



The Final Face-Off – 2022

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During 2022, the hockey community lost many Manitobans as well as people with a connection to the sport in our province. Also included are earlier deaths not mentioned in The Final Face-Off in previous years or brought to our attention. Information has been compiled from newspaper obituaries and other sources such as the Internet and the Society for International Hockey Research (SIHR). Individual honoured members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk* and the year of induction by MBHFF year, or just the year. If a reader is aware of any deceased hockey people not listed or any errors, please email information to tkmorgan@mymts.net or call 1-204-489-6641.

Aug. 26, 2021 in Winnipeg, **David Square, 71** - Author of the historical novel titled *When Falcons Fly: The Story of the World's First Olympic Gold Hockey Team* published in 2007. At the time of his death, the book was under option for a film to be co-produced by an Icelandic and Winnipeg film company.

Nov. 24, 2021 in Winnipeg, **Jack Muir, 90** - Defenseman with the Winnipeg Monarchs of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) in 1948-49 and 49-50. Crows Nest Pass Lions of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League (WCJHL) in 1950-51 and the Earl Court Rangers of the English Hockey League in 1951-52. Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Senior League in 1952-53.

Dec. 16, 2021 in Selkirk, **Wayne Sutherland, 87** - Brandon Wheat Kings of the MJHL in 1952-53 and 53-54. Kirkcaldy Flyers of the Scottish National League in 1955-56 and Washington Lions of the Eastern Hockey League (EHL) in 1955-56.

Jan. 2, 2023 in Winnipeg, **Keith Micklash, 81** - Goalie with the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL in 1959-60 and 1960-61.

Jan. 12 in Winnipeg, **Bob Rehbein, 79** - Junior Monarchs in 1960-61, many seasons with the Midnight Flyers, and then the St. James 55-plus group at Keith Bodley Arena.

Jan. 27 in Winnipeg, **Lorne Moore, 81** - Served on the board of the St. Vital Victorias of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League (MMJHL).

Jan. 31 in Naples, FL, **Mike Nykoluk, 87** - Lengthy career as a player and coach included playing for the Western Hockey League (WHL) champion Winnipeg Warriors (MBHFF 1985) in 1955-56.

Feb. 3 in Winnipeg, **Evelyn (Wawryshyn) Moroz, 97** - Multi-sport athlete who was inducted in the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. Top scorer in Manitoba women's hockey with the Doodlebugs and led a Manitoba team to the Dominion championship in 1950.

Feb. 6 in Winnipeg, **Ron Probetts, 90** - His connections to hockey included serving as travel agent for the Winnipeg Jets, scouting for Canada's National Team, and coaching in St. Boniface and St. Vital.

Feb. 12 in Winnipeg, **Dennis Halford, 85** - Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL in 1956-57 and the



U of Manitoba Bisons in 1958-59 when he was named male athlete of the year. Played in the Western Canada intermediate playoffs in 1958-59 with the St. Boniface Seals.

Feb. 18 in Neepawa, **Larry Evans, 78** - Won a provincial bantam BB championship with Neepawa in 1948. Juvenile with Brandon in 1960, and the Weyburn Red Wings of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) and the Winnipeg Rangers in 1962-63. Later played for the Neepawa Natives and the Winnipeg Clubs on a trip to Russia. Served as an associate director of the MBHFF for many years.

March 3 in Winnipeg, **Brian Settee, 82** - Winnipeg Monarchs of the MJHL in 1958-59 and 59-60.

March 16 in Winnipeg, **Jim Anderson, 77** - Received the 1991-92 Sam Southern Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to Winnipeg minor hockey.

April 5 in Montreal, **Dr. Gordon Watters, 94** - Played juvenile for the Winnipeg Orioles and West End Athletics followed by junior with the Brandon Elks in 1946-47 and the Winnipeg Canadiens in 1947-48. San Francisco Shamrocks of the Pacific Coast Hockey League (PCHL) in 1948-49 and then the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers where he was the leading goal scorer in 1950-51.

