1979, Mr. McKinney built the 15-unit Baytree condominium complex just to the west of the Bay of Quinte Country Club.

Six years later, he developed the Cedarwood condo project east of the Bay View Mall. Mr. McKinney also developed Wedgewood Lane on Highway 2.

Mr. McKinney was a regular fixture on the links of the Bay of Quinte Golf Club as well as at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club where, for 17 years, he berthed his 38-foot sailboat Heidi III.

"He had seven children so he had a built-in crew," Sean said.

Longtime friend and lawyer Wolf Tausendfreund said the passing of Mr. McKinney will be felt throughout the community.

"Ed was, indeed, a wonderful friend. Belleville has lost a good citizen, a solid citizen," Tausendfreund said from his downtown office.

Mr. McKinney is survived by his wife Judy; Ann McKinney, mother of his seven children, and his sons and daughters Sherrie, Sean, Robbin, Kim, Tim, Kelly and Jennifer.

Visitation will be held at Burke Funeral Home in Belleville today from 4-8 p.m.

Funeral service will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Ed McKinney