

NT mourns passing of Eddie Quong

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The Territory is mourning the passing of one of its larger-than-life characters and pioneers, Eddie Quong OAM.

The 1999 Territorian of the Year passed away on Thursday, aged 81, from complications suffered during a car accident last year.

Friends of Mr Quong say his spirit will live on.

Territory Administrator Ted Egan says Mr Quong's zest for life was legendary.

"He was one of those ones that people always go to when you need a bit of wisdom and a bit of sound reflection on where we've been and where we're going," he said.

"He was a font of wisdom and a tonne of good fun.

"That's the main thing about him, he was always good for a laugh."

The Quong family has long been part of the history of Darwin.

In later life, Mr Quong turned his efforts to community work, serving on government boards and assisting charities.