

enjoyed gardening and Bob, always seeking to challenge himself, decided to grow garlic! He was successful in producing bumper crops that provided family, friends and other farmers with an abundance of garlic. Other interests over the years included photography, lapidary work, woodcarving, coaching minor hockey and genealogy to name only a few. He was an avid reader, always curious, always learning.

Being interested in local happenings and with relaxed expertise, Bob served on the Markdale Committee of Adjustment, the Markdale Property Standards Committee and for a brief time, the Land Division and Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southgate.

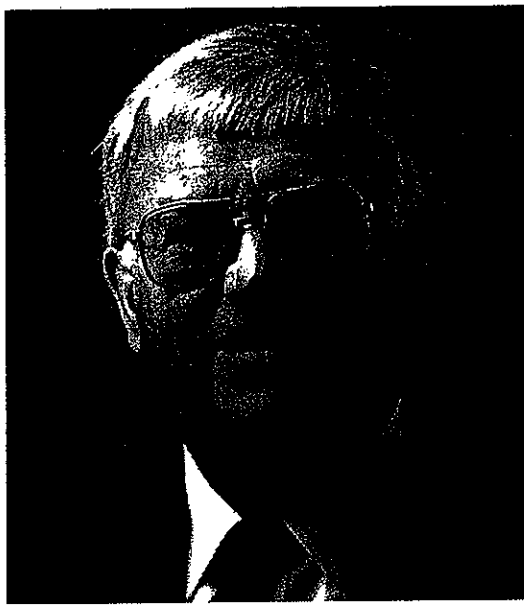
Bob passed away suddenly on March 11, 2001. He is greatly missed by his wife Jean, his six children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his sister Margaret Rose. Bob was well respected and held in high regard by his fellow workers and others who knew him. We, his family, are extremely proud of all his accomplishments. In 1999, he authored his Air Force memoirs, which made for fascinating reading and gave us another insight into our father's early life.

Much to his surprise, a street was named after him, "Moeller Court", when he retired and he leaves a legacy of plans of survey done by him that helped to build the City of Scarborough.

Thank you to Stewart Medley, O.L.S. for his assistance in providing details of Dad's employment.

BRYAN THOMAS DAVIES
October 21st 1936 – April 11th 2001
By Judith Davies

Bryan was born in London, England, the eldest of three sons to H.A. (Bert) and Ena Davies. The family lived in London through all the terrors of World War Two while Bryan's father served in the Fire Service Section of the Military – an experience that left indelible marks on all the family. Bryan's father was a Master Builder as was his grandfather Davies



After the war – at the urging of several Canadian servicemen they had befriended – Bryan's parents decided to bring the family to Canada to Oakville. Bryan's parents were a most positive influence in his life. His mother for her calmness and perseverance during the war and his father for his dedication to the perfection of his profession. (Measure TWICE cut ONCE). When his father died less than five years after their arrival in Canada, Bryan took on the added duties of assisting his mother with his brothers while completing his education. He won a scholarship in Chemical Engineering to Royal Military College but a debilitating shoulder injury playing soccer and short sightedness put an end to his engineering naval aviation careers.

His artistic abilities gained him entry to K.H. McConnell's firm, where his equal abilities in the mathematics and other disciplines required in surveying led Ken to offer him a position as an articled student. One of the values of the surveying profession that came with the articling to Ken was Bryan's whole-hearted agreement and endorsement of the value of continuing education. After completing his articles with Ken, Bryan joined the then Department of Public Works. He traveled the province for five years meeting up with and making life-long friends of fellow surveyors Les Sury, Bob Stocker, Craig Stewart and others from J.D. Barnes and The Department of Highways.

In 1965 Bryan joined the firm of Horton & Wallace in Whitby. With his wife Judith, son Bryan Jr. and daughter Mary Ellen he began to put down roots he never had as a child.

He was invited to join Rotary, serving on various committees and as secretary. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his contributions to the club. Rotary also led to fundraising for and involvement with the Whitby General Hospital as he and Judith visited the older generation of Whitby residents for the Rotary "Lifeline" programme.

As a Y.M.C.A. board member, Bryan helped to negotiate a difficult amalgamation with the Toronto Metropolitan Y and a much more friendly and co-operative amalgamation between the Town of Whitby, the Y and his daughter's school, The Ontario Ladies College, to build tennis courts on the school property for use by the Y and Whitby residents along with the students at the school.

When son Bryan Jr. began playing lacrosse, the usual requests for parental assistance led from local and Provincial participation to National involvement at Pee Wee and Junior Championships and international involvement at the Commonwealth Games in 1978, the Los Angeles Olympics in 1980, and World Championships in Baltimore, Maryland in 1982 and Toronto in 1986.

Bryan was a train enthusiast from his childhood in England and built a model railroad as time permitted. He and his family shared a love of music of all kinds but Bryan's particular joy was in New Orleans style jazz. He discreetly crashed Louis Armstrong's dressing room at the Brant Inn and spent ten minutes of quiet "chat" with "Louis". His knowledge of this particular era was encyclopedic and his collection of records, tapes and discs is a treasure.

