

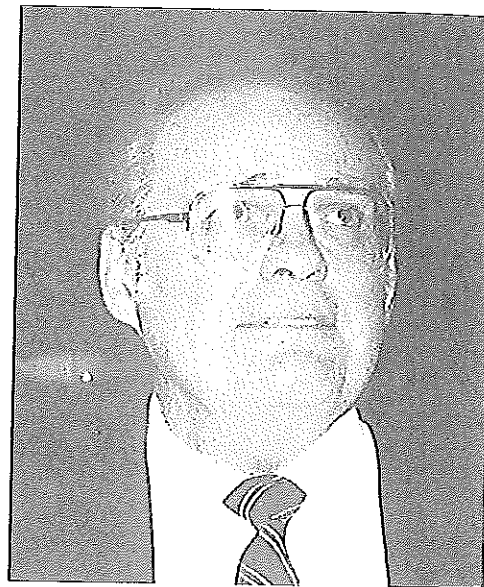
**R.W. (Dick) Kirkpatrick, O.L.S.**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> 1932 – August 27<sup>th</sup> 2003**

**Submitted by Charles B. Chapman, O.L.S. (Ret.) and Dan Caldwell, C.S.T.**

Dick was born on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1932 in Hawkestone in Simcoe County, Ontario and was the youngest child of Roy and Elsie Kirkpatrick.

He attended school in Barrie where he graduated from Grade 13 in 1950. After a brief period of working as a lineman for Hydro-Electric Commission, Dick decided to follow in the footsteps of his older brother, Roy and entered the surveying profession.

Dick served under Articles of Agreement with James H. Diamond, O.L.S. of Barrie, Ontario.



Dick joined the Department of Highways in 1954 and spent five years working in the South West Region.

He was accepted as an Ontario Land Surveyor on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1959 and immediately accepted the position of City Surveyor for the Corporation of the City of London.

Very shortly thereafter, Dick was approached by John E. Farncomb and was invited to join him in private practice.

John and Dick practiced under the name of Farncomb & Kirkpatrick Limited until Farncomb's retirement in 1974. Dick was the sole practitioner at Farncomb & Kirkpatrick until he was joined in 1985 by Robert D. Stirling, O.L.S. and Daniel D. Caldwell, C.S.T. The firm's name changed to Farncomb, Kirkpatrick & Stirling Surveying Ltd. and Dick remained as President up to his retirement in 1998.

Dick's great humour and penchant for witty remarks coupled with his relaxed but confident attitude, endeared him to both his staff and clients and provided for a harmonious and productive workplace environment.

Dick's interests included gardening, woodworking, fishing and socializing with his large circle of friends and associates where his special brand of humour and acerbic wit delighted all.

As a tribute to Dick's character and professionalism and to honour his memory, the well respected London development firm of Sifton Properties Limited named one of the streets in their new prestigious River Bend development, "Kirkpatrick Way".

Dick is survived by his wife, Johanne, children Julia, Todd, Ingrid and Eric and his seven grandchildren.