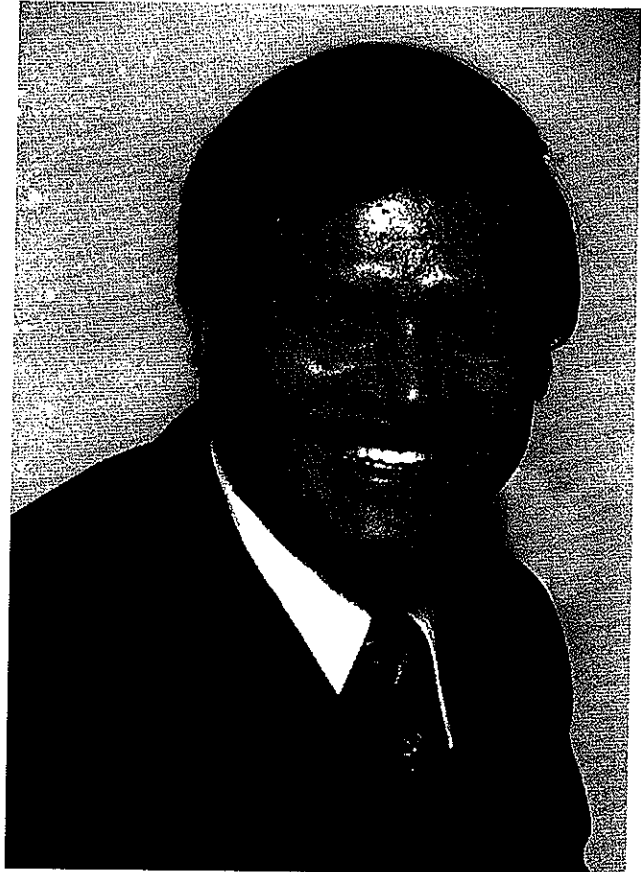


FUZAIL AHMAD SIDDIQI, O.L.S.
(July 15, 1938 - August 21, 2000)

**Written in his memory with love and respect by his son
Mohammad Faisal Siddiqi in June, 2001**

Fuzail Ahmad Siddiqi was born near Azamgarh, India on July 15, 1938. Azamgarh is a town in the province of Uttar Pradesh. He was the youngest of five children born to Quraysh Ahmed Siddiqi (his father) and Jannat Bibi (his mother).

By the date he was born, his own father had unfortunately passed away. As a result, he never met his own father. My grandfather died 20 days before my father was born. My father was raised by my grandmother, my uncle, and my grandfather's older brother while in India. My grandfather's older brother was a very religious man and a scholar and he taught my father during early childhood.



This was very fortunate as my father became dedicated to learning and was religious throughout his life. In 1947, the year in which Pakistan was created, my uncle came to Karachi, Pakistan and my father came one year later to Karachi with other members of his family from India. In 1948, Fuzail was in grade 5 and continued his schooling at Model Boys Secondary School in Karachi.

Upon graduation from Model Boys School, he attended DJ College affiliated with the University of Karachi where he majored in physics and mathematics. He graduated in 1959 from the University of Karachi with first class honours.

After his graduation in 1959, he joined the Survey of Pakistan where he was trained for one year and subsequently started his surveying career. The Survey of

Pakistan was a division of the federal government of Pakistan and, as such, many of the projects he was assigned to were all over the country.

His favourite job, and the one he always spoke to us about, was the job that involved the demarcation of the border of Pakistan with China. He told us about how he and the survey party he was with lived on a glacier for months in a row, the difficulties he faced, and the good times he had as well. He was always very proud of this job. He even has photos of himself at this job which he showed to us many times.

On November 5, 1966 he married Jamal Siddiqui in Karachi, Pakistan. In 1967 his first son, Faisal Siddiqui was born. In 1968, his second son Abid Siddiqui was born. In early 1969 my parents moved to Libya where my father joined the survey division of the government of Libya. At that time, Libya was a monarchy ruled by King Idris. However, three months later there was a revolution and Colonel Qhadafi took over Libya. In 1970, his first daughter, Samia Siddiqui was born in Tripoli, Libya.

During 1970 and 1971 my father applied to immigrate to Canada. As there was no Canadian embassy or consulate in Tripoli at that time, my father had to go to Marseille, France for his interview regarding his application for Canadian immigration. The interview was successful, and in September, 1971 he came with his family to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

During his first week in Canada he found employment with J.D. Barnes Limited in Ottawa. He stayed in Ottawa for one month and then my father was transferred to the Toronto office of J.D. Barnes located near Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue at that time. One of his first large scale projects was the survey of Bramalea City Centre and nearby residential areas. In 1972, his second daughter, Najia Siddiqui was born.

In 1973, he joined the Ministry of Government Services, Province of Ontario. During that same year he began studying survey science at the Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto in order to qualify as an Ontario Land Surveyor. In 1979, his third son, Iqbal Siddiqui, was born and also in that same year my father completed his educational requirements at Erindale. He then began the process of preparing for his professional O.L.S. exams. In 1981 he successfully completed his O.L.S. exams and as he needed practical experience to fully qualify as a surveyor, he went from the Ministry of Government Services and moved himself and his family to Listowel, Ontario. In Listowel, he was employed with Don MacMillan Limited.

On January 26, 1982 Fuzail Siddiqi became an Ontario Land Surveyor, an accomplishment he was very proud of. My mother and all of us remember how happy he was at that time when he received his survey degree and official stamp.

In 1983, my father moved to Aurora, Ontario where he began working at R.D. Tomlinson Limited. My father remained there from 1983 to 1998, except for a two year period from 1986 to 1988 where he was working with J.D. Barnes again as Manager of their Housing Division.

In 1998, he joined P. Salna Company Ltd. in Richmond Hill, Ontario where he worked until Monday, August 21, 2000.

During the night of August 21, 2000 my father suffered a massive heart attack and passed away at his home in Aurora. He leaves his wife and five children, and five grandchildren.

I will always miss my father, his great sense of humour, and his wise advice. My father had many friends who were shocked by his death. He was a very soft spoken man and always took care of his family. It will be difficult to continue without him but his kind nature will always be in our memory.

**PETER DEWHIRST, OLS (Ret.)
1934 – 2000**

by Joy Dewhirst

Peter was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England and emigrated with his parents to Canada, settling in Galt in 1948. He attended the Galt Collegiate and was an avid cyclist and enthusiastic golfer. At age 19 he articled to George MacAuley, O.L.S. in Brantford and in August 1956 at the age of 22 was commissioned as an O.L.S.

