

## SPORTS

# Legendary sports broadcaster Bill Stephenson dead at 85

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### Obituary

Long-time Mississauga resident and Hall of Fame sports broadcaster Bill Stephenson has died.

Stephenson, who spent more than five decades on Canadian radio and television, died last Tuesday at age 85.

Born in Elrose, Sask., he started his radio career in his early 20s at CJAV in Port Alberni, B.C., before moving on to Victoria and Vancouver.

In 1960, he began a long career at CFRB in Toronto, where he was the voice of the Toronto Argonauts during the 1960s and 1970s. In addition of dozens of Grey Cups and Stanley Cups, he covered major sports events such as Olympic Games

and the 1972 Super Series between Canada and the

Soviet Union.

"There's no doubt that it was a great moment in our lives," Stephenson said of the seminal series.

"Our national pride was at stake after the first four games and the team had to preserve our pride in the last four games in Moscow."

Stephenson was married for 66 years to his wife Louise; they had five children, nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

A public service was held Saturday afternoon at St. John's Dixie Church in Mississauga.



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