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## Ray McKay

Ray McKay was born in Edmonton in 1946. He played most of his minor hockey in Leduc until he started playing AAA Midget hockey for the Jasper Place Lions in Edmonton when he was 15. When he was 17, he started playing Juvenile hockey for the Jasper Place Mohawks. While playing Juvenile, he signed a "C" form with the Chicago Blackhawks. In 1969, he became the first player from Leduc to play in the NHL.

Ray played professional hockey for 15 years while winning championships in Dallas (CHL), Chicago (NHL Division champions), Portland (WHL), Cincinnati (AHL) and Hershey (AHL). He received the Eddie Shore Award in the 1972-73 season for being the best defenceman in the AHL.

Ray started the first hockey school in Leduc when the Leduc Recreation Centre opened. He also coached the WHL's Medicine Hat Tigers for two seasons. In 1989, he founded Ray McKay Hockey Inc. in Ontario. Ray held specialized camps for defencemen and forwards for over 23 years.

Throughout his career, Ray returned to Leduc each year. He is known for being a mentor and role model for many young hockey players. Professional hockey players such as Zarley Zalapski, Dixon Ward, Ben Chiarot, Adam Clendenning, Logan Couture and Rumun Ndur attended Ray's training camps, as did two-time Olympic champion ice dancer Scott Moir.

Ray lives in Ontario with his wife Doris. He considers Leduc to be his home and returns in May and September.

