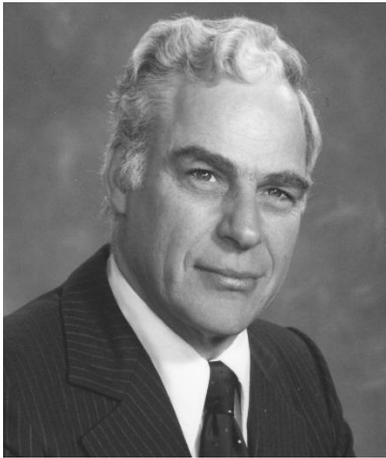


Donald William Endleman, OLS #943, P.Eng. , C.L.S. (all Ret.)
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Don was born in Sudbury on June 9, 1926 to Harry Max Endleman and Rose Endleman (Cherin). He was the fourth of their five children after his brothers Saul (1920), Victor (1922) and Robert (1923) and before his sister Gloria (1930).

He attended Elm St. Public School and Sudbury High School and was a good student – skipping several grades along the way. He was also a very good athlete – playing soccer, baseball, hockey and football.

He was 15 in grade 12 at Sudbury High when he quit school after the 1941 football season to help his father at the General Store in Levack – an INCO mining town 30 miles north-west of Sudbury. There, as part of his duties, he delivered groceries, ice and coal after his father got him special permission from the police to drive the truck. Being the coal man involved unloading it from the trains to the storage sheds, shoveling it from the sheds to the delivery truck, and then shoveling it from the truck into the chutes in the houses or into bags that he carried into the houses. Every building in the town heated with coal. This was tough work for a 15-year old but it made him very strong.

After this work experience, when school started in 1942, he was the first in line to register. At the urging of, and with help from the football coach and vice-principal, he took all of the grade 12 and 13 courses in the one year and passed all the examinations so that he could go to Queen's University in the fall of 1943.

Don went to Queen's to take Mining Engineering - a logical choice given that he knew that the mining business was booming and he came from a mining town. He of course, also signed up for the football team -the Golden Gaels. He and his good friend Hal Elgee, who was in Chemical Engineering, were both on that team. In 1946 the two friends were dating sisters from Blind River - Joan and Marion Dyke- who were working in Kingston at the time. Near the end of their university days in 1947, Don married Joan, and Hal married Marion.

After graduating from Queen's University in 1947, Don worked in the mining industry as a mining engineer; first in Kilmar, Quebec, at a magnesite mine until September, 1948, and then at INCO's Levack Mine from 1948 until October, 1953. Then, after a stint with his father as assistant manager of the Levack General Store until February, 1956, he started working in Sudbury for the firm of Lane and Lane Associates, Ontario Land Surveyors and Professional Engineers. He articulated to Ray Lane, O.L.S. in 1956, completed the examinations and was sworn in as an Ontario Land Surveyor in July, 1957. Don obtained his P.Eng. in 1956 and was designated by the A.P.E.O. as a consultant in the 1960's.

From 1956 to 1961 Don worked with Lane & Lane as an articulated student and Ontario Land Surveyor doing general urban and rural surveying mainly in the Sudbury District. One of the more interesting projects during that period was supervising a special underground survey for H. G. Acres in Chute des Passes, Quebec for a Quebec Hydro dam project. From 1961 to 1964 he partnered with A. B. McLennan, O.L.S. in the firm of Endleman – McLennan, doing general engineering and land surveys. During this period some noteworthy projects were: establishing and maintaining survey control both underground and on surface for a five mile underground sanitary sewer system on behalf of Kilborn Engineering and the City of Sudbury; and performing legal and engineering surveys for 18 microwave tower sites at approximately 30-mile intervals from the Parry Sound District to the west end of the District of Algoma for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The partnership was terminated when A. B. McLennan left to set up a practice in the Timmins area.

