

A quiet man, he was always very fair but firm in his dealings with the public, the law profession and the survey profession. He trained a large number of staff throughout the years and was well liked and respected by these people, many of whom gained important positions throughout the system.

He was dedicated to strengthening and improving the Land Registration System and was instrumental in achieving many of its better qualities.

A charter member of the North Eastern Regional Group of Ontario Land Surveyors, his fellow members relied heavily on his interpretation of the various regulations governing land registration and its relevant application to land surveying requirements.

Sam also gave generously of his time to his community through his membership in Rotary and he adhered strictly to Rotarian Principles. He was also active in the Royal Canadian Legion for well over fifty years.

A strong family man, he and his first wife Donna raised two fine sons who entered the professions of Law and Medicine. After Donna's untimely death, Sam married a mutual friend Tillie and was loved and respected by her children.

Sam Mercer was a credit to his profession, a dedicated Civil Servant and a loyal citizen of his country.

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**DAVID NIELSEN LOUNDER**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1961 – January 20<sup>th</sup> 2001**

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David was born in Espanola and lived many places in Ontario including: Fort Frances, Nobleton, Cambridge and Woodbridge. David also spent a year living in Africa when he was a child.

After completing high school in Fort Frances, David moved to New Brunswick to study Forestry at the University of New Brunswick. It was while attending University that David ran his first marathon and became enthralled with competitive running and later cycling.



While he was at school, his family relocated to Nobleton and David returned home and attended Ryerson University where he graduated with a degree in Survey Engineering. During his school years and after, David spent much of his time training and competing in duathalons (biking and running). He became a world-class competitor, winning and placing in many races throughout Ontario and in September of 1997 he competed at the World Championships in Spain.

David spent several years working in the field but his true passion was calculations. He was very tenacious and would always manage to resolve any problem. David worked at several firms including Bennett & Norgrove, GISPRO Marshall Macklin & Monaghan and most recently, Bennett Young. David had recently decided to pursue his O.L.S. and had just begun the survey law courses.

David has a real passion for living and although his life was tragically short, David lived his life well and to the fullest. David had a quick wit and with a great sense of humour and I'm sure he will be remembered as the smiling man with the booming laugh.

David died suddenly from a heart attack while running in Woodbridge on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2001. He is survived by his mother Laura (Nielson) Louder and his four older sisters: Patricia, Sandra, Nancy and Joanne. He is dearly remembered by all of his family and friends.

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