

GERALD A. (Gerry) TAMBLYN  
(1931 - 1981)

Gerald A. Tamblyn died suddenly of a heart attack while carrying on his familiar daily routine on July 6, 1981. He was a Professional Engineer, an Ontario Land Surveyor and Past President of the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association.

Gerry was born in Cambray, Ontario, on August 2, 1931, and after graduating from Lindsay Collegiate Institute with honours in 1949, he attended the University of Toronto where he received a B.A.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering in 1954. He pursued advanced education through part-time courses at York University and was granted the degree of Master of Public Administration in 1972.

Upon graduation in Civil Engineering, Gerry worked for a year for the City of Hamilton. In 1955, he joined the staff of Marshall Macklin Monaghan under articles to Harold Macklin, and was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor on August 7, 1956. While working for Marshall Macklin Monaghan, Gerry spent three and a half years in the rapidly growing town of Elliot Lake, living in a trailer on site much of this time. The work for which he was responsible on this interesting and challenging project included resident engineer on the installation of townsite services and field inspection services for mine access roads.

In 1959, Gerry left Elliot Lake for Toronto and worked with R.J. Sheridan & Associates until 1961 when he accepted the appointment as City Engineer in Barrie. After serving in this role for eight years, he became City Administrator in May of 1971, the position he held at the time of his death.

He was an active member of many organizations and worked tirelessly as a Director, Vice President and President for the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association during the years 1971 to 1975. This led him to his involvement with the Canadian Administrators Association of which he was a Director from 1978 to 1981. He was affiliated with numerous professional associations in addition to these duties.

Gerry was keenly interested in sports and was a Director of Barrie Minor Hockey for several years. An avid fisherman, he organized a special fishing trip every May 24 week-end for a group of friends of old

standing. He was a keen ball player and enjoyed golf and curling.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Helen, four sons, Brian, Brad, Paul and David, and a daughter, Susan. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and associates.

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