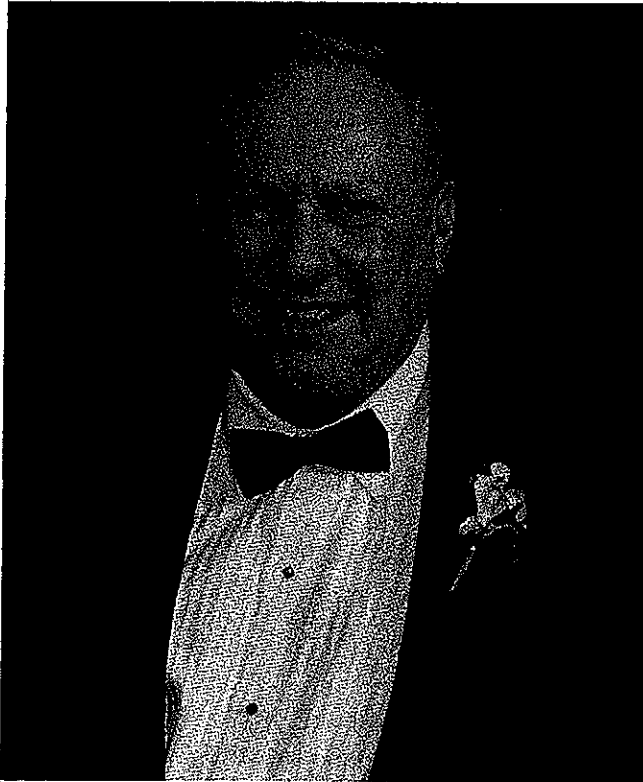


JOSEPH LORENZ GELBLOOM 1928 - 1994

by Jaime Gelbloom



"Lorry" (sometimes known as Rory Calhoun) lived in Toronto for the majority of his life.

In 1948, after a year of studies at the University of Toronto, he spent time in Palestine/Israel before returning to Toronto to work in the garment industry with his father.

He joined the Department of Highways of Ontario in 1950, surveying in many parts of the province until 1955. During those years, like so many of his colleagues, Lorry articulated to Harold S. Howden, O.L.S., P.Eng. In 1954, he received his Ontario Land Surveyor designation.

In 1955 Lorry worked with the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto's then Roads Department for one year before joining the firm of King and Coons Limited (soon to become H.L. Coons and Associates) where he also worked for a period of one year.

Between 1957 and 1963 Lorry operated his own practice where he surveyed parts of the Don Valley Parkway and the Bayview Extension and most of the (Frederick Goldwyn) Gardiner Expressway.

Lorry joined the Canadian National Railway Company in 1963 as Assistant Regional Land Surveyor for the Real Estate Division (Great Lakes Region). From 1967 to 1981 he held the position of Regional Land Surveyor.

In 1982 he obtained his Canada Lands Surveyor designation.

After taking college courses in Aircraft Mechanics, Lorry joined the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto's Parks and Property Department in 1983 where he held the position of Ontario Land Surveyor until his passing.

Lorry loved every aspect of Land Surveying. He always took great pleasure in meeting many of his fellow surveyors whenever he had the chance.

Some of his spare-time was spent at a health club, where he enjoyed a "good steam" and a few games of billiards. Most of his time was spent helping people, whether he knew them well or even if he had just met them.

Lorry was always in search of truth and justice in everything. Whatever he was asked to do, it was done fully and completely with no hesitation as long as it wasn't meant to harm someone. He was always quick with a joke, so as to lighten up someone's day, but he also had a fire in him that burned strong when he believed that something was unjust, and he wasn't afraid to let someone know that he felt that way.

Lorry is survived by his four sons and their wives, four grandchildren and many friends. To those who truly knew him, he will be missed.

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