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Lion Ed was born and raised on a farm six miles south of Verigin, Saskatchewan. He attended High School in Verigin and Kamsack and in 1952 he enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan where he graduated with degrees in Education and Arts and Science. While at University he was accepted into the Canadian Officers Training Program through the U of S Contingent. In 1954 he graduated with a 2nd Lieutenant's Commission in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Ed was promoted to Captain when he assumed the position of Commanding Officer of 745 Porcupine Air Cadet Squadron in 1980.

In 1957 Ed accepted a teaching position in Porcupine Plain at Porcupine Plain Composite High School. His teaching career spanned 35 years at PPCHS as teacher, guidance counsellor, administrator and coach. He accepted leading roles in Saskatchewan Teachers Federation organizations and committees at the local and provincial levels (STF Councillor, Teacher Discipline Committee and salary contract negotiations).

In October 1958 Ed joined Porcupine Plain Lions Club. Three months later he was asked to take over the duties of Secretary and continued in that position for the next ten years. That was followed by Club President, Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor. He also chaired various Club committees, notably the Entertainment Committee for the annual two-day Lions Sports Days and Chuckwagon races. Awards and Honors included Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lions International Membership Development Award and numerous District Governor 100% Achievement Awards.

Ed was active in serving his community. He served on Town Council as Councillor for eight years, including two years as Mayor, when the then sitting Mayor became ill. He served on a number of Boards including Hospital, Public Library and Housing Authority. He was manager of the Community Theatre and served on the Church Parish Council. With support from Porcupine Plain Lions Club, he co-founded 745 Porcupine Air Cadet Squadron and served as Commanding Officer for 11 years followed by 4 years as Air Cadet Area Director. After superannuating from teaching in 1992 Ed was appointed to one of Saskatchewan Minister of Health's Advisory Committees. In 1994 he was elected to the Pasqua Health District Board and served as Board Chairman from 1996 to March 1998. In March 1998 Ed and Natalie moved to Calgary. (3 out of 4 of their children lived in Calgary.) In March 1999 Ed transferred to Bowness Lions Club. Club offices include Director, Secretary since 2004 and LCIF Club Coordinator. Awards and Honors received include three Lions International Appreciation Awards, Lions Club International Life Membership, LFC Life Membership, numerous District Governor's Appreciation Awards, numerous Club President's Appreciation Awards, Jack and Denise Isaman Progressive Fellowship, Jack Dobush Fellowship and a 60 year Monarch Chevron.

Ed is completely dedicated to Lionism as shown by his 61 years of perfect attendance. He is very diligent about whatever task he undertakes. He keeps Club members motivated and well informed on Lion matters.

Ed and Natalie have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in July 2020. They are active in their church and are members of the Church Choir. Ed has served on the Parish Council. At present he is President of St. Stephen's Plus 50 Club. In July 2020 Ed celebrated his 86th birthday.