

On January 26, 1982 Fuzail Siddiqi became an Ontario Land Surveyor, an accomplishment he was very proud of. My mother and all of us remember how happy he was at that time when he received his survey degree and official stamp.

In 1983, my father moved to Aurora, Ontario where he began working at R.D. Tomlinson Limited. My father remained there from 1983 to 1998, except for a two year period from 1986 to 1988 where he was working with J.D. Barnes again as Manager of their Housing Division.

In 1998, he joined P. Salna Company Ltd. in Richmond Hill, Ontario where he worked until Monday, August 21, 2000.

During the night of August 21, 2000 my father suffered a massive heart attack and passed away at his home in Aurora. He leaves his wife and five children, and five grandchildren.

I will always miss my father, his great sense of humour, and his wise advice. My father had many friends who were shocked by his death. He was a very soft spoken man and always took care of his family. It will be difficult to continue without him but his kind nature will always be in our memory.

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**PETER DEWHIRST, OLS (Ret.)  
1934 – 2000**

**by Joy Dewhirst**

Peter was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England and emigrated with his parents to Canada, settling in Galt in 1948. He attended the Galt Collegiate and was an avid cyclist and enthusiastic golfer. At age 19 he articled to George MacAuley, O.L.S. in Brantford and in August 1956 at the age of 22 was commissioned as an



After selling his beloved MG, he headed to the wilds of north-western Ontario to work for the firm of Phillips and Gavin in Port Arthur, now Thunder Bay. Although Peter never understood why anyone would winter camp "for fun", he valued the experience he gained from his six years "in the bush".

Peter married Joy Hall, a nurse from Fort William and in 1963 moved to Windsor where Peter worked for C.G. Russell Armstrong. Drains, drains and more drains. While there, he flew to the then "Frobisher Bay" to get a sunshot to locate a communication tower, as far as I understood, but the lasting memory was of fishing for arctic char under the midnight sun.

In 1964 he went to work for A.J. Clarke and Associates in Hamilton and shortly after went into private practice with John Blackburn in Burlington and then on his own until 1970. After a brief stint with Marshall Macklin Monaghan, where he went back to north-western Ontario to survey the pipeline, he accepted a position with the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. The following year he became Chief Surveyor and then later Manager of Surveys and Mapping. In 1997, after 41 years as an O.L.S., Peter decided it was time to retire and moved to Nova Scotia to live by the sea.

Peter was definitely not all work and no play. He was a keen and knowledgeable sailor; he enjoyed cycling, camping, golf, jogging, cross-country skiing and swimming. He ran in five Blue Light 24 hour relays with "the Transports", the running team from the Transportation Department at RMOC, raising much money for the Rehab Centre by getting sponsors from the business community as well as local survey firms. Peter was proud of his organizational skills and was pleased to organize two Annual General Meetings in Ottawa for Mr. Robert Meisner, and Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Past President's of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors.

In January 2000, Peter was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour. Peter died July 18<sup>th</sup> 2000 in the Palliative Care Unit of the Fisherman's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. He had celebrated his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday one month previous in L'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland.

Life was an adventure to the end. Peter leaves behind, wife Joy and daughter Elaine.

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