

Donald Frank Adamus, O.L.S. (#1187)
1937 – 2008
Submitted by his family



Don was born November 14th, 1937 in Tisdale, Saskatchewan where he spent most of his childhood, along with his sister Helen and parents Frank and Kathleen. The Adamus family later moved to Oakville, Ontario where Don spent most of his teenage years.

He attended high school at nearby Port Credit High School where he eventually met his wife to be, Mary Hurley. While not tending to his studies, Don played competitive hockey and excelled in track and field. He

set an all Ontario record for the 100 yard dash in a time of 10 seconds flat that still stands today. He used to laugh saying “it will never be broken” as the race nowadays is 100 metres.

In 1956 he sent a letter to the Association requesting the requirements to serve an apprenticeship in surveying. His dream of becoming a land surveyor had begun and was eventually realised after completing his articling under Starr & Tarasick in Port Credit. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor in December, 1965.

Don moved his family to New Liskeard in 1966 and joined H. Sutcliffe Ltd. where he was associated with the company until his passing. Don held several senior positions with Sutcliffe’s, including serving as President. He saw many changes to surveying over the years and simply loved his career. His colleagues were like his second family and his crews were always special to him.

Don passed away on February 13, 2008 after a long struggle with cancer. He leaves his wife Mary, sons Dan and Dave, their spouses, and three grandchildren who meant so much to him. Don was a member of the New Liskeard Golf Club and Horne Granite Curling Club and also enjoyed travelling to the Caribbean and Florida. He also spent numerous hours putting in his garden. He loved polka music and had the grandchildren dancing in the basement on regular visits. Don loved to have fun.

Don will be greatly missed by his family, co-workers, and many, many friends.
He was a true gentleman.