

**Carl Frederick Fleischmann, O.L.S. (1005)**  
**November 1, 1925 – January 19, 2012**  
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Carl was born November 1, 1925 in Stuttgart Germany, to parents Kurt and Emily Fleischmann. Carl had a brother who died early as a child and a sister who died during World War II. Over the years Carl has recounted some of his early memories of playing school sports, swimming, skiing and also (reluctantly, at his mother's behest) ballroom dancing.

As was the case for many of his era, Carl's childhood abruptly ended with the start of WWII in 1939. Carl's life drastically changed due to the requirement that all adolescent German males were automatically inscripted into the Hitler youth to begin their training for the armed forces.

Carl recalled a time soon after becoming a cadet; he was out on the street and was approached by a military officer who asked what unit he was assigned to. It turned out that he couldn't come up with this information and so he was thrown in jail for a week.

By the end of the war, Carl ended up as a Prisoner of War in England during 1944 – 1945. After his release he met and later married his first wife Alma. After immigrating to Canada, he joined the C.N.R. where he was articted to H.D.G. Currie, O.L.S. (#606).

After receiving his O.L.S. (#1005), Carl joined F.J. Donevan, O.L.S. (#547) in Oshawa and later took over the practice operating it as Donevan & Fleischmann Co. until his retirement in 1991.

One of the many humorous anecdotes from his days there relates to a Christmas Party. Apparently the festivities were well under way when one of the draughtsman (perhaps over served) told Carl that he was cheap and went on to say that he should get a raise. Upon returning to work after the holidays, the draughtsman showed up expecting to be fired. That was not to be however, it seems that the Christmas festivities had dulled Carl's memory about that earlier discussion. (Whether he got the raise, I don't know).

During Carl's career as an O.L.S., he had articulated a number of surveyors at Donevan & Fleischmann - Helmut Grander (#1183), Steve Fluke (#1250), Eric Eichmanis (#1251) and Ken Bird (who returned to Alberta after completion of his articles).

In 1974 Carl met his life mate Betty Irwin and it was the beginning of a long and happy relationship. Carl and Betty enjoyed skiing, swimming and traveling together. Their trips included Australia/New Zealand, Europe, Hawaii, India and an "Around the World" Trip in 1993.

Carl was a hard worker, a gentleman and a respected member of the business community. Those who knew him would agree that he was a very knowledgeable surveyor, who was tough, but he was fair.

We will miss you Carl.