

## **Joseph Phillippe Guay, M.P. (1915-2001)**

Metis politician Joseph Guay was born in Saint Vital, Manitoba on October 4, 1915; the son of Phillippe Guay and Alexandrine Dupuis. He was educated at Ste. Anne des Chenes and Winnipeg. He served in the Royal Canadian Army for approximately five years as an instructor and Acting Regulating Petty Officer. Joseph married Marguerite Bouvier of Mayronne, Saskatchewan on October 4, 1941. She was a graduate nurse (Gold Medallist) from Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing. Together they raised six children and an adopted nephew.

Joe was the owner of Guay's Shoes in St. Boniface and a representative of Alfred Lambert Inc. for 14 years. He became politically involved in 1956 when he was elected to represent Ward 3 in the city of St. Boniface. He was returned by acclamation two years later. He became chairman of the city property committee for four years and was elected Mayor of St. Boniface in 1960. He served as mayor from 1961 to 1968. Joe also served on the Metropolitan Planning Commission of Greater Winnipeg (1956-60), the Metropolitan Civil Defense Board, the Rivers and Streams Protection Authority, and was vice-chairman of the Winnipeg-St. Boniface Harbour Commission. He was also active on the boards of the John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Society and the St. Boniface Taché Hospital.

In 1968, he was elected as a Member of Parliament for St. Boniface. After re-election in 1972, he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport. He served as minister of national revenue before being named to the Senate in 1978. Guay retired in 1990. (Portions reprinted from Bruce Sealey, General Editor, Famous Manitoba Metis, Winnipeg: Manitoba Metis Federation Press, 1974: 77-79, with permission of Pemmican Publications, successor to MMF Press.)



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