

OBITUARY - DR. BLAKE WATSON

FAMED DOCTOR AND HOCKEY PLAYER
PASSES AWAY IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Blake Haverson Watson died on May 19, 1998 at Pacific Palisades, California. He was 94 years old.

Blake was born on October 18, 1903 at Carman, Manitoba and was the proud son of Johnston and Elsie Watson.

He attended Manitoba Elementary Schools and Carman Collegiate and received his medical education at the University of Manitoba where he graduated in June of 1929. Watson was also an outstanding amateur hockey player and played on a Memorial Cup, Allan Cup and World Hockey championship teams. He began playing the game of hockey at eight and even at that early age he showed signs of natural ability toward the game.

In 1921-22 Blake joined the Winnipeg Falcons of the Winnipeg & District Junior Hockey League and then switched the following season to the University of Manitoba. The Varsity squad with Watson and Murray Murdoch went on that year of 1923 to win the Canadian Junior Hockey Championship. In 1924 he played in the Manitoba Senior Hockey League and was the University of Manitoba's leading goal scorer. The following campaign Watson was with the senior Winnipeg Falcon-Tigers club.

He went over to Vienna in 1926 and spent a year at the University completing his third year of doctorship.

When he returned home Blake went back to hockey and joined the Winnipegs who won the 1927 Manitoba Senior Hockey crown.

In 1928 he was back with the University of Manitoba and captained the team to the Canadian Senior Hockey title and the Allan Cup. That same year he led the Eaton's team to the "Big Four" senior hockey championship in Winnipeg. The next season he was the University of Manitoba's leading scorer along with Dr. Gord McKenzie.

In 1931 while in Vienna the good Dr. Watson joined his old team, University of Manitoba Grads who were representing Canada in the World championships at Krynica, Poland. The Canadian club sported a record of 38 wins and two ties on the tour and came back home as World Hockey Champions.

On his return home he gave up the game he loved and became an assistant clinical professor at the University of Manitoba Medical College and was on the General Hospital staff.

In 1936 he relocated to California and became a noted Obstetrician for the next fifty years. He had some very well known people as patients over the years that included Greta Garbo, Rita Hayworth, Joan Fontaine, Paulette Goddard, Maureen O'Hara, Linda Darnell, Ida Lupino, Carol Burnett, Judy Garland and Elizabeth Taylor just to mention but a few.

Dr. Blake Watson is survived by his wife Billie of forty-eight years, his son Blain, Daughter in-law Nancy and Grandson Eric.