

**HORTON, GRAYDON THRING, OLS # 765
1917-2003**



Hort was born in Toronto in 1917. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto in Civil Engineering and Town Planning. He met his wife, Virginia, while they were attending U of T.

They had three children Roger, Barbara and James.

Hort joined the faculty and first taught in Toronto. He was one of

those that then chose to teach at the Ajax Campus which opened to deal with the swell of students returning to Canada following the Second World War.

He was one of a half dozen instructors from the University that articulated to become Ontario Land Surveyors. In 1951 he partnered up with Bas Haynes and Bill Carr to form Horton, Carr and Haynes, Engineers and Surveyors in 1951. By 1957 the partners had drifted apart, each forming their own individual firms. It is of some interest that many years later my firm, Ivan Wallace Surveyors, acquired the records of both Bas Haynes and Bill Carr, thus re-uniting the former firm.

Hort was a talented subdivision designer and was the single driving force in the City of Oshawa that changed the street patterns from long straight streets, which gave no consideration for the topography to the modern subdivision designs with Crescents and Cul de Sacs, much to the consternation of the City Engineer.

In the early sixties the company had morphed into Horton and Wallace and we purchased our first "in house" computer. The existing software was designed for engineers but did not take into consideration the specific needs of Land Surveyors. Hort undertook to learn how to write new software, which was used in the company for many years.

Hort retired in 1980 and passed away in 2003.

Submitted by Mr. Ivan Wallace, O.L.S.