

Rolly's last job was manager of the Elliot Lake office for Marshall Macklin Monaghan. He retired in 1979 and moved back to his boyhood home of Orillia.

Rolly was a great lacrosse player in his youth and an avid sportsman all his life. While professing to be a great fisherman, he often watched as one of his sons, Michael or Dennis, pulled out the big ones.

Rolly built his own 20 foot sailing boat with an overnight cabin and spent many evenings and weekends sailing the North Channel of Georgian Bay and eventually Lake Couchiching.

Winter time found him cross-country skiing and bird watching, often on his own, as Edith went to Florida and Rolly stayed home in beloved Ontario.

Gardening was another passion that he took up wherever he lived, coaxing prize vegetables out of rocky soil. He was an active member of the local Roman Catholic Church and for a time belonged to the Knights of Columbus.

As a student, Rolly articulated to Harry Williams of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario in 1947 and obtained his commission as an Ontario land Surveyor on the 30th of July, 1949. He made a temporary retirement as an OLS in 1955 while pursuing his mining career and was reinstated in 1969. He retired from both careers for the second and last time in 1979.

Rolly was a good friend to many, always ready to listen to others and encourage them to do their best. He will long be remembered as a worthy and trusted servant in all his endeavours.

RODNEY CAMPBELL RAIKES 1940 - 1997

by Gail Raikes

*"Great Pilot of my onward way,
Thou wilt not let me drift,
I feel the winds of God today,
Today my sail I lift."*

From the hymn "I Feel the Winds of God Today"

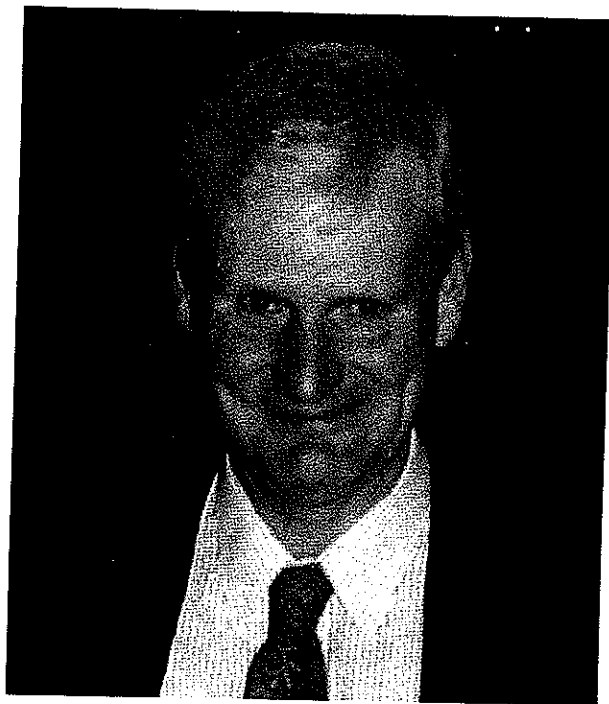
This hymn was read at Rod's Service of Remembrance, to celebrate his life and mark his death on December 7, 1997. These words epitomize much of Rod—his enthusiasm for life, his love of the outdoors, and his faith.

Rod was born in Barrie, Ontario and lived his life on land settled in 1852 by his great grandfather. His early years were spent in "The Pleasaunce", the family home, and his later years at "Raikes Cove", his home on Kempenfelt Bay

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In 1968, Rod married Gail, his wife of 30 years. Their children, Peter and Heather, complete the family.

As a boy and young man, Rod grew to appreciate and love the outdoors through activities such as Scouting, swimming, canoeing and sailing. Surveying was a natural career choice for Rod in that it combined his interests in mathematics and the outdoors. In his early twenties, Rod worked for the Ontario Department of Highways in Northern Ontario. Craig Stewart, OLS, his Party Chief at that time, recalled surveying the widening of the “killer” middle lane of Highway 11 and laying out the road into Killarney on Manitoulin Island. There were summers spent surveying near the resort community of Hali-burton where Rod and Craig cut a swath in their red TR4’s..



In 1967, Rod returned to southern Ontario to complete his articles and exams to become an Ontario Land Surveyor. In the early 70s, he was employed by Ontario Hydro before establishing his practice, Rodney C. Raikes Surveying Ltd., later to become Raikes Surveying in Barrie.

Quiet, shy and gentle by nature, Rod had many friends who enjoyed his quick wit and dry sense of humour. One of his greatest loves was sailing, particularly racing, a skill learned from his Father and one which sparked his intense interest and sense of competition. On Kempenfelt Bay, Rod raced dinghies and at the Barrie Yacht Club, where he was an active member, he raced keelboats, “Gail Force” and “Zoom”. Downhill and cross-country skiing, hiking, spending time with family, and walking the family dog all gave him pleasure.

As a boy Rod cut the grass in the cemetery at St. Thomas’ Church, Shanty Bay, and in later years managed the cemetery for the Church. He was buried there in lantern light on a dark winter’s night after his Memorial Service. Only one thing would have pleased him more that evening—a raging storm. He always loved the wind!

