

# Realtor Henry Bernstein dies at 74

Henry Bernstein, an Edmonton businessman who was an active member of the YMCA for more than 65 years, died Monday of cancer. He was 74.

Mr. Bernstein joined the YMCA in 1923 as part of the Edmonton Junior School Group, which competed in sports and recreational activities. He was nine years old. In 1981, the YMCA presented him with a life membership, one of

only nine people honored that year for 50 consecutive years or more of participation.

Born in Gordon, Neb., on Sept. 8, 1914, Mr. Bernstein moved to Edmonton with his family as a youth and attended Alex Taylor Elementary School.

He later went to Victoria Composite and McDougall high schools while working in his father's store, Home Furniture.

Mr. Bernstein married Debby Taradash of Edmonton in 1953, and the couple had three children.

After his father retired in the early 1950s, Mr. Bernstein operated the family store until 1969, when the city expropriated the land to build the new courthouse.

He went into the real estate business, and in 1970 opened his own firm, Henry Bernstein Realty, specializing in commercial property.

An active community member, he was associated with the B'nai B'rith for several years.

He was also sports-oriented and enjoyed skiing when he was younger.

Being part of the YMCA was the most satisfying part of his life, his daughter Marcy said. When he received his life mem-

bership he was quoted as saying: "I've become buddies with many fine men. I wouldn't leave for any price."

He was still running 2.5 km every other day at age 67, Marcy said. "And he was at the Y right up to early December 1988."

Mr. Bernstein is survived by his wife Debby; two daughters, Tody and husband Bill Schell, Marcy and husband Drew Hutton; one son, Lance, all of Edmonton; two grandchildren, Jordan and Stacy Schell; two sisters, Anne Schuler of Edmonton, Ida and husband Ben Ostry of Vancouver; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Jewish funeral chapel, 10440 123rd St., Rabbi Jacob Rosner officiating.