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## **RITA & ANGUS MACCORMACK**

### **ENTREPRENEURS IN PEI REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

The story of Rita & Angus MacCormack's business history is a long and inspiring one for many reasons. It is the story of many hours of hard work and patient persistence, building and operating their various businesses from the ground up. They could probably write a book on facing tough economic times and business setbacks, but it never stopped them.

In 1965, Angus, originally, an Islander, persuaded Rita to seek greener pastures, and moved to PEI from Ontario. They farmed for a while, living and working in a small home in St. Eleanors with their five children. They gathered Irish Moss and grew various vegetables and potatoes which they sold door to door.

Rita and Angus owned and operated the MacCormack Fruit & Vegetable Center in St. Eleanors. Eventually, they became involved in a Potato Bag Franchise and then partnered with Niagara Chemical company, selling chemicals for potatoes, and later getting into beef production with 100 head of beef cattle.

In the early 1980's they diversified in a totally different direction moving into construction and property management, building apartment buildings and real estate operations, and in 1992, added the Linkletter Inn & Convention Centre to their holdings, which they ran for 15 years.

From their very humble beginnings, this couple, married for over 57 years, now, with their children, own and operate the profitable MacCormack Builders & Apartments Inc, consisting of 2 motels, over 1000 apartment units and a construction company employing over 100 people all over PEI.

Contributions to their community are equally impressive, supporting and sponsoring many charities, organizations and events in the Summerside area such as: the Summerside Western Caps, the Summerside Boys & Girls Club, Summerside Minor Hockey, the Summerside Legion Veterans, Local Sport Teams, St. Johns Anglican Church and the Diabetes Association. In addition, they have memberships in various associations and at one time were part of the St. Eleanor's Village Council for 5 years.

They continue to work, and claim that through the good and bad times, one of the biggest rewards is that they have had the pleasure of working alongside all of their five children and their husbands and wives.

Their accomplishments are grand and we are very happy to recognize Rita and Angus MacCormack's contributions and achievements and induct them into the PEI Business Hall of Fame.