Territory loses another pioneer - Len Kittle

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The passing of another Territory pioneer, Alice Springs businessman Len Kittle, 86, was another sad day for the Northern Territory, CLP Leader Terry Mills said today.

Mr Mills said he was deeply saddened by Mr Kittle's passing.

“The name Kittle is synonymous with Central Australia,” Mr Mills said.

Len was born at Ayr in North Queensland and moved to Tennant Creek in 1936 as a 19 year-old. He began work in the trucking industry and married the love of his life Phyllis two years later – a bond that has lasted 65 years.

Len and Phyllis moved to Alice Springs in 1945 and founded Kittle Brothers Holden and raised two sons and four daughters.

“Len was a life member of the CLP and on behalf of the Party I extend my deepest sympathies to Phyllis and the family,” Mr Mills said.

“Once asked what she thought were the best attributes about her husband, Phyllis replied: ‘He has been a very kind and gentle man.' She could not have summed Len up better.

“He was respected by all who new him and he will be missed by many.”

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