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**JACK EDWARD WICKEN**  
(1920 - 1983)

Jack Edward Wicken was born in Humboldt, Saskatchewan in 1920. At three years of age the family moved to Regina where he was raised, educated and graduated from Balfour Technical School in 1939. His interest in surveying was initiated when he volunteered and enlisted in the 1st Canadian Survey Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1939. He served for the following five years, with stints of two years in England, two years in Italy and one year in France, Germany and Holland.

He had many interesting and amusing accounts of his war years throughout Europe. He often spoke of the numerous observation and control stations they established in church spires and bell towers to guide and report on artillery fire.

After completion of service in 1945, Jack returned to Toronto and commenced employment with Edward Cavell, O.L.S., to whom he was later articulated in 1946. In 1949, he transferred to the employ of Ontario Hydro in the property department and there obtained his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1950. He continued in the position of a supervisor of numerous survey crews throughout Ontario, running power transmission lines in the Sudbury and the Sturgeon Falls area, also the Niagara Peninsula.

Jack continued with Ontario Hydro until 1955. Then, in partnership, he entered private practice in the Toronto area till 1965 after which he continued in individual practice in the Lakeshore area of the west end of Toronto.

While employed with Ed. Cavell in 1947, Jack met and married the former Shirley Kerins of Toronto. This union was blessed with one son. Jack was a devoted family man and justifiably proud of his family. His interest followed through in his supportive role and involvement in community sports.

He was politically inclined and contributed and followed closely the political scene in his own Lakeshore Riding.

His gregarious manner and very practical approach to surveying will be long remembered by his fellow surveyors who were fortunate to have been associated with him.