

JOHN ERIC KIHl

John Eric Kihl was born in Ottawa, Ontario in 1932. He was the son of John H. Kihl and Lilly Erickson Kihl both of whom were born in Norway. Eric's father was with the Geodetic Surveys of Canada for many years.

Rick, as he was affectionately known by his many friends, was widely admired and respected, not only for his professional ability, but also for his unique personality. Quiet and unassuming he nevertheless displayed qualities which endeared him to all who knew him and which can perhaps best be summarized in the phrase, "a great guy".

His secondary school education was completed in Ottawa and he then joined the Legal Surveys Department of the National Capital Commission in 1953. He later became articled to the late Richard F. Dore. Rick received his commission as an O.L.S. in 1964, winning the North-Eastern Group Award for highest standing in final examinations in that year. The following year he left the N.C.C. to work with Charles W. Fairhall in private practice.

In 1967 he established his own practice in his home and later opened an office in the West End of the City. In 1975, he became associated in private practice with Ross Arnett, O.L.S.

Rick was very proud to be a member of the profession and prided himself in conducting his business affairs with a high degree of thoroughness and integrity not to mention resourcefulness which was evident in the fact that on more than one occasion he enlisted the services of his three daughters to assist him in field work as well as in the office.

Rick's affinity for the outdoors was carried over into his leisure time as he pursued the realization of a life long dream in planning, constructing and completing a beautiful cottage which would make any man proud. When not in the field or at the office, Rick could always be found tinkering around his cottage.

His association with Kiwanis was another source of pride and Rick was a willing worker for many years.

His death on June 15, 1977 at the age of 44, after a 14 month battle with cancer has left a huge void in the lives of his family; wife Evelyn and daughters Nancy, Jude and Ingrid.

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