



**WILLIAM LOGAN KEAY**  
**1918 - 1993**

**by Jane Keay**

Bill Keay was born on January 29, 1918, in Glasgow, Scotland, to David and Jessie Keay. The family moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba when he was very young, and there he attended public and high school.

After high school, he apprenticed as a plumber with the Canadian National Railway, and left there to attend the University of Manitoba. He completed his apprenticeship during the summers between university years. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. (Civil Engineering) in 1943.

After serving in the Royal Canadian Navy as a Lieutenant from 1943 to 1945, he worked as a Field Engineer in the Water Supply Department of the C.N.R. in western Canada. He left there to attend the University of Toronto where he received his M.Sc. (Sanitary Engineering) in 1947. He then went to work for the City of Brantford as the Assistant City Engineer from 1947 to 1954. While there, he served his articles to G.H. Richards, and received his O.L.S. Commission in 1952.

In 1954 he became Branch Manager for the consulting engineering firm of Proctor, Redfern and Laughlen, in charge of their Kingston office. From there,

he went to the City of Ottawa in 1957, where he was the Engineer in charge of the Sewerage and Drainage Branch. When the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton was formed in 1969, he became Director of Pollution Control, and was there until he retired in 1982.

Bill worked hard at everything he did and was interested in many things. He was a former president of the Canadian Institute on Pollution Control; a past president of the Granite Curling Club of West Ottawa; and, a past president of the Optimist Club in both Brantford and Kingston.

He was an avid curler and golfer and loved to travel.

William Logan Keay passed away on January 29, 1993. He is survived by his wife Jane, five children and eleven grandchildren.

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