



**Valdek (Walter) Raiend, O.L.S.**  
**Ryerson University Professor Emeritus**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup> 1922 to December 7<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Walter was born on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1922, in rural Estonia near the village of Johvi in Virumaa Province. He had a long and distinguished career as a surveyor, engineer and educator.

Walter graduated from the Tallin Technical College in 1942 and worked for the Department of Surveys, Estonia, on geodetic and mine surveys. After the war, he worked on surveys of airfields in Germany for the Royal Air Force. In 1950 he immigrated to Canada and was hired by Hunting (then Photographic) Survey Corporation as a Party Chief on control surveys in Canada and South America. In 1956 he joined Marshall Macklin Monaghan and became an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1959. Over the years, Walter undertook a variety of projects for Hunting and Marshall Macklin Monaghan across Canada and overseas. Some of particular interest include the Sarnia to Toronto pipeline, Edmonton to Vancouver pipeline, control surveys at Camp Wainright, Alberta, as well as in Pakistan, mine development in Peru, geodetic surveys in Northern Manitoba and mining claims in Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories.

Walter returned to University in 1964 and graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science in 1966. The engineering class, and particularly the survey option students, remember him fondly as an enthusiastic student who shared his time, knowledge and experience with all. Walter would start the day at Survey Camp with a dive into Gull Lake and that was our signal that breakfast was not far off. He must have enjoyed his student days so much that he taught at Ryerson for 22 years and also ran a prolific survey practice for many years.

Walter travelled to Estonia several times on behalf of Estonia's war veterans. The Estonian President presented him with the Eagle's Cross in recognition of his efforts on their behalf.

Walter is survived by his wife of 60 years, Heljo, godsons Toivo and Erik and goddaughter Lily-Ann. His many friends and family in Canada and Estonia will fondly remember his integrity, straight forward approach to life and positive attitude.