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## Nicholas Checknita

(1919-1977)

Nicholas Checknita was born and raised in Edmonton. As president and general manager of Vanguard Concrete Products, Checknita designed and built much of the equipment that was in use at the plant prior to his death.

In 1942, shortly after his marriage to Anna Mae, he was called to duty with the Royal Canadian Navy. He served in Halifax as a member of the naval medical corps until his discharge in 1946. At this time, he trained as a psychiatric nurse at the Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

In 1951, Checknita left the hospital to take employment as production manager with Superior Concrete. He later joined Wapple Construction as a superintendent in 1953.

In 1955 he established Anida Concrete Pipe, later known as Vanguard Concrete Products after taking on partners. The company was located at 7625 – 127 Avenue. Checknita was highly involved in the company's equipment design.

Nicholas Checknita was also an active member in the Edmonton community. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the East Edmonton Business Association, the Norwood Legion and served on the Catholic Cemetery Board.

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