



**Norman Phillip Lyndon B.Sc.F., O.L.S.
1920 - 1988**

In a local newspaper article published shortly after his death, the opening paragraph attested to the regard the community of Bracebridge had for Norman P. Lyndon.

"In his lifetime Norman Lyndon followed a tradition of service to the country and community which was characteristic of his family and his upbringing. His wartime service in the Royal Canadian Air Force testified to this and the peacetime work for which he prepared himself, that of Ontario Land Surveyor, also contributed to the advance of the community. His skilled work in the latter field was an essential part of many of the land use developments of our part of the Province. The surveyor's work, as being essential to the opening up and improvement of property, is too often overlooked."

Norm was born at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, on January 10, 1920, where his father, Major Alfred A. Lyndon, was serving as a member of the Canadian Army. When he was four years of age the Lyndon family moved to Bracebridge, where he and his brother Borden attended both public and high school.

In June, 1940, Norm enlisted in the R.C.A.F. training as a wireless air gunner. Later that year he graduated with the rank of Sergeant and went overseas to Britain. He flew operations over Germany with No. 78 Squadron, R.A.F., and No. 405 Squadron, R.C.A.F. In 1942 he received his commission as Pilot Officer.

After completing a tour of operations with Bomber Command he returned to Canada in 1944 and remustered as a pilot. He had obtained his pilot's wings by the end of the war and had obtained the rank of Flight Lieutenant prior to discharge in 1945.

Upon retirement from the R.C.A.F., Norm attended University of Toronto, graduating in 1951 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry. Preferring to devote himself to surveying, he then spent two years articling with the late

E.L. Burgess O.L.S., in Bracebridge, and obtained his Ontario Land Surveyor's commission in 1953.

Norman chose Bracebridge to set up his own practice in the same year. Over 35 years in surveying, he enjoyed his work in that part of the Province, in Muskoka, Haliburton, and Parry Sound. He was active in the affairs of the O.L.S. Association and was chairman of the North-Eastern Regional Group in 1968.

Norm did not confine his life strictly to studies, however, as he enjoyed life, fishing, duck hunting, poker playing, a good joke, and good friends. One friend Norm chose to be by his side was Miss Kathleen Marguerite Speicher, whom he married on December 31, 1949. Besides the normal duties of wife, homemaker, and mother, Kay also came to be secretary and bookkeeper for the next 35 years to a busy survey practice.

Norm was a steadfast father to four sons and one daughter. Phillip, Robert, Peter, Michael, and Kathy grew up in a home engulfed in the business of surveying. However, this business, while demanding much of Norm's time, did not prevent a close family relationship from developing.

One of Norm's major clients was the Ministry of Natural Resources (formerly the Department of Lands and Forests). The Province, the public, and the surveying profession will be well served in future years by many township retracement and crown subdivision surveys signed by N.P. Lyndon.

Norman Phillip Lyndon passed away at his home in Bracebridge on March 27, 1988. His family and fellow surveyors will miss him. His survey work will be a reliable foundation for future surveyors and a fond remembrance to his many friends and clients of his service to the people of Ontario.

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