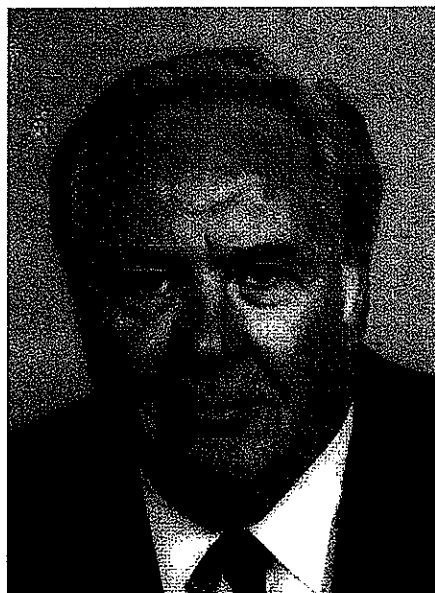


WILFRED JOSEPH RYAN
November 18th 1926 – March 13th 2001
By D'Arcy Ryan

Wilf Ryan passed away on March 13th 2001 in his hometown of New Liskeard, Ontario at the age of 74. He had suffered from Alzheimer's disease.



Wilf attended the Haileybury School of Mines for grades 9 and 10. When the school closed for the war, he continued his studies at New Liskeard High School where he matriculated

from grade 13. Wilf was an avid hockey player in New Liskeard and played for the New Liskeard Flyers. He played against the likes of Ted Lindsay and subsequently had a tryout with the Detroit Red Wings but chose to pursue a surveying career in Northern Ontario. He began as a rodman for Ontario Hydro and in 1946 he moved to H. Sutcliffe Ltd. where he articulated under Homer Sutcliffe. With an astute concentration and focus on his studies, he earned the designation of Ontario Land Surveyor on May 18th 1950.

Wilf served the community by being a representative on the local School Board and as a representative on the Town Council. He also spent a fair share of time coaching minor sports.

On September 1st 1950, he married Patricia Gadsby. They shared their life together in New Liskeard and were blessed with seven children: D'Arcy, Sally, Colleen, Kathy, Duffy, John and Kelly. Wilf was an avid golfer and he loved the game but was generous enough to let the golf gene pass onto other generations. Many will remember the old "whipper" that he proudly used to propel the ball a long way in a wide variety of directions.

In 1952, Wilf became a partner in H. Sutcliffe Ltd. In 1982, he earned the Canada Lands Surveyor title and followed Wilf Brotherhood as President of the firm. Wilf displayed a keen interest in the business side of surveying and was responsible for forging the firm into a multi-faceted endeavour.

Wilf retired in 1991 and was fortunate enough to winter in Florida playing a lot of golf. He will be fondly remembered for his ability to communicate with others.