

WILLIAM JON SETTERINGTON # 1040
Submitted by Lorraine Petzold

Bill Setterington passed away at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor on December 4th 2006 after a brief illness.



Bill was born in Leamington on New Year's Day 1934 to Flossie and William Setterington. Named "William Jon" he quickly identified himself as "William Jon with no H" Setterington. Other than his years at Queen's University, Leamington remained his hometown. He was proud of his family's long history in the community.

After graduating from Leamington High School, Bill attended Queen's University and graduated in Civil Engineering in 1956. His first post-graduation employment was with C.G.R. Armstrong Engineering and Surveying in Windsor where he articulated, and received his O.L.S. commission in 1959 as # 1040. When the Town of Leamington decided to retain an engineer on staff, Bill became the first engineer for the town. He also began a part-time surveying practice.

Soon the surveying practice became full time and Bill opened an engineering and surveying practice with his office at the family farm on Concession 3 in Mersea Township. A new office building in Leamington on his family property allowed the business to grow. The practice had a wide base of engineering projects and all types of surveys in Essex and Kent counties. Land development became another business of Bill's with Willor Acres and Willut Developments developing subdivisions in Mersea and Gosfield South townships.

The farm which was purchased by his great-grandfather in 1866 was a hive of activity with 100 acres of sweet corn or tomatoes, fields of peach trees and space for his quarter horses to roam. Trips to Kentucky and Texas resulted in a number of show quarter horses.

While at Queen's he married Lorraine Gladstone who became his partner in business and together they made surveying history when Bill articulated her as a survey student.

He was active in the community being a member of the Kinsman Club, Leamington Masonic Lodge, Kingsville Golf and Country Club, and Past-President of the Sun Parlour Curling Club.

After selling his engineering and surveying practices, Bill changed stream and opened a cemetery and mausoleum on his family property in Leamington. His daughter Lee-Anne has taken over these businesses. He became proficient at woodworking and spent many an hour in his workshop making furniture for his home. He also became an avid chef whipping up his famous Caesar salad as well as continuing his family's tradition of making batches of delicious preserves each year.

Bill and his second wife Marie spent many enjoyable winters in Fort Myers which enabled Bill to golf year round. Bill received a kidney transplant approximately 10 years ago from his daughter Sharon. Failing health resulted in 2005 being their last winter in the south.

In his last illness, his daughter Mary Ann was able to introduce him to his newest grandchild Gracie just five weeks old.

Bill is survived by his second wife Marie, his daughters Sharon (Larry Wannan), Lee-Anne (Michael Shapiro) and Mary-Ann (Kevin Lafferty), his grandchildren Cecilia and Jack Wannan, Maxwell, Bennett and Grace Lafferty; by Marie's children Mario Sabga-Aboud (Vanessa), Norman Sabga-Aboud (Natalie), Jacquie Galy and Lorraine Sabga (Frederick), her grandchildren Jo-Marie, Jeanne, Anthony, Anna-Marie, Michelle, William, Claudine, Alfred, Steven and Lawrence, Bill's sister Beth Eaton (Dave Eaton) and his sister-in-law Iona Setterington.

He was predeceased by his parents William and Floissie Setterington, brother Coultis and sisters Mary Ann (infant) and Maxine.

The funeral took place on December 7, 2006 at St. Michael's Church in Leamington with entombment at Erie Memorial Gardens, Leamington.
