



E.W. (Red) Petzold, P.Eng., OLS # 830
June 5, 1924 - January 16, 2015
Submitted by the Petzold family

We unfortunately this year have to bid farewell to our dear Dad — aka distinguished Articling Surveyor, Entrepreneur, Mentor, AOLS Committee Member, Past Council Member and President, ACSTO co-founder, admired colleague, Air Force pilot, impromptu musician, outdoorsman and always consummate professional — who will live on forever in the memories of many of this profession's members who have had the

privilege of working with Red and learning from him, and in turn whom they article and pass on the professionalism we learned from EWP #830.

Our Dad (known as 'Red' to his friends due to his thick mane of shocking red hair, prior to its early departure) was born in Denbigh, Ontario — the eldest son of 5 boys, of a farmer, lumber and grist mill operator for the surrounding areas of which the Petzold Mill was in many ways the glue of the community in its day, generating ancillary commerce and easing the lives of so many farmers in the region.

One day when he was a boy, an airplane (barely) landed in a field dotted by outcrops of the Canadian Shield, amazing all who saw the spectacle and attracting willing customers to go for a ride for a fee.

Red's love affair with flying thus began, and he promptly signed up for a ride, and subsequently the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942, becoming a pilot during the latter days of WWII, flying the majestic and spectacular Lancaster bomber, posted to the RCAF 434 Bluenose Squadron of Lancasters, in Croft, England.

May 1945 entry in Red's Diary — typically understated manner in the enormity of the accomplishment: "...It's over... everyone happy."

After returning home he attended Queen's University and obtained his Civil Engineering degree. After graduating he initially worked with Hydro and toiled on the historic St. Lawrence Seaway project, finding lasting bonds with colleagues that we as a family enjoyed for many years as family friends. During this time he became an OLS, and his love for the land and for his profession never left him.

In 1956 he left Hydro and partnered, initially, with a colleague and started his own firm. This grew into E.W. Petzold Land Surveyors Limited, a successful and respected practise with over 30 employees for many decades centred in Toronto, but also with many branch offices in various Ontario locations over the years. He also worked actively in the Association for many years as well, most notably elected as President in 1973, with a great zest to contribute and innovate, improve and do his part towards the betterment of his beloved profession.

His love of flying and this country never left him, and he piloted many trips, including many cross country jaunts while he was President of the Association to attend conventions, and several trips with family and friends to the Yukon and NWT.

Upon retirement and the sale of his beloved practise in 1987 to another practise founded by an honoured colleague, J.D. Barnes Ltd, he enjoyed many years of travel, bridge, walks in the woods in Omeme with his beloved dog Sandy, bird watching, astronomy, bridge and golf, among other passions.

He will be dearly missed — our dear Dad was laid to rest this past May 23rd in the church cemetery in Denbigh on the hill overlooking the pond that fed the Mill that touched so many lives for the betterment of the community, just like Red did.