

E. (ERWEN) SIEMENS

Mr. Erwen Siemens founded Kindersley Transport Ltd., now a part of the Siemens Transportation Group, in 1962. He was 21 years old and had been working in his father's trucking business since the age of fifteen. While working for his father he got a first hand look at how a trucking business operated as he was involved in all aspects of the business including driving for several years. Although the knowledge gained in these years would assist him when he started his own business, it was his intuitive skills that would make him successful.

He has a definite passion for the trucking industry. He has been a member of the Saskatchewan Trucking Association for over 30 years and the Canadian Trucking Association for over 15 years. In both associations he served as President, which was a significant commitment as it took important time away from his own business. He had the desire to see the industry grow and develop into a respectful profession. Through both these organizations he was honoured with the "Trailmobile Industry Person of the Year" for his positive contributions and impact to the motor truck industry. During his term as President of the CTA, he was instrumental in the partnership development of the Mexican, American and Canadian Trucking Associations. This partnership formed a foundation to permit carriers to operate more freely between the countries.

Erwen is a skilled negotiator. He takes the approach of a win-win deal. He understands the needs of the other parties to achieve their goals. He is aware that another deal will occur in the future and that fair honest bargaining is the only way to deal.

The ability to read people and to trigger on their strengths and capabilities is an absolute asset of Erwen. This ability has assisted him in developing a competent staff that is loyal to him. His key people are all long time employees, which is essential for sustainable growth and stability.

He has been and is heavily involved in his community church where he has served on several boards such as the Redberry Bible Camp (camp for children), Central Haven Personal Care Home (seniors' care home), and moderator (head of the church board).

He is a dedicated family man who has raised five children (Doug, Darrell, Terry, Thomas and Lisa) with his wife Lily Ann while building his business. This is his greatest accomplishment as both his business and family have been built with solid foundations while facing many challenges. Erwen is currently working with and mentoring his four sons.

Inducted into The
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame
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