

VICTOR ROBERT ORVILLE PRASKEY

1924 – 2001

(condensed from eulogies by Don Peterson and John Buckham)

Vic was born and educated in Perth, Ontario. During World War II in 1943, he enlisted in the No. 2 Canadian Army Course, University of Toronto. In 1945, he entered the Civil Engineering programme at the University of Toronto. After graduating in 1950 he joined the firm of Sutcliffe Company Limited, New Liskeard. He completed the requirements for his O.L.S. commission in 1952. He became a partner in the firm in 1953 and retired in 1991. He was Chapter Chairman for Temiskaming Chapter A.P.E.O. from 1973 to 1975.



Vic initially practiced in both the engineering and survey departments of the company, however with the untimely passing of one of his partners in the mid 1960/s, he was thrust into the role of Engineering Manager. He responded in his usual dutiful fashion and the company flourished as a result of his dedicated effort and hard work. Vic worked on many projects that were synonymous with the development of Northern Ontario. He was a very competent engineer and surveyor and had a practical approach to his work, and he fully understood his duty to the public interest. Vic had a passion for his work, a week before his passing, while resting in the hospital, the mention of the words "The Office" momentarily brought him out of a peaceful sleep as he opened his eyes in recognition of the words. Many years ago, Homer Sutcliffe, the founder of the company, referred to his involvement in the development of Northern Ontario as "A Surveyor's and an Engineer's Paradise. To me", he said, "It has been a romance". This was also true for Vic, he embodied the pioneer's spirit, was resourceful, successful and was never afraid to venture into the unknown.

Vic's generosity was enormous and everyone benefited from that, his neighbours, his friends, his colleagues at work, his church, his community and his family. He had a strong sense of being a Northerner. He was active in many organizations, including the church, where he was an Elder and had served on the Official Board. He enjoyed the Masonic Order, where he was a Past Master of Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, appointed Grand Steward in 1998, Past First

Principal of Temiskaming Chapter No. 169, Royal Arch Masons, Past Grand Superintendent of District 16 of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Past Preceptor of Preceptory No. 60, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and Provincial Grand Prior for Algoma District of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Vic's greatest passion was for the Kiwanis Club. He joined the club over 42 years ago, was the President in 1965 and was awarded a Life Membership in 1991. Even though he was not required to pay club dues, he insisted on doing so to do his share in the running of the club's general affairs. He was a very active and dependable Kiwanian and was willing to work to help in organizing and looking after various projects. He spent many hours working at and setting up schedules to man the Kiwanis Music Festival, driving the adjudicators to various locations and returning them to their hotel in the evening. He was in charge of ordering the Christmas cakes and trees. Vic's greatest love was in helping the physically handicapped children. He was the Chairman of the New Liskeard Kiwanis Easter Seal and Crippled Children Committee for many years up until the time of his passing. In earlier years he would arrange for the Doctors from Sick Children's Hospital to travel from Toronto to Clinics held in New Liskeard. Vic faithfully attended the Camp Northwood Committee meetings and had always been interested in sending physically handicapped children to that camp and seeing that the camp continued to operate each year.

After graduating in 1950, he married Dorothy Dickson and they had two sons William (1958) and Bruce (1962).

Victor will be missed by his friends, community and family.

ROWLAND WILFRED BROTHERHOOD
Born June 5th 1912 – Died March 20th 2001

The 74th President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (1965) was born in Brandon, Manitoba, the eldest son of Rowland Henderson Brotherhood and Marie Nesta (nee Middleton), on June 5th 1912. He attended public and high schools at Elkhorn, Manitoba and St. John's College, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

