



HAROLD STANLEY (BRAD) BRADSTOCK

1926 - 1987

Harold Stanley Bradstock, the eldest son of Harold Bradstock Sr. and the former Ivy Maude Manders was born on September 19, 1926 in what is now the City of York.

Graduating from Vaughan Road Collegiate Institute in 1943 he took part time work until he was eligible to enlist with the R.C.N.V.R. in March of 1944. For the remaining period of hostilities, Brad served as a torpedo man aboard the destroyer H.M.C.S. Kootoney (formerly M.S. Decoy) on north Atlantic convoy duty and on anti submarine patrols in the Bay of Biscay. He was demobilized 31st. October 1945 with the respected notation "Has served on the high seas" on his Certificate of Service.

After spending a year at the "Ajax Campus" of the University of Toronto, he joined the Department of Highways and was part of that large group of surveyors who were articulated to Harold S. Howden in an expansion programme that included the surveying of all provincial highways in Ontario.

Many of these surveyors, of which Brad was one, left the Department with state of the art training and province wide experience to join with existing firms, form partnerships with other newly commissioned surveyors, or opened up single proprietor practices. This was the time and these were the people who substantially rejuvenated a profession where the average age of the practitioner was in the mid-sixties.

Brad, after working in most areas of the Province, was commissioned as a Land Surveyor in 1950 and remained with the Government

until 1953. His duties as a field supervisor with the Department had brought him into personal contact with senior members of the major survey firms in the Toronto area and through this he developed a close friendship with the late W.S. Gibson - thus when he found the nomadic life of a highway surveyor becoming tiresome it was with the firm of W.S. Gibson and Sons that he started his new career as a surveyor in private practice, eventually becoming a partner and subsequently a principal in the firm.

Brad from his high school days was a sports enthusiast, being an avid bowler and for many years active with the Greater Toronto Ten Pin Bowling Association, a golfer, a curler, an Argo supporter and in more recent years a Blue Jay fan. It was not unusual for he and his wife Mil to take holidays so they could attend a world series game in Yankee Stadium, the 500 at Indianapolis, a Brown's game in Cleveland, or a relaxing week of golf in the Carolinas.

Brad's health started to deteriorate several years ago and after a protracted illness he passed away on November 17, 1987 leaving his wife Mil, sons Wayne and Glen, daughter Janice, a brother Robert and many friends.

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