

John Ward, OLS # 1463

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John Ward, friend, colleague and mentor to so many, passed away on May 12, 2012.

John was one of the very first graduates from the University of Toronto's Survey Science program in 1976. His career journey spanned over 40 years, ranging from a summer field technician for the Ministry of Transportation in Manitowadge to teaching adult education upgrading courses at Northern College

and surveying at Humber College. He was also an entrepreneur, owning and running numerous land surveying companies and creating a company called "Growth Management Technologies". John left the private sector in 2002 to rejoin the Ministry of Transportation and advanced to the position of Head, Geomatics Section in Eastern Region in 2008.

John was driven by adventure and by the ultimate need to share his unique ability to develop the effectiveness of others. Throughout his career, his hard work, gentle and caring approach and his constant enthusiasm led to success for him, his family and for all those he worked with. John volunteered in various organizations including being a councillor for the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (AOLS), a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) as a Project Management Professional (PMP), the treasurer of Rock Walk Park related to Northern College, member of the OPS facilitators network, and member of the OPS Project Management Consultancy Network.

John was a vibrant and refreshing manager bringing fresh perspectives on strategic planning, diversity, engagement, emotional intelligence and asset management. While his time with us was cut short by cancer, John lived with no regrets and served the public well by giving selflessly of his time and talents. For that, John, we are truly thankful.