

A History of Murray's Restaurant

The story of Murray's Restaurant can only begin with the story of Art and Marie Murray.

Art Murray was a traveling paper box salesman whose Mid-west territory took him to many cities, but two cities in particular that would play a great part in his future. While dining at the prestigious Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, WI, Art met Marie, a very professional and attentive server, who shared his appreciation of a fine dining experience. It was not long before their courtship turned to marriage, and Marie was accompanying Art on his business travels to Minneapolis. The bustling city life attracted Art and Marie, and would eventually be a deciding factor in making Minneapolis their permanent residence.



With the repeal of prohibition, and Marie's desire to continue with her career, the husband and wife team opened The Red Feather Cafe in 1933 on Minneapolis'



north-side. In the late thirties, they moved their restaurant into the Russell Hotel located at 4th Street and Hennepin Avenue. It was at this time that Art's innovative ideas and showmanship, and Marie's attention to service

and flavorful menu additions received great notice. The success of this partnership led them to, in 1946, purchase the building at 26 South Sixth Street and establish Murray's Restaurant.

In 1960, Pat Murray joined his mother and father, and began *his* career in the restaurant business. Observing the great talents of his parents, he made certain the consistency and quality of food, and service to the city of Minneapolis was of the greatest importance. To this day, many of Marie Murray's recipes and seasonings are used without alteration. And, like his father, Pat served the city with a civic mind, as a participant of the GMCVA and the Chamber of Commerce, helping enrich the culture and business of Minneapolis. In addition to his work at Murray's, Pat expanded his second company, *Service Ideas*, to supply thousands of hotels and restaurants around the world with innovative service industry products.



For over seventy years the Murray family has served the finest food and given uncountable, memorable dining experiences. Today, Tim, Jill and James Murray operate and manage the restaurant. We take great pride in being one of the few remaining independent, family owned Minneapolis restaurants. We hope you enjoyed your experience.

Thank you,
The Murrays