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On August 16, 1986, the Association, his family and the world in general, suffered the loss of John Alfred Copeland, O.L.S., and only those who knew this man will recognize the magnitude of the loss.

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Born in County Down, Northern Ireland, in 1906, Alf Copeland received his primary education in that fair land and came to Canada with his parents to settle in the Niagara area. He received his secondary level education at Stamford Collegiate Institute in Niagara Falls and on the successful completion of his studies he entered into "Articles of Agreement" with Blake Erwin of the City of Niagara Falls.

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In 1940, he was admitted to membership in the Association. From Niagara Falls, the trail led to Toronto and the Ontario Hydro Survey Department where Alf Copeland served in various and succeedingly more responsible capacities, until his retirement in 1970, at which time he was head of the special studies and title group dealing with complex title and survey problems, and a better man you couldn't have for the job at hand. He had an uncanny feel for "evidence", both in the field and in the office.

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This wise and genial Irishman was a pleasure to work with and provided many a young Surveyor with a good grounding in the principals and practise of the art of the boundary surveyor.

He was married to a lovely lady; Esther Lillian Weaver of Niagara Falls, and together they were the proud parents of Bill and Sharon. He was a fine kindly gentleman, a "good" surveyor, a tireless worker and a pleasure to be with. I am sure his family misses him every day.