



**Vernon S. McCutcheon, OLS # 768
July 21st 1927 – October 15th, 2009**

Submitted by his Family

Vern was born July 21, 1927 in Toronto, Ontario. During the depression money was tight, his Dad, a carpenter by trade, was finding work scarce. Vern who was doing exceptionally well in school where he had accelerated through two grades went to work part time at the local grocery store to help out. He decided at 16 to quit school and work full time as the Assistant Manager of the

store.

By the time he was 17 he knew that this was not the career he wanted so he went back to High school to finish his last two years. It was then that he met his wife June Zeats.

After completing grade 13 Vern went to work for the Department of Highways in 1947 working on a survey crew.

He loved the job and quickly moved up the ranks to party chief. Always ambitious with a voracious hunger for knowledge, Vern then started studying and writing his exams to earn his O.L.S. while working.

June and Vern were now starting their family so Vern applied for a survey job with the C.N.R. working closer to home and more money. Vern was working for the C.N for two years then a private survey company for a year when Harold Howden approached him to come back to work for the Department of Highways in 1954.

In 1955 Vern was offered a promotion as a Field supervisor for the survey crews in the London Ontario Office. While in London, Vern completed the last of his exams earning his O.L.S. in 1951 In 1960 Vern was promoted to Supervisor of Land Surveys in the North Bay Office. He remained in North Bay working in Land Surveys as well as Head of Personnel for 17 years.

When his children had left home he decided he needed a change and applied for a Land Registrars position in southern Ontario in 1977. While being interviewed he was offered the position as Deputy Director for Ontario. Vern finished his career as the Director of the Land Registrar's Office of Ontario for the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

One of Vern's dreams was to own a farm, so while living in North Bay they bought a 300 acre hobby farm outside of Trout Creek, Ontario where they lived for 12 years while working in North Bay and finally retiring there in 1987.

When Vern retired, one of his passions in life was to be a lay minister. He was quite the polished orator and used this gift to preach the word of God. For several years he was a lay minister for a 3-point charge outside of North Bay. He bought, read and kept many books on theology, the bible and the Christian Doctrine. In fact one of the rooms at the farm became “the” library for Vern's books. Vern was a devout man of God and continued to preach occasionally up until the last year of his life.

For 35 years Vern worked in his huge vegetable garden and collected many loving memories on the farm, with June at his side watching his two children grow up and marry, then bring the 4 grandchildren home for the holidays.

Vern had fond memories of his days working as a surveyor and many people have told his children they remembered him for his vast knowledge and supportive leadership, his deep-seated professionalism, and his unwavering integrity, his great sense of humour and what an honour it was to know him and work with him. He has left an indelible footprint. He will be remembered with love from his family, friends and co-workers and we know in our hearts he is with God, and we are sure he is having a spiritual communion on theology with him right now. We all miss you and you will be remembered always.