Edward (Ted) McLennan
1935 - 1996

by Ruth McLennan

Ted was born in Fort Frances, Ontario, in 1935 and raised in Kenora. He attended Public and Lakewood High School in Kenora, continuing at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor on November 15, 1961.

Ted started working for the Department of Highways (presently Ministry of Transportation of Ontario) in 1956 as a Chainman. Progressing through the ranks, he became a Party Chief in 1960, Field Supervisor in 1965, Supervisor of Surveys in 1984, and Head of Surveys and Plans in 1989. While in the position of Head of Surveys and Plans, he supervised over 40 people. Ted retired from this position in March 1990, after 34-1/2 years with MTO. During his course of employment with the Ministry, he surveyed lands from the Manitoba border to south of Sault Ste. Marie.

One of his most recent projects before his retirement was the surveying of 24 Provincial airports, all in remote locations in Northwestern Ontario.

Although he retired in 1990, he never stopped working. He continued to work part-time for J.D. Barnes Limited until the time of his death in June 1996.

Ted was always a cheerful, friendly, gentle man. He enjoyed his home and garden and especially the cottage at Northern Light Lake. His greatest pride and joy were his three children and three granddaughters.

He is sadly missed by his wife Ruth, his children Carol Anne and husband Rik, Bob, Laura, and three granddaughters Kristin, Tara and Lisa.