

**JOHN BOYCE SMEETON**  
By Timothy D. Hartley, O.L.S.

John Boyce Smeeton was born in Windsor Ontario on March 2, 1932.

His parents John and Hazel owned a fabric store in that part of Windsor known as Walkerville.

John attended David Maxwell Public School, Walkerville Collegiate and the University of Detroit. At Walkerville, he was a good athlete, excelling in basketball. Growing up in the Motor Cities, John took a keen interest in cars and in the early 1950's, it was normal that the midnight oil burned in the Smeeton garage for there was always a car there in some state of assembly or disassembly.



John married Gail Morris in Windsor in 1956. They lived on Virginia Avenue and had four children, John, Sandy, Chris and Mike. He articulated to Moe Armstrong, O.L.S. of C.G.R. Armstrong Land Surveyors and was commissioned May 16, 1966.

In 1973, John purchased the Armstrong surveying business and practiced under his own firm of John B. Smeeton Ontario Inc. until his retirement in the late 1990's.

John was a dedicated family man, who enjoyed automobile travel and auto racing. He was an honest, hardworking and respected man who loved his Essex County and is missed by all who knew him.

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