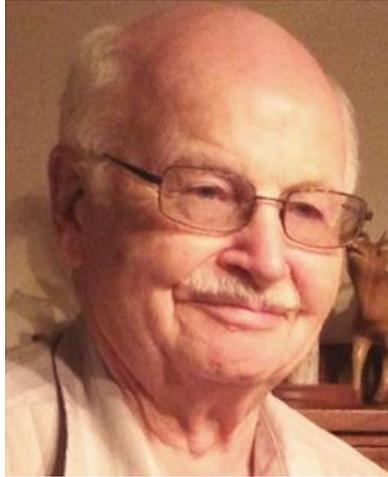


**George Wesley Bracken, O.L.S. #1054
1932 – 2015**



George Wesley Bracken passed away with his family by his side, Sunday, December 27, in Kingston at the age of 83. George was born on a dairy farm outside of Ellisville, Ontario to George and Lena (Pierce) Bracken; the seventh of eight children. George was a devoted and loving husband to his wife Margaret (nee Allen) and a cherished father of children Jane (Neil), Alison, George (Colleen), Robert (Mary Lou) and Lesley (and her late husband Tom). He was a wonderful Grampa to his fourteen grandchildren.

George was a man of integrity, generosity and quiet strength who took great pride in his family. He was a wonderful role model not only to his children but to his grandchildren and his many nieces and nephews. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse in Ellisville, attended high school in Seeley's Bay and Gananoque and went on to graduate from Queens' University in Civil Engineering in 1956. He articulated with his cousin, John Pierce, in Peterborough to become an Ontario Land Surveyor where he met his wife Margaret in 1958.

He established his own survey practice in Smiths Falls where he and Margaret raised their family and numerous cats and dogs. George was very involved with the local community, was a generous benefactor to a number of organizations and remained a keen supporter of Queens University throughout his life. After retiring, he indulged his more artistic side and developed a love and skill for carving inspired by his uncle, Gordon Pierce. He was a prolific carver in wood and soapstone and enjoyed sharing his passion for this with his children and grandchildren.

He and Margaret were keen travelers and enjoyed exploring different parts of the world; favourites being Africa, Russia, China and the Arctic. This also included many visits to the UK to visit Margaret's family. Summers spent at the cottage on Gananoque Lake were a particularly special time with family.

Submitted by Mr. George N. Bracken, OLS