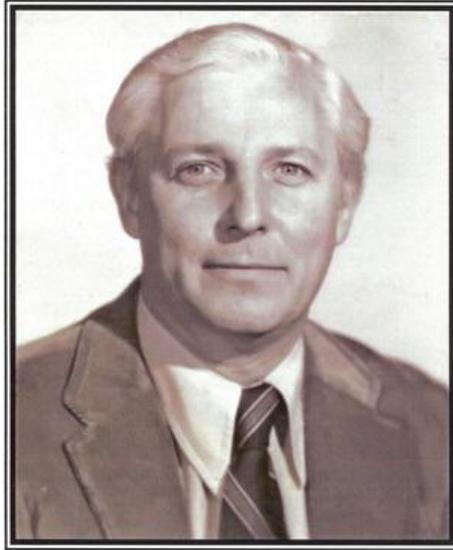


**Ronald Robertson Cuthill, OLS # 1124
1933-2010**



Born in Scotland in 1933, Ron, the only child of a millinery designer and an aeronautical engineer, immigrated to Canada in 1956 after serving in Korea with the British Armed Forces. In 1956, at the start of his professional career, Ron articulated with Dick McBain of McBain & Wicken, where he remained until commissioned by the Ontario Land Surveyors in 1962.

As the Manager of Land Surveying Services with ENELCO, from 1962-66, Ron managed the software development and computing

services for major land development, cadastral mapping and engineer construction projects in Florida, the Bahamas, Argentina and Kuwait.

In 1966, Ron as Vice-President, founded ProConsul Computer Services, with his professional partner Leslie Sugar, thus enabling him to pursue his desire to revolutionize the use of computers in surveying. ProConsul subsequently became a division of J.D. Barnes & Associates where Ron, as General Manager, continued to advanced surveying technology through the use of flat-bed plotting, the first of its kind in Canada.

In 1975, Ron and his family used England as a home-base while, with Project Planning & Associates and M+R International Limited, he directed various projects throughout Africa and the Middle East. Such projects included the King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, the Pyramids Oasis Development in Cairo, Dodoma, the proposed capital city of Tanzania and a residential development in Al-Kharj in Riyadh.

From 1980-88, as Manager of Mapping and Data Systems for the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, Ron was responsible for the development and operations of Branch digital mapping systems. With his background in computerized mapping, Ron furthered his expertise in the areas of stereo digital acquisition, satellite image analysis, digital terrain modeling and geographic information processing.

Using France as a home-base, in 1988 Ron and his family moved to Riyadh where, as Project Manager, he was accountable for a \$250 million digital mapping project to provide Joint Operations Graphics (JOG), military 1:25,000 topographic mapping and digital geographic products for the Ministry of Defence and Aviation (MODA). The scope of operations encompassed aerial and field surveys, geodesy, satellite image acquisition, digital photogrammetry, digital cartography, information management systems and applied systems development. In 1991, during Desert Storm, Ron worked tirelessly with both US and British military commanders to provide digital maps of surrounding terrain.

In 1995, Ron retired to Victoria, B.C., where he spent time gardening, stamp collecting, vacationing with his wife of 53 years, Catherine, fishing and crabbing with his daughter Alison and mentoring his elder, business-minded, daughter, Adrienne. He leaves behind valued friends and colleagues and a family who adored and respected him.