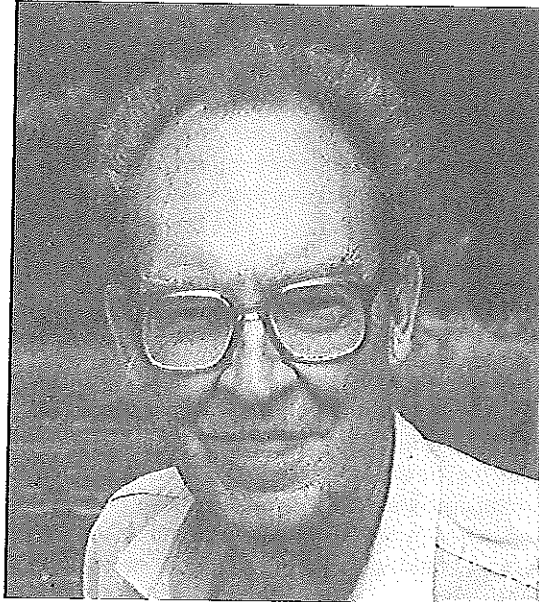


**James Dudley Dearden**  
**Born Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924 – Died Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**By John A. Stanton**

**Condensed from eulogies by Margaret Walton and Elinor Dearden**

James Dudley Dearden, the 83<sup>rd</sup> President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (1974) was born in Richmond, Quebec on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924, the son of Dud and Hatty Dearden.



He attended public and high schools in Quebec and later Bellville and Lindsay in Ontario. After enlisting in WW II in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Army Course, University of Toronto 1943-44, he graduated with a BAsC in Mechanical Engineering in 1948.

Jim met his future wife, Elinor Cavana, an Orillia native and daughter of E.L. Cavana, O.L.S. at the University of Toronto. Upon graduation, Jim worked at General Electric Co and the Buchanan Marine Engine Company in Orillia as Chief Engineer.

His love of the outdoors and his exposure to E.L. Cavana's wonderful Profession lured him into Land Surveying, Jim articulated with the Department of Lands and Forests to F.C (Chester) McKergow O.L.S. in 1951. A lot of his work during this period was on Base and Meridian lines north of Red Lake. He was commissioned as an O.L.S. in 1953 and started Private Practice in Orillia, Ontario.

In 1964, he set up a partnership with John A. Stanton O.L.S. and together, they built up a very busy practice both locally and throughout Ontario, surveying subdivisions, highways, retracements of Township Boundaries, Provincial Parks, Hydro Rights-of Way as well as General property surveys. Both partners were Professional Engineers, so their scope included Municipal Engineering, roads, and drainage projects.

As mentioned, Jim married Elinor Cavana in 1949 and raised three children, Kathy Tokgoz, Margaret Walton and Michael Dearden. There are now seven Grandchildren, Genevieve and Natalie Togo, James, Andrew and Katie Walton and Annie and Harry Dearden.

Jim was also very active in the Administration of the AOLS, serving as Councillor for several years leading to Vice-President and President in 1974. He was a strong proponent of the "New Look " Association which evolved through the 1970's and 1980's.

Jim was also very community minded and served on the local Orillia Water Light and Power Commission as a member and Chairman for many years. He was past Master Orillia Masonic Lodge # 192, Scottish Rite, Barrie and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 34, the Orillia Naturalists club, Ontario Federation of Ornithologists, Orillia Concert Association and the St. James Anglican Church.

Jim enjoyed cross country skiing, golf ,sailing, woodworking, bridge and bird watching. He built the interior and rigged a 12 metre , cutter rigged sailboat and spent a year sailing with Elinor to the Abocos and back. He also sailed in Grenadines, Bahamas and Georgian Bay.

Jim retired from active survey practice in 1976 and went on foreign aid missions in Nigeria and Bolivia with CESO. He volunteered at an Archeological dig at Beth-Se'an in Israel in 1991, spending the first Gulf War period in Israel living on a Kibbutz with Elinor.

After retirement, Jim and Elinor spent several years traveling the world, visiting France, Spain and England and later traveling by 5<sup>th</sup> wheel across the Southern U.S States. They spent their summers at their Lakeside home on Lake Simcoe near Orillia with friends and family.

In June 2000m, Jim had a massive stroke but just as he had overcome a bout with polio in childhood, so too he fought hard to recover and although confined to a wheelchair, he was able to be at home and spend time with family and friends. He died at home on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002.