

William James Hughes, O.L.S.
1925 – 2007
Written with love by his wife, Ada Hughes



Jim was born in Toronto, Ontario, a middle child of Welsh and Scottish parents. He was educated in the Mimico area. He commenced his surveying career at the age of just 16 with A. Cook, O.L.S. in 1941.

Jim served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943, having trained in the U.K. as an air gunner. He was released with a rank of Flight Sergeant. He met his wife Ada in 1949 and they were happily married for more than 57 years, having five children.

Jim Worked for Ontario Hydro in the Survey Department. Several times over his career from 1946 – 1947, 1950 – 1952 and finally from 1973 to his retirement in 1990. He also worked in British Columbia from 1947 – 1950 doing geological and construction surveys, and with H.L. Coons and J.D. Barnes, O.L.S. from 1952 – 1967. In 1967, Jim opened his own surveying practice in Brantford, Ontario for a few years until he rejoined Ontario Hydro in 1973.

Jim loved all sports, particularly curling and golf, and was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying camping, hiking and hunting. He and Ada enjoyed their retirement years, spending most of their time in Florida.

Jim passed away from cancer on July 7th 2007. He is sadly missed by his wife Ada and children Lorraine, Moira, Stephen and Sandra as well as all his grandchildren and friends.