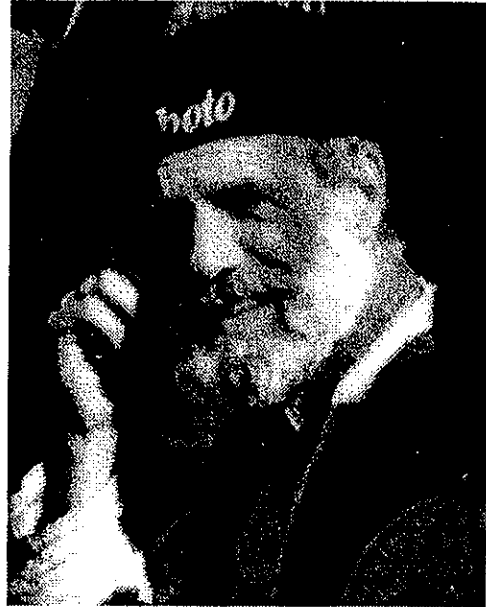


William J. Beatty, OLS, CLS
1945-1999

by Paul Forth, O.L.S.

Bill was born in Parry Sound, Ontario. He began his surveying career in 1969, articling with L. U. Maughan, in Parry Sound, and later with M.W. Fitzmaurice in Bracebridge. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1974, and a Canada Land Surveyor in 1983.



During his career, he surveyed on a wide variety of assignments: exploration and mineral claims surveys, architectural, topographic and construction surveys, control and legal surveys. He worked with such firms as McKimmie Jamieson in West Australia, J. D. Barnes Ltd, in Toronto, Prairie Surveys Ltd. in Regina and Paul F. Forth, OLS, in Parry Sound. For a short time he had his own small practice in Bracebridge. In 1993 Bill wrote:

"I was born in, and spent the first 17 years of my life in Parry Sound. My world consisted of boats and books and maps. It still does. "I did not know what a boat was, but somehow I knew that Georgian Bay was my highway. Boats covered my room, our basement, and the driveway, and still do. Books allowed me to explore the world within and without. Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer, Robinson Crusoe, Jacques Cousteau were my heroes, and still are. "I did not know what a map was, but I knew I liked them. I had maps everywhere, and still do. "Thoreau's observation that one's adulthood should simply be an extension of one's childhood is certainly true of me. I have been around this beautiful world, and surveyed from the Great Sandy Desert of Australia to the High Arctic and a number of places in between."

His lifelong love of boats and sailing grew, from the time when, as a child, he propped up a sleeping bag to sail his canoe, to his offshore Atlantic cruises with his young family, to his voyage on the Matthew (the replica of Giovanni Caboto's 1497 boat) from Lunenburg to Montreal in late 1997.

Even as a youngster told to stay in his yard, Bill regarded Georgian Bay and all its shoreline as his yard. As he matured, all Canada was his yard. As a surveyor, his delight was that the entire outdoors was his yard. When he first worked on a survey crew as a student, he knew he had found his vocation. He could scarcely believe that he would be paid for having so much fun!

His navigation skills, and love of books and maps, fuelled his early interest in surveying.

Surveying was not only a profession, but also a way of life for Bill. Cutting line in the bush was a spiritual quest. He was there, not only to perform a task, but, as he put it, to have a "chat with the chipmunks". He loved all living creatures and enjoyed nature's glory, on the land, on the sea, and in the sky, right to the depths of his soul.

Bill gave freely of his time, resources, and wisdom to anyone who needed assistance. He was generous to both individuals and organizations. He unfailingly declined any recognition of his generosity, saying that he always received more than he gave.

It was while Bill was sharing his love of sailing with troubled inner-city youth, in Jacksonville, Florida, that he had his first mild stroke, in February 1998. He never fully recovered.

Bill Beatty, sailor, explorer, and maker of maps, sailed away in January 1999, on a new journey.

Written in his memory with Love by his daughter,
Carolyn Aarup (nee Jobe) in July 1999.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE JOBE
(June 18, 1935 - October 22, 1998)

William (Bill) Lawrence Jobe was born on June 18th 1935 in Toronto, Ontario, the youngest of two boys to Theodore (Teddy) and Edna Pearl Jobe. Bill grew up and attended Mount Pleasant public school where he made newspaper headlines after a wall radiator fell of the classroom wall crushing his leg, causing him to be in a partial body cast for over a year.

