

Sergi (Sergei) Palu
June 3, 1910 to May 21, 2004

Sergi Tonis Palu was born in Viljandi, Estonia. He completed his first formal post-secondary education at military school in Tallinn, Estonia in 1931. He worked later as a policeman, and undertook legal studies at the University of Tartu (Estonia), from which he graduated with a law degree in 1941. Mr. Palu immigrated to Canada from England in October, 1950, and then worked for five years with the Canadian National Railways. In 1956, he joined Marshall Macklin Monaghan, and worked on surveys related to some major Canadian projects – Elliot Lake in 1956-58 and the TransCanada Pipelines from 1959-60.



After that, he worked mainly on city surveys for Marshal Macklin Monaghan from their Don Mills headquarters until his retirement. He received his O.L.S. commission in 1962, having apprenticed with D.R. Brotherston. Mr. Palu was proud of his association with the O.L.S.

Sergi married Alide Levoll on Sept. 22, 1935, and they had two children, a son Enn and a daughter Eve, both of whom predeceased them. Enn had a daughter Eve and late son Madis, who all told have provided Sergei and Alide six great-grandchildren, all currently living in Estonia. Sergei was very devoted to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed his visits with them immensely. The war separated Sergei from his wife, who had to remain in Estonia. He worked diligently at securing her release to emigrate, and with the support of the government of Canada, finally succeeded in getting her to join him in 1966. Alide passed away in August, 2003. Mr. Palu was active until the summer of 2003, when a stroke incapacitated him.

His friends here have always appreciated his steadfastness, integrity, candour and intelligence.