

Frederick George Lane, B.A., O.L.S.
July 14th 1929 – August 27th 2007
Submitted by Jim Nicholson and Jon Lancaster



Frederick George Lane was born in Toronto growing up in the western part of the city. He attended Runnymede Collegiate Institute graduating in 1948 and then joined the Department of Highways working in various locations in Ontario.

In August 1954 Fred entered articles with H.S. Howden, O.L.S. and was subsequently commissioned as OLS #957 on November 21st 1957.

Transferred to the South-West Regional Office of the Department at London, Fred was a Field Survey Inspector throughout South-western Ontario. While in London, Fred met Doreen Otway and they were married in October 1957. Doreen and Fred had one son, Graham, born in 1966.

In 1972, Fred moved to the North-West Regional Office at Thunder Bay, promoted to Senior Inspector of Surveys in charge of legal surveys in North-western Ontario.

In 1977, Fred transferred to the Downsview Head Office of the Department becoming Deputy Chief Surveyor to John T. Gourley, O.L.S. That year, sadly, Fred's wife, Doreen passed away.

In 1980, Fred and Ethel McMaster were married with Fred becoming step-father to Ethel's children – David, Ann and Brian.

1984 saw Fred promoted to the position of Chief Surveyor for the Ministry of Transportation; the position from which he retired in 1987.

A life-long student with an interest in "things that move", Fred continued his studies towards an Arts degree at various locations in Ontario graduating from Wilfred Laurier University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts. A keen fan of motor sports, he also appreciated the arts and good music, skiing and the odd game of recreational golf.

In his professional career, Fred was meticulous in his work and expected the same from those associated with him. He was always willing to teach and share knowledge with those willing to learn. He was not only mentor but a good friend.

During his retirement, Fred and Ethel travelled extensively and enjoyed family life.

Fred passed away on August 27th 2007. Interment took place August 30th 2007 at Meadowvale Cemetery in Brampton, Ontario.
