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**Werner Schmidt**,a former Canadian politician, teacher, and school principal, has passed away at the age of 92.

Werner Schmidt was a prominent figure in Canadian politics.

His political career included being a member of Parliament for Kelowna and representing the Reform Party of Canada. Werner Schmidt was involved in the formation of the Reform Party by joining it at its inception in British Columbia and his involvement in the Reform Party aligned with its core principles, such as advocating for democratic reforms like an elected Senate.

Additionally, he played a role in the party's growth and development and was an unsuccessful candidate in the 1988 federal election before winning a seat in the 1993 election as a Reform Party MP.

He served as a Member of Parliament for Kelowna from 1993 to 2006, representing different parties through their journey from Reform to Alliance to the Conservative Party.

Mr. Schmidt also held various roles within Parliament, such as serving as Critic for Industry and Public Works.

Additionally, he was the Leader of the Alberta Social Credit Party from 1973 to 1975. Beyond his political career, Mr. Schmidt had a background in education, having been a teacher, school principal, superintendent of schools, and the Executive Director of the Alberta School Trustees Association as well as the vice-president of Lethbridge Community College.

Following his retirement from politics he continued to volunteer, supporting political campaigns; writing on leadership and life reflections; and mentored many individuals in their leadership development.

Werner Schmidt is survived by his wife, Teena, sons Allan (Lori) and Dwayne (Cheryl) and grandsons Tyler and Wyatt

A private service will be held. The family thanks you for respecting their privacy as they grieve.