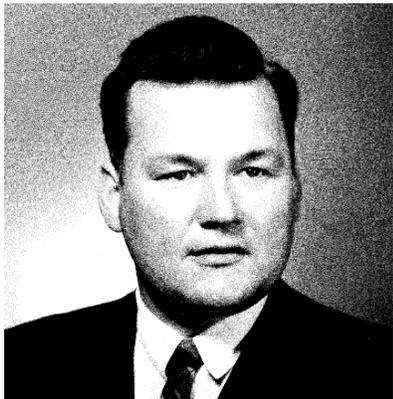


**Donald Frank Walton, OLS# 748**  
**October 23, 1924 – March 19, 2017**



D. F. Walton was born in Midland, Ontario. He obtained his primary and secondary education at Mooretown Public School in Lamton County and at Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1943 and on his discharge in 1946, completed his education under the D. V. A. programme in London, ON.

In 1947 he was employed by the Department of Highways and was articled to H. S. Howden in the same year. He was admitted

to the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors on March 19, 1951. He was employed by the Department of Highways as Regional Services Manager for the North western region. During his employment with the Department of Highways, he surveyed in Woodstock, Kingston, North Bay, Cochrane, Thunder Bay and Rainy River areas.

He is a member of the Masonic Order, the Board of Stewards, Current River United church in Port Arthur and past executive member of the Fort William branch of the Canadian Legion.

Mr. Walton was a resident of Port Arthur and was married to Joyce Rita Hyatt of Emo, Ontario in 1949 and is a father to one daughter and two sons.

Submitted by Mr. D. F. Walton on January 2, 1960

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Don was sent to Fort William to establish a land survey office for the DHO. To my knowledge, none of the people he recruited has anything but good to say about Don. Don was responsible for mentoring and encouraging many young people like myself into becoming OLS's. In my case I was told where and when to show up when, in response to his question, I indicated I had not thought about the future. He encouraged me to return to school part time to overcome a failure in French, to qualify for university entrance, and arranged for me to work in the drafting office the other part time. That's the kind of person he was.

Additionally, Don started the Northwestern Group of the AOLS. Through this medium he encouraged beneficial communication between rival, and sometimes competitive surveyors. He insisted that no more than 1 group meeting would be held in Thunder Bay and encouraged "press releases" in the various locations (Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Kenora, and Fort Frances), where the other two meetings a year were held, in order to familiarize the public with the importance of Land Surveying.

He made sure that the self-employed surveyors took part in the group and its activities. He was a strong advocate of private practicing surveyors as responsible owners of businesses. Unselfish in his interests, and outspoken, when pursuing his interest in the welfare of Land Surveying and land surveyors, in Northwestern Ontario.

Submitted by Howard Graham, OLS# 1132