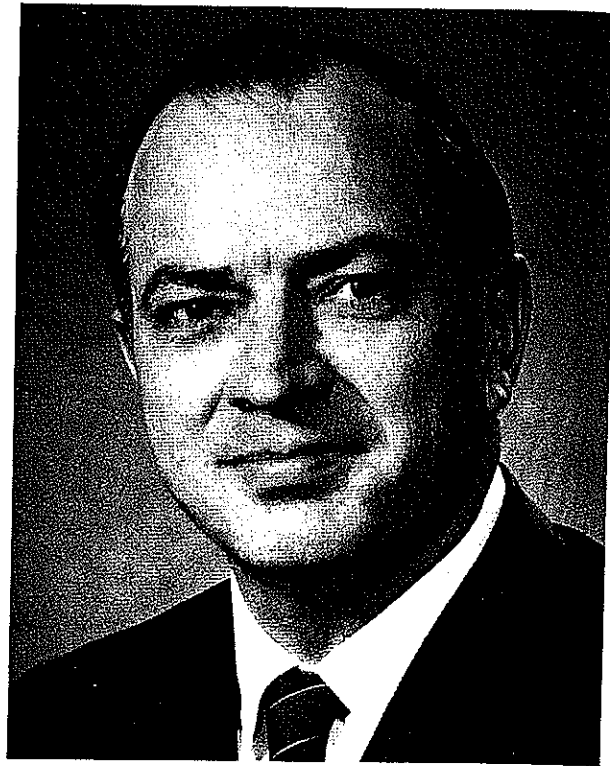


HAROLD VICTOR JEWITT 1924 - 1995

by Grace Jewitt

Harold was born April 7, 1924, on his family's farm near the Northern Ontario village of Walford. He received his early education in a one-room country school.

When he reached the age of 18 years, he enlisted in the R.C.A.F., graduating as a Pilot Officer, Wireless Operator, Air Gunner. He served overseas in Great Britain, firstly in the Canadian Air Force, and then was attached to the Royal Air Force as a Flying Officer until the war ended in 1945. He returned to Canada in 1946 after serving a year in the Transport Command.



Harold served his apprenticeship with Colonel S. Archibald, OLS, in London. He received his commission in 1949. Also apprenticed to Colonel Archibald at this time was William C. McDowell, B.Eng., OLS, of Norfolk County. In 1950, they formed the practice McDowell and Jewitt, Engineering and Surveying. The partnership was sealed with a mere handshake.

The following years were very busy. In addition to general land surveying, Harold designed nearly all the subdivisions in Norfolk County and surveyed for the gas explorations done in Lake Erie. Mr. McDowell left the partnership in 1964 to become local county engineer whereupon Jewitt Dodd & Vallee was formed.

Jewitt and Dixon Ltd. started January 1st, 1980, and he continued working in surveying until he retired in 1985 and devoted his time as owner and manager of Commander Leasing Corporation.

Over the years, Harold was active in the local community helping to draft Simcoe's first Official Plan, and as a member of the Curling Club, the Golf Club, Director of the Phoenix Club and of Lynnwood Arts Centre. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Mocha Shrine Temple of London.

Harold died suddenly on June 13th, 1995. Surviving besides his wife, Grace (Figg), whom he married in Sudbury in 1947, are two daughters — Anne Malo of Simcoe and Dayle McDowell of Langton. There are also four grandsons and one granddaughter. From the obituary in the *Simcoe Reformer* . . .

"Harold Jewitt left his personal stamp on Simcoe."

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