

Obituary

★ EDWIN GOODMAN: 1918-2006

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QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU

He had the ear of Progressive Conservative prime ministers and Ontario premiers since the 1950s, was twice wounded fighting Nazis in World War II, raised cash to launch the *Toronto Sun* and countless political campaigns.

Toronto lawyer Edwin Goodman — better known as Eddie — died yesterday afternoon at age 87 following a heart attack Friday.

A founding partner of law firm Goodmans LLP, his social conscience led to charity work with Scouts Canada, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Royal Ontario Museum, Princess Margaret Hospital and the National Ballet, colleagues said.

Those commitments, years of backroom political counsel to the powerful, a high-profile law career and corporate directorships kept the father of two on the go.

Described as "an unabashed patriot and selfless philanthropist," Goodman was given the Order of Canada in 1983.

"He had huge energy," said friend and law partner Herb Solway. "I never heard him say he was tired."

Goodman, considered a Red Tory, was part of the inner circle that advised former Ontario premier Bill Davis over Tuesday breakfasts during the reign of the "Big Blue Machine" in Ontario.

"Eddie always had 10 ideas at every meeting," recalled Davis, who remained close friends with him.

"Three ideas would be good, and seven you'd have to think about, and I say that very kindly



Eddie Goodman, Conservative party campaign chairman, cheers supporters in Ottawa after the party's defeat in 1968 election. He has been called the party's "joyful inspiration" and "consoler-in-chief."

... he had a good sense of where the public was on certain issues."

And a good sense of humour.

When the pair travelled to Jerusalem on government business two decades ago, a maitre d'hôtel mistook Goodman for Davis and introduced him to a dinner gathering as the premier

of Ontario.

"Eddie didn't disabuse him at all," Davis chuckled. "I went along with it."

At Osgoode Hall Law School after serving in the army, Goodman became friends with future Ontario premier John Robarts. Called to the bar in 1947, Goodman later served as national

chair of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and vice-president of the party's federal and Ontario wings.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney, whom Goodman also advised, appointed him to the spy watchdog, Security Intelligence Review Committee, in 1992.

"Eddie was a partisan but a happy warrior. Negative campaigns and vicious attacks were not part of his artillery," Mulroney said. "His campaigns were always high road, I won't say high brow, none of us were high brow, but he was entirely free of malice," he added.

"Eddie was the consoler-in-chief for the party in times of defeat and the joyful inspiration for the party when we set out to do battle, mostly unsuccessfully, in those years."

Ontario Conservative Leader John Tory, once principal secretary to Davis, called Goodman a party stalwart, particularly for running against a Labour-Progressive Party candidate in a post-war provincial election.

"He used to laugh himself about the fact he was the only person to ever lose to a Communist," Tory said.

Goodman liked to advise young lawyers at his firm never to sneer at their assignments, recounting how he once became legal counsel to real estate giant Cadillac Fairview Corp.

Two old men came to him needing help evicting a tenant slaughtering chickens in an apartment. The old men didn't speak English, but brought their son to translate. He was Joseph Berman, who later founded the predecessor company to Cadillac Fairview and sought out Goodman.

Many of his adventures are described in his 1988 autobiography, *Life of the Party*, released around the time of his 70th birthday as he recovered from an earlier heart attack.

Goodman is survived by his wife, Joan Thompson, daughter Diane, sister Cecily Peters and grandchildren Myles and Ella. He was predeceased by his first wife Suzanne and daughter Joanne. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Holy Blossom Temple on Bathurst St.

WITH FILES FROM THE STAR'S ROBERT BENZIE AND KERRY GILLESPIE

Mad cow discovery 8th case in Canada

OTTAWA—The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has confirmed another case of mad cow disease in an Alberta animal.

However, the agency also found no part of the beef cow's carcass entered either the human or animal feed chains.

The agency estimated the animal was between eight and 10 years old.

It said in a release yesterday that the cow's exposure to BSE likely occurred before or during the introduction of new feed regulations in 1997 prohibiting use of cattle parts susceptible to the disease in certain animal feeds.

The ban was extended in June to include all types of animal feed, pet food and fertilizers.

An investigation is underway to find the animal's birth farm and potential sources of contaminated feed.

More extensive testing on the cow will be done.

The food inspection agency said confirmation of the case "demonstrates the national surveillance program's effectiveness in detecting periodic BSE cases as it works to eliminate the disease entirely within the next decade."

Rod Scarlett of Alberta's Wild Rose Agricultural Producers said the latest case adds pressure on other countries to improve their testing for BSE.

"Certainly we're raising the bar and they're not finding cases ... because they're not looking at the animals that are in high-risk situations."

This is the eighth Canadian cow to die of BSE.

In response, the United States has delayed lifting a ban on older cattle imports from Canada, pending investigation.

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