

Hugh Victor Letendré C. M. (1925-2006)

Victor Letendré was born on March 4, 1925, the son of Wilfred Letendré and Marie Anne Philomene Loyer, at one of the oldest Métis settlements in Western Canada, Lac Ste Anne, Alberta. He was the second born of seven children.

Victor joined the Canadian army on February 17, 1944, and served on the front lines of England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was voluntarily discharged on July 17, 1945, at the age of twenty.

On April 2, 1949, at the age of twenty four, Victor married a Métis woman from Rosemary, Alberta, Georgina Dumont. Victor and Georgina had five children:

Victor held a number of jobs in the sheet metal and roofing industries, until he purchased a roofing consulting company in 1975, BUR Roofing, which he ran until his retirement. Throughout his life, Victor volunteered his time to numerous organizations:

- Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta (AVSA)
- he was a founding board member of the Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre in 1962, and was also President of the organization from 1990-1992.
- The Native Seniors Centre.
- Victor was one of the original members of the Edmonton Native Youth Justice Committee, which was formed in 1995, and was previously President of the Committee
- Trustee of the Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage Board
- Member of the Elders Circle of the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Accord Initiative with City of Edmonton.

In recognition of his involvement in the Métis community, Victor was presented with a Métis Sash from the Métis Nation of Alberta in 1993. In 2003, the Métis National Council honoured Victor with a Queen's Golden Jubilee medal, and on December 10, 2004, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada by the Governor General of Canada.



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