April 13 in Winnipeg, **Norman (Bud) McCormick, 92** - Juvenile with the Winnipeg Canadiens for two seasons and then in the MJHL with the Canadiens and Black Hawks in 1948-49 and 49-50. Harringay Racers of the English League in 1951-52. Later won championships with Dominion City and Emerson in the Provencher League. Founding member of the Winnipeg Club oldtimers team with many ex-pros that played exhibitions throughout the province and internationally.

April 17 in Regina, **Jim Keilback, 95** - His nearly 40-year broadcasting career included covering many sports, e.g., the Winnipeg Warriors of the WHL. Father of former Jets broadcaster Curt Keilback.

April 26 in Winnipeg, **Greg Warren, 67** - Leading scorer for the Winnipeg Monarchs of the MJHL in 1971-72. Next three seasons in the junior Western Canada Hockey League (WCHL) with the Winnipeg Jets and Clubs.

April 30 in Winnipeg, **George Ulyatt, 73** - Founding member of the Winnipeg South Blues of the MJHL, who served as general manager for 16 years. His 30-year association with Hockey Manitoba included serving as president from 1995 to 2001. His work with Hockey Canada earned him the organization's Order of Merit in 2006.

May 1 in Transcona, **Jordyn Reimer, 24** - Transcona Collegiate graduate, who played for the MacEwan University Griffins that won the Alberta College Conference championship three straight years from 2017 to 2019.

May 9 in Boissevain, **Brian Franklin, 74** - Long-time volunteer in southwest Manitoba and with Hockey Manitoba that included 25 years as the treasurer of the Deloraine Royals, president of the Manitoba AAA midget league, and president of Hockey Manitoba from 2007 to 2012. Also



officiated for 30-plus years including working in the MJHL and at two US Division 3 college championships. Named an honorary life member of Hockey Manitoba.

May 9 in Winnipeg, **John Tennant, 71** - Served on the board of the Charleswood Hawks of the MMJHL and also was a referee.

May 13 in Carman, **Emile Arnal, 94** - Goalie who played in Fannystelle, Carman and Poplar Point.

May 13 in Winnipeg, **Bud Barbour, 87** - Referee in the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association from the 1950s to the early 1960s.

May 19 in Winnipeg, **Terry Gifford** - Served as president of the St. James Minor Hockey Association.

May 26 in Winnipeg, **Andy Miles, 73** - Junior Monarchs in 1966-67 and 67-68 and the U of M Bisons in 1969-70 and 1970-71.

June 3 in Winnipeg, **Lyle Watson, 81** - Played for the Treherne-Rathwell bantam BB provincial champions in 1953, the junior Monarchs in 1958-59, and later intermediate in Grandview.

June 3 in Sudbury, **Larry Hillman, 85** - Defenseman who played for 15 different teams in his 22 pro seasons winning six Stanley Cups. Won a WHA championship with the Winnipeg Jets in his final season of 1975-76 and coached the Jets to the AVCO Cup in 1977-78.

June 4 in Grand Junction, Col., ***Eric Nesterenko, 88** - Born in Flin Flon, he played 20 seasons in the NHL with Toronto and Chicago with whom he won a Stanley Cup in 1961. Played for the WHL champion Winnipeg Warriors in 1955-56. MBHFF 1990.

June 6 in Winnipeg, **Dale Scott, 81** - Played midget at Deer Lodge, juvenile at Isaac Brock, and for junior Monarchs in 1958-59 and 59-60.

June 8 in Winnipeg, **Brian Cameron, 72** - Served as manager of the St. James Canadians.

July 4, **Claude Bissonnette, 90** - Played for his hometown St. Jean Baptiste team in the Southeast League.

July 6 in Montreal, **Brian Marchment, 53** - Defenseman selected by the Jets in the first round of the entry draft in 1987 and played 37 games over three seasons before being traded to Chicago. NHL career with seven other teams continued until 2005-06.

July 6 in Winnipeg, **Ray Allard, 97** - Played for the Portage Terriers of the MJHL in 1942-43.

