

Desmond Blair, OLS# 658
Deceased June 16, 2014



Desmond Blair, B.A.Sc., P.Eng, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2014. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Patricia, his children Brian, Anne, John and Drew, his 14 grandchildren and 2 great- grandchildren and his sister, Wynn.

Des was born in White Abbey, Northern Ireland, the fifth of six siblings. The family immigrated to Canada in 1925 and Des lived his early years on Langford Avenue along the Danforth.

He graduated a civil engineer from University of Toronto in 1946 and married Patricia Givens, the love of his life, in 1948. The couple lived in Thunder Bay and Sudbury before returning to Toronto in 1952 to raise a family. Des spent many years in the construction industry, including two years in the mid-50s building a radar defense system in northern Ontario, before going on his own as a successful entrepreneur.