He was an enthusiastic U.S. college basketball fan as well as a Cleveland Brown's supporter with family trips with children, grandchildren and friends to Syracuse, Detroit and Cleveland.

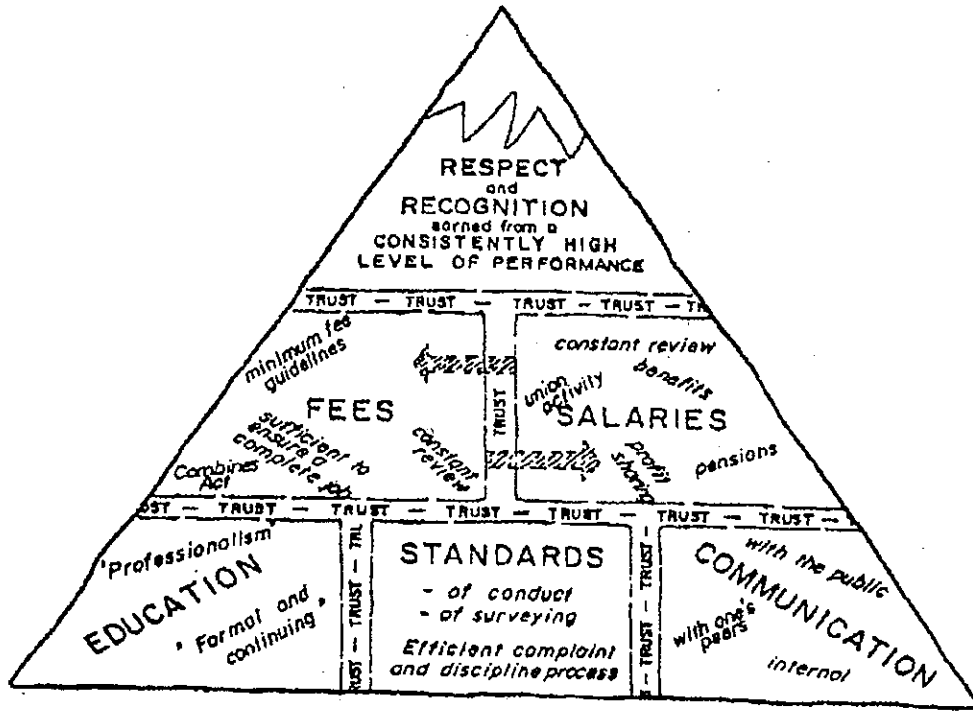
As the picture albums and the notebooks began to fill, it was a family joke that all these events were just "chapters for the memoirs".

While all these "extra curricular" activities were taking place, there was a business to be attended to and with Graydon Horton and Ivan Wallace, Bryan worked to maintain and strengthen the practice begun by "Hort". The Town of Whitby, The Region of Durham and all the various businesses, large and small, began to depend on Horton and Wallace for their service and expertise. There was also a criterion of service to "ordinary people" the two to ten lot developer and those clients who required a simple up-date of an S.R.P.R. In 1980, Graydon Horton retired and the firm became Horton Wallace and Davies. Bryan began to attend South Central Regional Group meetings and became involved in the issues of his Association.

In 1979, Bryan was nominated by the South Central group to run for Council. His election began an intense five-year involvement on council that culminated in his election as President in 1983 and a less intense involvement that did not cease until his death. There were Zone and Committee memberships and chairmanships along with writing and speaking on a variety of topics from Moonlighting, Fences as Evidence, Maintaining Professional Competence, to the Insurance Programme and the Role of the Surveyor Task Force. He lectured to the Bar Admission Course and helped to promote Lorraine Petzold's programme of promotional talks to lawyers and real estate agents. He even took Lorraine's place for a "Women in Surveying" Seminar at an A.C.S.M. meeting. She later allowed that he had done her proud - a high compliment. With Lynn Brown, he worked to support the Technicians and Technologists Association. He served as Editor of the *Quarterly* for a short while after the retirement of Andrew Gibson. There were times when he was able to combine professional responsibilities with Community and Social Issues. Several times he assisted the Anglican Diocese of Toronto with land use development. One of his final projects was to negotiate a license between the Diocese, The Region of Durham and The Durham Region Police Association for a much needed Community Police Station on land owned by his parish church. Two of Bryan's most appreciated awards were the 1984 Town of Whitby Peter Perry Award for volunteer service to the community and the 1992 Centenary Award from his profession.

The attached diagram is one Bryan did for an A.C.S.M. seminar in 1983. Sometimes the trust – the mortar of this pyramid – that his fellow professionals would treat everyone as fairly and honestly as Bryan did was sorely tried but his faith and perseverance carried him on. To paraphrase what a Rotarian friend told him – you might get upset with Surveyors but not with the ideals of Surveying.

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