



**Peter Thomas Clarke, O.L.S.**  
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**By Neil Simpson, O.L.S.**

Peter was originally from the Toronto area and was married to Alma Bishop. They raised a family of six boys.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the R.C.A.F. In Canada and Britain he trained as a pilot on several types of aircraft during the period 1942 to 1946 and completed a tour of operations in R.A.F. Bomber Command - flying the famous Lancaster.

On his return to Canada, he secured employment with the H.E.P.C. of Ontario where he articulated to Harry Williams, O.L.S. and received his commission as an O.L.S. in April of 1952.

In 1955, he began private practice at North Bay, Ontario with E. Lacksrom, O.L.S. and John Maxstead, P.Eng. The partnership was dissolved in 1965 and Peter became employed by Simpson and Taylor O.L.S. where he remained until 1981 at which time he became the resident partner of Clark, Dorland and Miller O.L.S. in North Bay until his retirement in 1986.

During his working years, he carried out extensive surveys throughout North Eastern Ontario on many major projects including R.O.W. Surveys for Ontario Hydro, D.H.O., T.C.P.L. and Township Boundary retracements for M.N.R.

He was a founding member of the North Eastern Regional Group. The respect of his fellow members was shown recently by the creation of a bursary, the Peter Clarke Memorial Fund.

Peter was well respected by the community at large having served on the North Bay Planning Board and as President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 599.

During his later years, Alma was confined to the Nipissing Manor Nursing Home. Peter was a daily visitor to the Manor and continued to do so after Alma's passing.

A quiet man, Peter seldom raised his voice and had a great sense of humour. He enjoyed trout fishing and golf and was a first class cook.

On a personal note, I considered Peter a close friend. In recent years we frequently lunched at the Legion with former employees reminiscing about our surveying experiences.

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