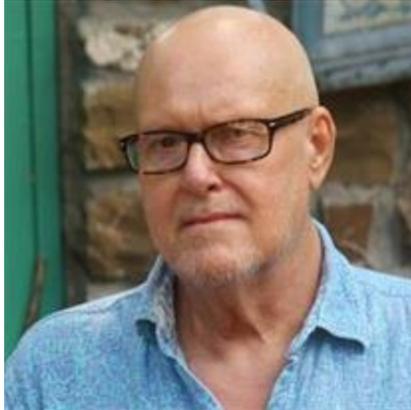


Kenneth Stephen Bunton, OLS# 1640
July 07, 1947 – December 11, 2015



Ken was born in Toronto, and grew up in Scarborough. His love of mapping began as a teenager in Scouts keeping on course for a week hiking with another boy (including an episode of food poisoning) on the Bruce Peninsula.

He studied archaeology as an undergraduate at Trent, and was hired for two summers to work along the Skeenaw River in British Columbia, mapping and taking casts of fallen totem poles for the

Museum of Man (which became the Museum of Civilization) in Ottawa. As a graduate student at Memorial in Newfoundland, he worked on the first excavations of the early settlement at Cupid's Bay.

After university, he began as a surveyor's assistant with McAlpine Construction on the Spadina subway extension in Toronto. This gave him a vision of surveying as a continuation of his archaeological interests; he was hired by McBain and Carmichael Surveyors, who encouraged him to qualify as a surveyor.

After 4 more years of full-time university, with summer and holiday work first as instrument man and then as party chief, he apprenticed with Bill Carmichael and got his OLS in 1988. He continued as a surveyor with McBain and Carmichael, and retired after several years with Ertl Surveyors.

Ken thrived on the combination of physical strength in field work and intellectual challenges of research and reading plans, and transferring the details of the plans on to the land or a building site. He enjoyed the companionship of a small company, and the collegiality of the profession.

He continued researching, examining archival records for the Weston Historical Society in retirement.

Before his death from pancreatic cancer, he was able to revisit the Cupid's Bay site and see the fruits of his early survey work. His surveying experiences were always vivid, so any trip around Toronto or into the countryside beyond would be punctuated by surveying stories and memories.

Ken found work that he loved, he worked with people he admired, and he was dedicated to doing the best job possible. He was proud of being an Ontario Land Surveyor.

Submitted by Maureen Lennon