

EDWARDS, Evelyn

Evelyn Edwards was born in Colonsay, Saskatchewan in 1923, and graduated from the City Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse.



She served as an Alderman in Saskatoon for five years, from 1966 to 1971. In 1971 she gave up her seat on Council to run for Mayor, placing second to Bert Sears.

Mrs. Edwards was also active in the health care field, serving as a trustee for City Hospital for a number of years, and on the City Hospital Board of Governors from 1961 to 1975 (as Chairman from 1972 to 1974). She was also a Director, and later President, of the Saskatchewan Hospital Association for a number of years, resigning only after election to the legislature.

She became a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan for Saskatoon Sutherland in 1975, and was the Liberal Party's spokesperson on health.

Her continued interest in health was evident by her involvement as a founding member of the Saskatoon Council on Aging, as well as her involvement with the Saskatoon Parkinson's Disease Foundation and Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon.

Mrs. Edwards was active in many other areas as well. She was, at one time, Vice-President of the Canadian Housing Design Council; was the first woman elected Director of the Saskatoon Board of Trade; and was on the Board of Directors of the local and provincial Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Saskatoon Business and Professional Women's Club, and was Honorary President of the Saskatoon Council of Women. She was chosen one of 50 outstanding women during International Women's Year.

When Evelyn Edwards died, after a lengthy illness in 1976, public tributes from many political and community leaders were offered.