

ROBERT WINCHESTER MOELLER

1923 – 2001

By Lynda Gough (daughter)

Robert W. Moeller was born in Hong Kong to parents working in China. His father (an American from Dixon, Illinois) was a secretary of the YMCA and his mother (a Canadian from Toronto) worked as a nurse at the Mission Hospital. At the age of three, upon his father's death and because of military unrest in China, the family returned to Canada.



Bob attended school in Toronto. On his 18th birthday (December 3, 1941)

while in grade 13 at Humberside Collegiate, he skipped school to go to the downtown recruiting office and enlisted in the R.C.A.F. as aircrew. By the time he was discharged in September of 1945, he had attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant, flew 1331 hours and was qualified to pilot both single engine and twin-engine military aircraft. Although he did not experience combat, he trained many others who did and his assigned duties were not without hazard.

The Canadian government offered severance gratuities to armed forces personnel and Bob chose the university tuition option. He attended the University of Toronto and earned a degree in Mining Engineering. In 1953 while employed by King, Coons O.L.S., he earned his certification as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

In 1956 Bob was hired by the Township of Scarborough as the first permanent full time Surveyor. He later became Director of Surveys under Roger Brown of the Works Department, City of Scarborough. Bob was very active in the conversion to the metric system and served on various committees to expedite the change. He was also Scarborough's representative on the Central Mapping committee chaired by Ralph Smith of Metro Toronto. Bob was head of the committee set up to computerize aerial mapping and worked with other departments to collect information and connect it to the geographic database.

During the mid 60's, Bob taught Surveying at George Brown College's night school programme.

In February 1985 Bob retired from the City after 29 years of service. He moved from Scarborough to his country property near Dundalk, with his wife Jean. Both

enjoyed gardening and Bob, always seeking to challenge himself, decided to grow garlic! He was successful in producing bumper crops that provided family, friends and other farmers with an abundance of garlic. Other interests over the years included photography, lapidary work, woodcarving, coaching minor hockey and genealogy to name only a few. He was an avid reader, always curious, always learning.

Being interested in local happenings and with relaxed expertise, Bob served on the Markdale Committee of Adjustment, the Markdale Property Standards Committee and for a brief time, the Land Division and Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southgate.

Bob passed away suddenly on March 11, 2001. He is greatly missed by his wife Jean, his six children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his sister Margaret Rose. Bob was well respected and held in high regard by his fellow workers and others who knew him. We, his family, are extremely proud of all his accomplishments. In 1999, he authored his Air Force memoirs, which made for fascinating reading and gave us another insight into our father's early life.

Much to his surprise, a street was named after him, "Moeller Court", when he retired and he leaves a legacy of plans of survey done by him that helped to build the City of Scarborough.

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BRYAN THOMAS DAVIES
October 21st 1936 – April 11th 2001
By Judith Davies

Bryan was born in London, England, the eldest of three sons to H.A. (Bert) and Ena Davies. The family lived in London through all the terrors of World War Two while Bryan's father served in the Fire Service Section of the Military – an experience that left indelible marks on all the family. Bryan's father was a Master Builder as was his grandfather Davies.

