He was the good Samaritan personified never failing to stop and help others in trouble on the roads. Don was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a solid churchgoer. He died on June 1st 1999 at the home of my sister in Truro, Nova Scotia of complications from Alzheimer’s disease. His wife, seven children and thirteen grandchildren survive him.

MURRAY R. MAHER
1927 – 1999

By Bill Maher, M.L.S., P.E. (Minnesota)

Murray was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario on February 22nd 1927. His first survey experience was in Noranda, Quebec at age 15 working on mining claims for Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. during summer months.

After graduating from high school, Murray worked for Ontario Hydro on legal surveys on two major projects – La Cave and Des Joachims two major dams near Mattawa, Ontario. While in Mattawa, he married Phylis Wilson in 1949.

In 1951 he moved to Sudbury, Ontario and worked for INCO until 1953. In 1954 he began working with Barney Panting, OLS. He articled with Barney on September 24th 1955 and received his Certificate as an Ontario Land Surveyor on September 23rd 1958. Murray took over the Sudbury practice of Gordon McKay, OLS in 1959 and practised in Sudbury for the next twenty years.

Murray moved to Calgary in 1979 and spent his later years in the North West Territories (N.W.T.). He worked on contract with the N.W.T. Housing Authority throughout the N.W.T. and Nunavut. He died of arteriosclerosis on August 27th 1999 in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Murray is survived by his seven children, twenty-five grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and his ex wife Phylis.