

Alexander Roberts Wilson, OLS# 1331
1946 – 2016



Alex R. Wilson, 70, passed away in his home on February 23, 2016, after a very short but valiant fight against cancer. He was born in Meaford, Ontario, to Carl and Alice Wilson. The oldest of six children, his parents raised he and his siblings on a farm in Markdale, Ontario.

Alex entered the Civil Engineering co-op program at the University of Waterloo, with his first placement at Union Gas in Fort Erie. A subsequent placement with Fred Cunningham's Survey firm in Milton was where Alex realized surveying was his calling. He articulated with Cunningham and continued his studies at York University. In June 1973, Alex opened his practice, Alex

R Wilson Surveying Inc., Mount Forest.

He loved surveying and was an active participant in the AOLS. Alex enjoyed the constant challenge that surveying provided; it was a new puzzle to be solved daily. He shared his love of surveying with his family. Each of his daughters, several grandchildren, and a few extended family members spent time with him in the office and on the job site.

Alex was very active in the Mount Forest and surrounding community. He belonged to the Kinsmen and K-40 clubs, and was a member of the Masonic Order of St Albans Lodge. He had a passion for curling and boasted three generations of family curlers, making him the envy of the local curling club.

He was a life-long supporter of the Canadian Blood Services and truly believed the motto, "It's in you to give". With a high school start, and many years of giving, he recorded 136 blood donations.

Alex had many passions besides his profession and he shared each of these with his family and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, the peacocks, pheasants, Cornish hens, and ducks that he raised on his hobby farm, and a love of fishing that extended to many years of spring and fall fishing trips on the French River.

Alex is survived by Sharon (nee Littlejohns), his wife of almost forty-eight years, three daughters, Julie, Christine, and Angie, and their families, including seven grandchildren.

The business of Alex R Wilson Surveying Inc. was purchased by Greg Ford, OLS, in June 2016, and continues in the same location under the name Wilson Ford Surveying and Engineering.

Submitted by Mrs. Sharon Wilson