

**Tom Wilson, OLS# 780**  
**June 26, 1925 - October 31, 2015**



Thomas Wilson of Port Arthur died of cancer on Saturday October 31, 2015 in hospital in Burlington, Ontario. Survived by loving wife, Marilyn, pre-deceased by son David in 1967; daughters Diane (Kirk) and Janet; grandchildren Camille and Grant (Sorana); pre-deceased by brother Roy (Barbara) and surviving nephews John (Joanne) and Donald. Tom will be sadly missed by his entire family.

He got an early start in land surveying. When he was growing up, one of his neighbours was EPAP (Percy) Phillips, a partner in Phillips and Benner, a firm that dated back to 1913. As a teenager, tom would go out on surveys with Mr. Phillips to work on various types of legal surveys. When Tom turned 18, he enlisted in the Canadian Forces and deployed to the British Isles near the end of World War II. He returned after the war, upgraded his education and articulated to Mr. Phillips. Tom was commissioned an Ontario Land Surveyor # 780 on November 8, 1951 and was employed by the firm which is now Phillips and Gavin. When J. W. (Jack Gavin was forced to retire due to poor health in 1967, tom entered into partnership with Mr. Philipps and P. R. (Ray) Milton to create the firm Phillips, Wilson and Milton (PWM). Mr. Phillips died in 1970 having worked at the age of 86, until 3 months before his death.

PWM continued to perform a wide range of legal and engineering surveys. Major highlights were projects such as the Urban renewal of the downtown City of Port Arthur core in the early 1960's and the Neebing – Macintyre Floodway in the 1980's, Earlier while with Phillips and Gavin, Tom surveyed the Trans-Canada Pipeline across all or parts of several townships from 1957 to the 1960's. In 1989, PWM merged with Bill and Alison Parsons and became Parsons, Wilson and Milton (PWM). In 1990, Tom retired and moved to Niagara Falls. PWM continued until 20016 when it was acquired by J. D. Barnes Ltd.

A celebration of Tom Wilson was held on Monday June 27, 2016 at 10:00 am at Sargent and Son Funeral Chapel with Rev. Chris Harper presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at [SargentandSon.com](http://SargentandSon.com)

Submitted by P. Ray Milton