## **Lloyd Poitras, MNA Senator**. (b. 1919)

Lloyd Poitras is the son of Francis Poitras and Maggie Boudreau. He married Val Dion, daughter of Joe Dion the first president of the Metis Nation - Alberta. The couple celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2002. When Lloyd got involved in Metis politics he was Joe Dion's bodyguard and chauffeur. He went on to become a board member of Metis Nation Alberta and served on the Elder's Council and as a Senator.

During WWII Lloyd served in the Canadian Forces in France, Holland and Belgium. On September 27, 2002 the Metis National Council awarded him the Golden Jubilee Medal. The Metis National Council was provided with 20 Golden Jubilee Medals by the Governor General of Canada, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Her Majesty's reign. They chose to award these medals to 20 Metis Veterans who accepted them on behalf of themselves, their fallen comrades and their fellow Metis Veterans



across Canada. The ceremony, held in Edmonton, recognized the outstanding contributions of Metis Veterans to their fellow citizens, their community and to Canada.



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