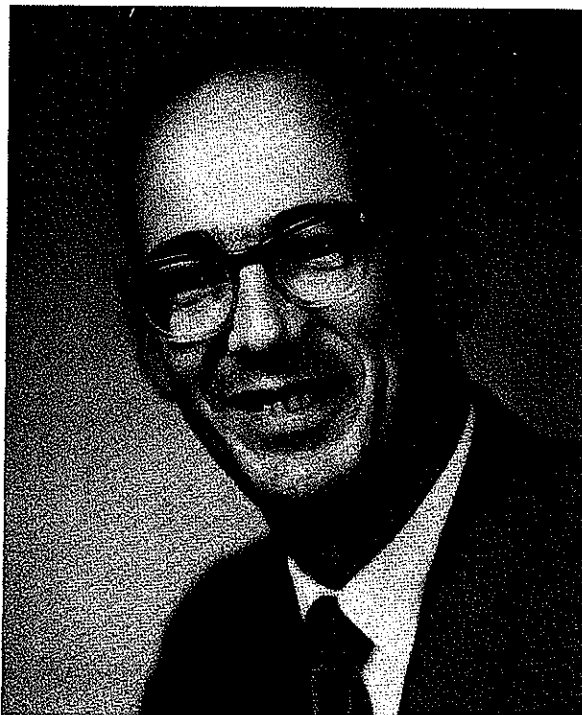


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B.A.Sc., P.Eng., O.L.S.
1932 - 1993

by **M. Brotherston**

David Brotherston spent his early years on his grandfather's farm near Orillia, Ontario. His family moved to Orangeville when he was five and there he attended school, graduating from Orangeville High School as an Ontario Scholar.

He entered the University of Toronto, graduating with honours in Civil Engineering. The following year he articulated with B.J. Haynes of Horton, Carr and Haynes and received his O.L.S. designation in 1955.

The uranium town of Elliot Lake was being developed at this time. The young firm of Marshall Macklin and Monaghan had been awarded the contract to develop the townsite and were seeking a resident surveyor. The adventure and challenge of the position appealed to Dave and the next four years filled both of those needs. He continued his association with the company for a total of twenty-five years, opening branch offices in Streetsville, Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo.

During these years he took a very active part in the Cambridge community. He served on the Board of the Cambridge Housing Authority; as an elder in the Presbyterian Church; as President of the Galt Kiwanis Club; on the Executive of the Hespeler

Hespeler Minor Hockey Association; as President of the Hub League Minor Hockey Association and as President of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

During his years with the Hospital, he developed an awareness of the need for improved patient equipment. In 1981 he founded Broda Enterprises Inc. Using his engineering skills and with input from therapists at a major Toronto Hospital, he developed a seating system that was totally innovative in the health care industry. From very humble beginnings, the company slowly gained recognition throughout Canada and the USA for manufacturing a beneficial seating line for use by the long term disabled and the very frail elderly.

When David became ill, his sons stepped in to offer support to the staff. After his death, each left his chosen profession to return home and ensure the continuation of the company. Stephen has a B.A.Sc. (U of T) and an M.B.A. (McMaster). Ian is a maintenance mechanic and owns Side Trax, a music store in Listowel, Ontario, and Glenn has a B.A. (Brock), M.A. (WLU) and LL.B. (U of T).

For relaxation and renewing of spirit, David spent his leisure hours at the family farm at Mount Forest. He gardened and planted trees and shared with his children and grandchildren the simple pleasures of country life.

*"A man has at least a start
on discovering the meaning of life
when he plants shade trees
under which he knows full well
he will never sit ..."*

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