July 9 in Winnipeg, **Cal Hammond, 71** - Flin Flon-born goalie who played for his hometown Bombers of the WCHL in 1968-69 and 69-70. Clinton Comets of the EHL in 1971-72, and the Saginaw Gears of the International Hockey League (IHL) in 1972-73.

Aug. 10 in Calgary, **Ray Ritchie, 78** - Played at Northwood CC and then for West Kildonan in the Greater Winnipeg Junior C League.

Aug. 11 in Winnipeg, **Julian Klymkiw, 89** - Goalie who played junior for the Brandon Wheat Kings in 1951-52 and 52-53. Back-up goalie for several teams including the Winnipeg Warriors and Maroons. Assistant trainer for the Detroit Red Wings of the NHL. Analyst for Jets games on CJOB radio.



Aug. 16 in Portage, **Darryl Henry, 63** - Played for the Portage Terriers of the MJHL from 1974-75 to 1977-78.

Aug. 18 in Winnipeg, **Peter Carnegie, 80** - Played with the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL in 1960-61.

Aug. 26 in Carberry, ***Gladwyn Scott, 90** - Played for Brandon University and intermediate teams in Hamiota and Carman. His administrative roles include serving as president of the South West and Interlake leagues and was the president of Hockey Manitoba in 1989-90. MBHFF 2003. Manitoba Sports HOF builder inductee in 1992 for his involvement in several sports.

Sept. 3 in Collingswood, ON, **Scott Campbell, 65** - Played in the WHA with the Houston Aeros and the Jets winning the last AVCO Cup in 1978-79. Served as captain of the NHL Jets in 1980-81. Later wrote a hockey column for the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Sept. 16 in Winnipeg, **Keith Graham, 87** - Played with four provincial championship bantam teams in his hometown of Neepawa between 1946-47 and 49-50, then two juvenile B champions, and the provincial intermediate A winner in 1966-67. Played until he was 84 with the Super Seniors at Keith Bodley Arena in Winnipeg.

Sept. 17 in Winnipeg, **Larry Hart, 79** - Oak Lake product who played for the St. Boniface Canadiens of the MJHL from 1960-61 to 1962-63. Clinton Comets and Indianapolis Ramblers of the EHL in 1963-64.

Sept. 17 in Winnipeg, **Dan McGurran** - Coached at Dakota and Greendell CC and with the St. Vital Victorias. Assisted with the Canadian Hockey Association Nike Skills Program.

Oct. 11 in Williamsville NY, ***Joe Crozier, 93** - Lengthy career as player and coach began with the West End Orioles juveniles in Winnipeg and then the junior Brandon Wheat Kings in 1946-47 and 47-48 when the team (MBHFF 2007) lost in the Memorial Cup final. Played pro until 1960-61. Playing coach with the Quebec Aces of the Quebec Senior League in 1957-58. Later coached in NHL, AHL, WHL, WHA and won a Memorial Cup with the Kitchener Rangers in 1981-82. MBHFF 1985 and AHLHOF2012.

Oct. 22 in St. Anne, **Jacques Prefontaine, 89** - Goalie who played several seasons for the St. Pierre Canadiens of the Provencher League.

Oct. 25 in Winnipeg, **Laverne Manness, 79** - Integral member of the group that led to the building of a new arena in Domain where he also coached a provincial championship team.

Oct. 26 in Winnipeg, **Gilbert Harms, 59** - Born in Winkler and played for the hometown Flyers.

Nov. 2 in Winnipeg, **John Shanski, 81** - Goalie for the 1965 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union champion U of M Bisons (MBHFF 2007) in 1965. In 1977 was part of the group of citizens who made an investment to keep the Jets in Winnipeg.

Nov. 25 in Surrey, BC, **Eddie Leier, 95** - Played for the Excelsior midgets and the Ranger juveniles before moving to junior with first the Rangers and then the Black Hawks of the MJHL. In 1949-50 he played five games with Chicago in the NHL and another 11 games the next



season. His pro career that lasted until 1955-56 saw him play in the United States Hockey League (USHL), AHL, QHL, PCHL and WHL.

Nov. 25 in Winnipeg, **Ed Cooper, 81** - Nicknamed Elbows Eddie, he played more than 30 years with the St. Boniface Seals.

