

**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**The Honourable Eugene Boris Fedak of Blessed Memory!**  
**Світлої пам'яті Достойний Євген Б. Федак**



***December 9, 1934 – October 21, 2013***

**WINNIPEG, MB.** It is with a profound depth of sadness that the Office of Communications of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada prayerfully announces that our brother in Christ, †**Eugene Fedak**, fell asleep in the Lord on October 21, 2013 at the age of 78 years old. The *Panakhyda* took place on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bay Gardens Funeral Home, 1010 Botanical Drive, Burlington, Ontario. The Funeral Rite will be celebrated Friday, October 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 855 Barton St. East, Hamilton, Ontario. Interment will follow at Woodland Cemetery, Burlington, ON.

The Honourable Eugene Fedak spent his formative years in the Hamilton-Burlington area where he was an engaged and involved member of these communities. With a strong interest in politics at an early age, he organized the Conservative Club at McMaster University as well as being the Founding President of the Mac Ukrainian Students Club. This passion and interest continued while he actively participated in a number of capacities in both politics and the Ukrainian community.

His strong faith and dedication to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and the Ukrainian community was also evident in the many Ukrainian community organizations and Ukrainian Orthodox Church associations that he was involved with, including the Ukrainian Self Reliance League, as a member of St. Vladimir Institute and as the founding president of the Hamilton Chapter of The Order of St. Andrew. He was a member of the St. Vladimir Sobor in Hamilton, being active in parish life and Church governance. He served two terms on the Consistory Board of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as well as

on many Consistory Board Committees, enriching the leadership of the Church by his presence. There, he brought the same wisdom and good judgment for the good of the Church as he did to his chosen profession in law. He was well respected and fondly remembered by all who worked with him at the parish and Consistory levels.

His interest in the law was evident through his career choice. As a graduate of Osgoode Hall in 1963, he began practicing law in a general practice. His memberships included: The Canadian Club, The International Commission of Jurists, The Osgoode Society, The Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, The Advocates Society, The Canadian Superior Judges Association, The Residential Tenancy Commission and he chaired the Hamilton-Wentworth Housing Authority. His honorary memberships included: The Hamilton Law Association and the Hamilton Lawyers Club.

Eugene's career made a logical transition when he was appointed as a judge in the Ontario Court of Justice in 1986. There, he served in Newmarket and gained the nickname "Boom Boom" based on his swift and fair judgments. In 1992 he returned to Hamilton as South Central Region Regional Senior Justice where he was able to reunite with old friends and colleagues. Upon official 'retirement', Eugene was honoured to be invited to continue to practice law with the firm of Ross and McBride LLP.

He was well respected in his chosen profession of law. In the media headlines, he was referred to as, "Retiring Judge praised for tact-humour," and "described as a man of consummate grace whose judgments demonstrated wisdom and mercy in equal measure." For anyone who knew him personally, it was clear that this was not just a professional persona, but reflected his true character.

The Office of the Consistory and the faithful of the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada express their deepest sympathies to his family. Eugene leaves to pray for the eternal rest of his soul his loving wife Grace, children: Mark and Catherine (Bill) Kosyk; grandchildren: Alexandra, Emily and Matthew; and brothers: Jerry (Joan) and Emil (Marilyn). Departing this earthly life before him were his parents Pearl and Metropolitan Wasyly.

With the Blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Yuriy, our clergy and faithful are asked to remember the newly-reposed servant in Christ, †**Eugene Fedak** in their prayers and liturgical commemorations, and to pray for the well-being of his beloved family.

*O Lord, give rest to the soul of Your departed servant, †**Eugene Fedak**, in a place of light, a place of refreshment and a place of repose, where there is no sickness, sighing nor sorrow. May our merciful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, grant eternal rest to his soul.*

**Вічна пам'ять!**

**Memory eternal!**

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*With prayers,*

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