

PETRESCUE, EPHRIAM (EPH)

Feb. 26 196 MN

Eph Petrescue

Ret. Bus. Br.

'Mr. Baseball' is dead

Mississauga's "Mr. Baseball" is dead.

Ephriam (Eph) Petrescue, 76, died quietly at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto, on Sunday after a long illness.

Petrescue helped organize the old Lakeview-Lyndwood (now Cawthra) Baseball Association, one of the original entries in the Toronto Township Baseball League.

The Lakeview resident leaves behind his wife Connie, son Philip, daughters Cathy, Corinne, Carol, Robin, Rosemary and Laurie, and 12 grandchildren ranging in ages 14 to 4.

The Saskatchewan native moved to the Lakeview area of Toronto Township in 1953. A longtime employee of BA (now Gulf) Oil in Clarkson, he retired in 1970. He is also a veteran of World War II.

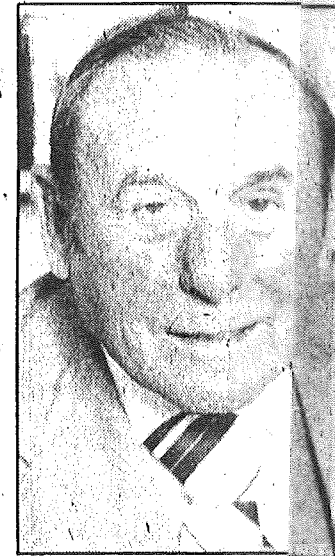
Petrescue's involvement in minor baseball has been continuous. He has worked with the Cawthra Baseball Association throughout the '70s and '80s. The former executive with the Lakeview-Lyndwood, Cawthra and the Mississauga Baseball Association, was honored for his work with kids when, in December 1974 the Neil C. Matheson Public School on Ogden

Avenue, was re-named the Petrescue Community Centre.

In 1982, he received more honors for his "Contribution of Minor Sport" at the Mississauga Sports Celebrities Dinner.

His long association with baseball and his work with the kids will long be remembered. His nickname, "Mr. Baseball," was a reminder of the long hours he spent coaching, managing, and working as an executive.

Services for Petrescue will be held at Skinner and Middlebrook funeral home (Lakeshore and Ann St.) in Port Credit today at 3 p.m.



EPH PETRESCUE