



FRANK MURRAY
MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF CJBQ
DIED: JAN. 24, 2006

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The man who built CJBQ radio from a 500 watt local medium to a total of four stations has died.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, Frank Murray died at Belleville General Hospital.

He was 87.

With a broadcasting career spanning more than 35 years, Mr. Murray was a former manager and director of CJBQ and was with the company for the launch of CIGL-FM, CJTN in Trenton and CJNH in Bancroft. He also founded and directed radio club programs throughout Belleville and Trenton high schools.

Mr. Murray's daughter, Pamela Murray, said her father loved his community, loved the arts and, most of all, loved his family. He travelled extensively and initiated regular seasonal exchange programs with Canadian Forces radio through Trenton, Baden and Lahr, Germany.

"My dad was very active. He was on the board of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, he was the president of the Central Canadian Broadcasters Association ... He was a very affable character."

Quinte Broadcasting owner Myles Morton has fond memories of Mr. Murray who began working for the company in 1959 and retired in 1984. He was hired as a consultant by the company in 1991 and remained in this position until 1995.

"He was a great guy. He did a great job for us. He was certainly brighter than the average person," he said.

Morton said Mr. Murray knew everything about advertising and worked diligently each and every day.

He was also known to give back to his community.

"Any time any body wanted him to do charitable work he was available. He always did his thing," Morton said.

Mr. Murray had a long list of committees and boards he served on. He was the president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, he was a city councillor for three terms, he was the United Way chairman, he served on the Belleville Public Library Board and the Belleville Waterfront Festival and many, many others.

Pamela said one memory of her father which she will hold onto involved an introduction by former mayor Gerald Hyde after Mr. Murray was named Man of The Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

"The mayor was introducing Dad and said 'Well, there are giants in every community and in our community the giant is Frank Murray'.

"After that we always jokingly called him the giant," she said.

Mr. Murray was the loving husband of the late Isobel Stewart.

He was survived by his daughter Pamela of Kingston, Stewart Murray of Belleville and Kevin Murray of Vancouver, BC. Dear brother of the late Louise Kerr of Ireland.