



DONALD JOHN MACDONELL
1932 - 1992

by Rosemarie Macdonell

Don Macdonell was born in Toronto to Donald E. Macdonell and Kathleen Macdonell (nee O'Connor), on January 18, 1932. After serving his articles under Harold Howden, he received his OLS commission in 1959 and his CLS in 1979.

From 1954 to 1963, Don worked for the Department of Highways of Ontario. He purchased the survey records of E.L. Moore, O.L.S., in 1963 and opened a private practice, the partnership of Macdonell & Bolan, which operated until 1965. At that time, Don purchased the firm and carried on as Donald J. Macdonell, Ontario Land Surveyor, in North Bay until 1973.

In 1973 he took a position with Energy, Mines and Resources in Toronto. He was transferred to Ottawa in 1975 where he held the bilingual position of Regional Manager of the Surveys Division for Ontario and the Eastern Provinces. In 1979, he relocated to the Toronto area accepting the position of Manager, Land Surveys, Public Works Canada.

Don was a member of the Kiwanis (Director), Knights of Columbus (Executive), Children's Aid Society (Director & V.P.) and Chamber of Commerce (Director). He also enjoyed coaching and managing minor hockey and softball. Always a Leaf and Argo fan, Don and his wife became ardent Blue Jays supporters.

Don Macdonell died suddenly at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on September 26, 1992. He is survived by his wife Rosemarie, children Maureen, Michael, Catherine and Douglas, as well as one grandchild, Kyle McDonald.