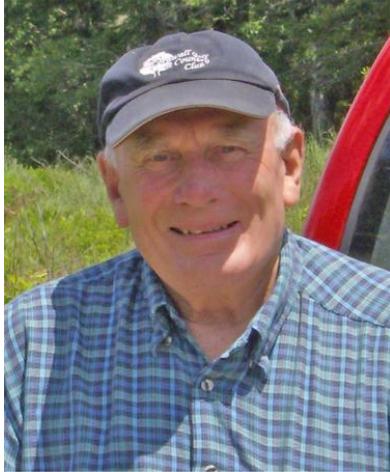


**Hazen Bronson Meldrum, NSLS, OLS #959
1934 – 2010**

(By daughter, apprentice, and colleague, Julia Meldrum Smith, OLS, CLS)



Hazen was born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. He was trained at Forest Ranger School in 1954, then the Nova Scotia Land Survey Institute in 1955. He was licensed as a Nova Scotia Land Surveyor in 1956 and as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1957.

Dad proposed to Mom in January, 1956, and then arrived in Cornwall, Ontario, eight days later to start work with Ontario Hydro on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Dad and Mom were married in August, 1956, and had five children in their 54 years of marriage.

After 30 months with Ontario Hydro on the Seaway project, Dad opened his own business: Hazen Meldrum Limited. I once asked him what made him decide to open his own practice, expecting to hear of his entrepreneurial dreams. His answer: “I got laid off from Hydro!”

As a business man, Dad was known for being fair and honest. He enjoyed a successful surveying career in Cornwall and area, and articulated several students, including me.

When I reflect upon the many memories, two themes stand out – faith and family. Dad’s Christian faith was strong and unwavering. It was evident in every aspect of his life.

What strikes me most is how Dad was able to spend so much time with his family. He took us on canoe trips and canoe races, camping trips, trips through every province and many states; he coached us in numerous sports, logging thousands of miles driving us to our activities. Dad taught us how to make life rich and fulfilling, how to love life. The word “can’t” was not in his vocabulary. At the age of 75, Dad bought a backhoe and learned how to use it, and at 76, bought a portable sawmill!

In the last few years, Grampie focused on his grandchildren, passing on his love for God and the outdoors. Dad has the rare ability to make everyone feel special, that each one of us mattered to him. We were all his favourites.