From 1964 to 1966, Don practiced in Sudbury as D. W. Endleman, Ontario Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer. In 1966, Robert G. Holder, O.L.S., joined the firm as a partner, and the firm became Endleman-Holder. This partnership continued until his retirement from the firm in 1987. During the 20 years that the partnership existed, it also operated as Endleman, Holder & Wallace when Al Wallace, O.L.S., N.S.L.S. worked as a partner in the firm, and as Endleman, Holder & Launen when Kari Launen, O.L.S. worked as a partner. During this long period, articulated students included Charles Jireada, O.L.S.; Tom Endleman, C.L.S., O.L.S.; and Jack Young, C.L.S., P.Eng., O.L.S. , Dave Urso - C.L.S., O.L.S. was also employed briefly by this firm. Many other future O.L.S.s worked summers for the firm.

Don obtained his designation as a Canada Lands Surveyor in 1982 and the firm performed a number of surveys for the Department of Indian Affairs in the 1980's.

In 1968, Don acquired a gyro-theodolite (Wild of Canada) in order to perform underground control surveys for the mining industry. The work with the gyro and other mining surveys was done under the name of Engineering and Mining Surveys Ltd.,

and included surveys all over Canada and parts of the United States. The gyro work was taken over by his son, Tom, in 1988.

In the 1970's, a group of 8 land survey firms in Ontario and Quebec, including Endleman Holder Limited, established a photogrammetric company in Toronto known as Photomap Air Surveys Limited, which has continued operations to this day in the field of photogrammetry and aerial photography. Don was a director of that company until 1987 when he retired from Endleman Holder.

In addition to practicing as an Ontario Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer, he was active as a land developer in the Sudbury District. In Association with others, he participated in the development of a number of subdivisions in the City of Sudbury, such as Eden Point Estates, Village Park, and Rideau Park.

Over the years he was always active in some sports activities. He played on the Queen's soccer team in 1944 and played football for the Queen's Golden Gaels in 1946. He also participated in track, softball, hockey, and boxing during his four years at Queen's. He was an active curler for thirty years, and golfed from 1965 up until 2014.

Don was always involved with his professional Associations, working on various committees - proudly serving on the Council of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors from 1975 to 1980 - and as its President in 1978/79. He served on the Board of Directors of the Sudbury and Manitoulin District Chapter of the APEO for five years, serving as its Chairman for one year in the 1970's.

He also participated for many years in various aspects of community service: In the 1950's he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sudbury YMCA;

From 1962 to 1968 he was a member of the Sudbury Planning Board (Chairman in 1967);

From 1969 to 1973 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce (President – 1972/73);

From 1973 to 1988 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Motor League, Nickel Belt Club (now the C.A.A.) (President – 1978/79);

In the 1980's he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sudbury Theatre Centre, and served as its treasurer for one year;

From 1990 to 1994 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Simcoe Condo. Corp. No. 67, in Alliston, Ont. (President – 1992 & 1993); and, most recently,

The Garden Committee, the Communications Committee, the Hearthstone Singers and the Condominium Board at Hearthstone Condo. Corp. #377 in Burlington (President 2014-15).

Don always wanted to be involved and contributing in some significant way. As the success of the business became more assured, Don and Joan started to enjoy more travel - having gotten the bug in 1955 with a trip to Cuba and the Bahamas. In the late 60's they went to Hawaii, cruised the Caribbean, and went to Mexico. An incomplete listing of vacations (with various dates from 1972 to 1995) indicated trips to various spots in Mexico, to Arizona with different groups, a trip to Israel and Greece for the International Surveyors Meeting (F.I.G.); a trip to England with Marion and Hal Elgee; another combination trip to England, Scotland and Wales; a European trip which included stops in Germany, Austria and Hungary; and a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji with a group from the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. In later years they settled down to going to their condo in Florida for the winter with some side trips to Palm Springs California and Scottsdale Arizona.

Don passed away February 12, 2015. He was the loving husband for over 64 years of the late Joan and is survived by his sister Gloria and his son Tom, daughter-in-law Marian and grandson David. He will be missed.