

James (Jim) Andrew, OLS # 1065
1933 - 2013

Jim was born and raised in Willowdale Ontario and after graduating high school, attended the University of Toronto, earning a degree in Forestry.

Jim joined Ontario Hydro in 1957 as a junior engineer in training, rotating through various departments, settling with the survey department, where he articulated under William Henry (Harry) Williams OLS (#578), and was commissioned as an Ontario Land surveyor on December 14, 1960.

Jim spent his early years with Ontario Hydro working in northern parts of the province surveying for hydroelectric waterpower generating stations and usually staying in remote field camps for weeks and months at a time.

Jim became a Project Surveyor working in the Willowdale and Barrie field offices, supervising field crews, surveying transmission lines and transformer stations across the province and in 1977 became a District Surveyor managing the Site Investigation Section and Photogrammetric Section of the department.

Jim retired from Ontario Hydro after 35 years of service to enjoy his 25-acre rural estate near Aurora, Ontario. He pursued his interests in woodworking, and became a proficient wood carver, specializing in carving songbirds and waterfowl, but also produced other interesting items, including a carving of a surveyor sighting through a vintage transit.

In his retirement, Jim served as a volunteer driver for the cancer society, driving patients from rural areas surrounding Aurora to and from the cancer clinics in downtown Toronto.

Jim suffered from diabetes in his later years, was admitted to hospital in December, and passed away on January 22, 2013 from cardiovascular complications.

Jim is survived and dearly missed by his loving wife Darlene, and sisters Mary Ann and Margaret.