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Always be remembered as a builder of the game

PARRY SOUND - The man who will be fondly remembered as Mr. Hockey, Robert Alexander Eagar, passed away at the West Parry Sound Health Centre on June 12.

He was 93.

Mr. Eagar's enduring love of hockey and his dedication to the game will be forever ingrained in the hearts of those who knew him.

Born in 1911, Mr. Eagar moved to the Parry Sound region in 1933 and two years later, purchased what would become known as the Brunswick Hotel.

He became involved in the Parry Sound hockey scene in the 1950s, managing the intermediate team and then the Junior "C" Shamrocks.

Mr. Eagar purchased Bobby Orr's first pair of skates knowing instantly that there "was something different" about Mr. Orr's ability to skate and play the game of hockey.

Always one to make sure every child had the opportunity to play Canada's sport, Mr. Eagar would often supply room, board and jobs to those out of town players on Parry Sound teams.

Following his retirement from the hockey scene, Mr. Eagar never stopped going to games or helping wherever he could.

Mr. Eagar was inducted into the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame on January 27, because of his endless dedication to the game and the children who loved to play.

Funeral services for Mr. Eagar will be at the Parry Sound Pentecostal Tabernacle today, June 16, at 2 p.m.



Alex Eagar, left, with hockey great Bobby Orr at t.

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