



FIRST LIFE MASTER IN ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN

HATTIE JOFFE 1902 - 1982

Hattie Joffe passed away on January 22, after a lengthy illness. She was one of the foremost Bridge players in Canada, and Hattie Joffe will always be a name that is respected and synonymous with Bridge.

Hattie led a full and interesting life. She was one of the first women detectives in Western Canada and was employed by Pinkertons in Vancouver. Among her many other accomplishments, she was the owner and president of an Insurance Company, from which she retired at age 70.

There are many stories of Hattie Joffe that people will recall for years to come. Her contributions to the game of Bridge were numerous. She was the first Life Master in Alberta and Saskatchewan. She was a perfectionist, and her knowledge of Bridge and her performance were awesome.

Hattie Joffe started to play Duplicate Bridge in 1954. She became a Life Master in January 1961. She won many awards, too numerous to mention here.

As an example, at one Regional Tournament in Great Falls in 1959, she and Pat Smolensky won the Women's Pairs. She tied for 2nd place in the Team of Four, and placed 3rd in the Mixed Pairs. In 1960, she and Maddie McGill won the Canadian Women's Pairs in Toronto.

Hattie will be fondly remembered as a great bridge personality and a good friend. We extend to Hattie Joffe's children and grandchildren our deepest sympathy and condolences.

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