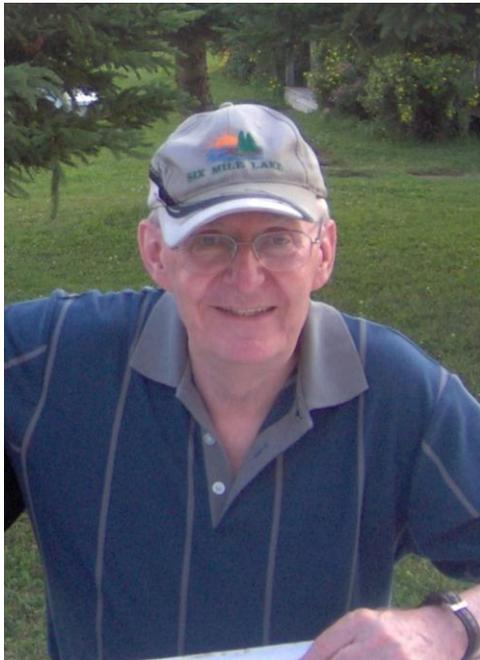


**Thomas Charles Seawright, O.L.S., BA, MA # 974  
1934 - 2010**



Tom was born in Toronto on August 1, 1934. As a newborn child, he lived with his parents and sister on a homestead in Kapuskasing, Ontario. After moving several times as a boy, including a short stay in British Columbia, the family eventually settled in the countryside outside Barrie, Ontario. Their rural location did not have electricity until the day Tom graduated from High School. Tom was an Honour Student graduating at the top of his class. It was at school where he met his wife Helen and they married on February 13, 1954. Together they had three children, Tom, Richard & Dianne

Tom began his career with the Department of Highways. Studying at night, Tom obtained the designation of Ontario Land Surveyor. The early years were spent in North Bay where Tom would work away from home in Northern Ontario. Tom was a very intelligent man and had an amazing ability to solve the most complex math problems. His hard work and dedication were rewarded as he was quickly promoted. By 1973 the family moved to Brampton, Ontario where Tom continued to work at the Ministry of Transportation. Over the years Tom continued his studies obtaining an Honours BA and a Masters degree in Religion and Culture. As part of his studies, Tom and Helen took frequent trips to Israel where they both lived in a kibbutz while working at an archaeological dig. They travelled the world together spending time in Egypt, Syria, Greece, Italy, France, England, Spain and China.

Tom's knowledge and skills were well recognized within the surveying community. Tom laid the groundwork for many of the procedures still used today. As a surveyor his job could have many different functions. He was the Chief Surveyor for the proposed Pickering Airport, an adjudicator for boundary disputes and wrote several pieces of legislation for survey law. He finished his career as Chief Examiner of Surveys at the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations in 1989. In recognition of his valued service, a survey tower near Hwy 69 at Mactier was officially named the Seawright Tower. After retirement, Tom began his own consulting business and taught Survey Law as an associate professor for the University of Toronto – Erindale campus.

Work was not his only interest as he spent much of his spare time at the cottage on Six Mile Lake. Originally owned by his father, the cottage has grown in size with several additions built by Tom – with help from other family members.

The last few years of his life were a challenge as he battled Parkinson's disease and Dementia. Aware of his illness, he battled with grace and dignity with his family at his side. Family and friends will remember Tom as a kind and gentle man with a sense of humor. Although he has departed he has left a legacy of memories cherished by his family.