Nov. 25 in Winnipeg, **Rod Lindquist, 74** - Played minor hockey in St. Vital and after high school played for the U of M Bisons from 1966 to 1971 where he was captain from 1969 to 1971. He then played for the senior St. Boniface Mohawks (MBHMF 2019), who lost in the Allan Cup final in 1973. Later coached at St. John's Ravenscourt where he was a teacher. Son of Vic Lindquist (MBHMF 1985).

Nov. 30 in Spokane, Wash., ***Steve Witiuk, 93** – Junior with the Rangers and Black Hawks in 1946-47 and 47-48. Pro career from 1950-51 to 1968-69 was primarily in the WHL including three seasons with the Winnipeg Warriors, but played 33 games in the NHL in 1951-52 with Chicago. MBHMF 1997

Nov. 30 in Winnipeg, **Don Kotz, 73** - All-star in 1966-67 with the Dauphin Red Wings Junior B team in the South West league that won the Manitoba junior B provincial championship. With the Dauphin Kings of the Central Manitoba Junior Hockey League in 1967-68.

Dec. 1 in Gimli, **Ken Stephanson, 81** - Played junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens and Winnipeg Braves of the MJHL from 1957-58 to 1960-61. Pro career saw him play in the EPHL, CPHL, AHL and the WHA finishing his career with the Jets in 1972-73. Also played for Canada's National Team (MBHMF 2009) in 1968-69 and 69-70.

Dec. 8 in Saskatoon, **Jackie McLeod, 92** - His lengthy career as first a player and then a coach included coaching the Winnipeg-based Canada's National Team in the 1960s.

Dec. 8 in Winnipeg, **Keith Dryburgh, 80** - Played minor hockey at CPAC and later with the Red River Community College instructors. Founding member of the Maple Coyotes of the Inner City Oldtimers Hockey League and the St. James and The Max 55-plus groups that played at Keith Bodley and the MTS Iceplex.

Dec. 16 in Guelph, **Barry Cullen, 87** - In his first pro season he played for the 1955-56 WHL champion Winnipeg Warriors. Later played four seasons in the NHL with Toronto and Detroit followed by four seasons in the AHL with the Buffalo Bisons.

Dec. 17 in Kingswood TX, **Rod Scheur, 59** - Played junior with the St. Boniface Saints and St. James Canadians in 1980-81 followed by four seasons with Princeton University where he was a captain in 1984-85.

Dec. 22 in Winnipeg, **Harvey Rosen, 83** - Longtime sports columnist for *The Jewish Post and News*, who covered the Winnipeg Jets and the Manitoba Moose for Canadian Press for many seasons.

Dec. 23 in Winnipeg, **Terry Moore, 80** - Played for the junior Monarchs from 1960-61 to 1962-63. Welland Burloaks senior team in Ontario in 1963-64, and the Johnstown Jets and Long Island Ducks of the EHL the next season.



Dec. 27 in Winnipeg, **Dave Richardson, 82** – Played for the junior Rangers from 1957-58 to 1960-61. IHL rookie of the year in 1961-62 with the Fort Wayne Komets. Pro career until 1969-70 included 45 games in the NHL with the New York Rangers, Chicago and Detroit. Won a Canadian intermediate title with the Warroad Lakers (MBHHF 1985) in 1974. Colour analyst for NHL Jets games on CKND-TV in the early 1980s.

Dec. 28 in Winnipeg, ***Bob (Doc) Holliday, 80** - Covered hockey in St. Vital and St. Boniface for *The Lance* weekly. While with the *Winnipeg Tribune* from 1978 to 1980, he covered junior and senior hockey. Worked in the timekeeper's booth for several teams and served as chair of the St. Vital Minor Hockey Association. Inducted in the MBHHF media section in 2019.

Dec. 31 in Colorado, **Sergei Bautin, 55** - First-round draft pick of the Jets in 1992 who played for the team in 1992-93 and 93-94. After his pro playing career with 11 teams ended, he coached in Kansas and Colorado.