

Kenneth Malcolm Matthews, OLS # 1272
December 29, 1939 - December 7, 2013



Ken was the eldest son of Eileen and Malcolm Matthews. He was born in Bayham Township just outside of the Village of Vienna. In October 1960, Ken married Kathleen Marie (Marie) Shelly in the Village of Port Burwell, Ontario. There they raised four sons, John, Jeff, Jim and Jeremy.

Ken articulated to John F. Weston in Tillsonburg and was commissioned on June 3, 1971. He worked for Mr. Weston from 1959 to 1985. There were a few years where he worked on contract with what is now known as the Ministry of Government Service on the original POLARIS project. In 1985, Ken moved his family to Belle River, Ontario and began working for Clarke Surveyors in Windsor, where he stayed until 1995 when he returned to his roots in Tillsonburg. Ken worked for Kim Husted Surveying from then until his passing.

In his free time or rather when he wasn't at the office, Ken had many hobbies. He enjoyed wood working and made a number of pieces of furniture that the family still uses today. In the warmer months he could often be found puttering in the vegetable garden. He spent countless hours planting, weeding and watering. Although one of his most enjoyable pastimes was watching his grandsons play hockey. Over the years, having coached various teams his sons played on and some of those the grandsons played on and then as a spectator, he really loved being in the arena. Once hockey season started, if you wanted to know where he would be you had to check the schedules he had posted on the refrigerator door.

I know he would not want to leave out his granddaughters. He was never late for dance recitals or soccer games. He was their number one fan.

Ken passed suddenly in early December. He will be fondly remembered for his quick wit, sense of humour and ability to figure out a problem put before him.