

**ROBERT HUNTER WRIGHT, OLS, OLIP
1938 - 2000**

by Marilyn Wright

Bob Wright passed away suddenly on December 2nd 2000 at 62 years of age.

He was born in Ottawa on May 16th 1938. His early years were spent on a farm in Hazeldean, moving to Britannia Bay in Ottawa. He graduated from Nepean High School in 1956 and joined the Department of Highways, working out of the Kingston Office.

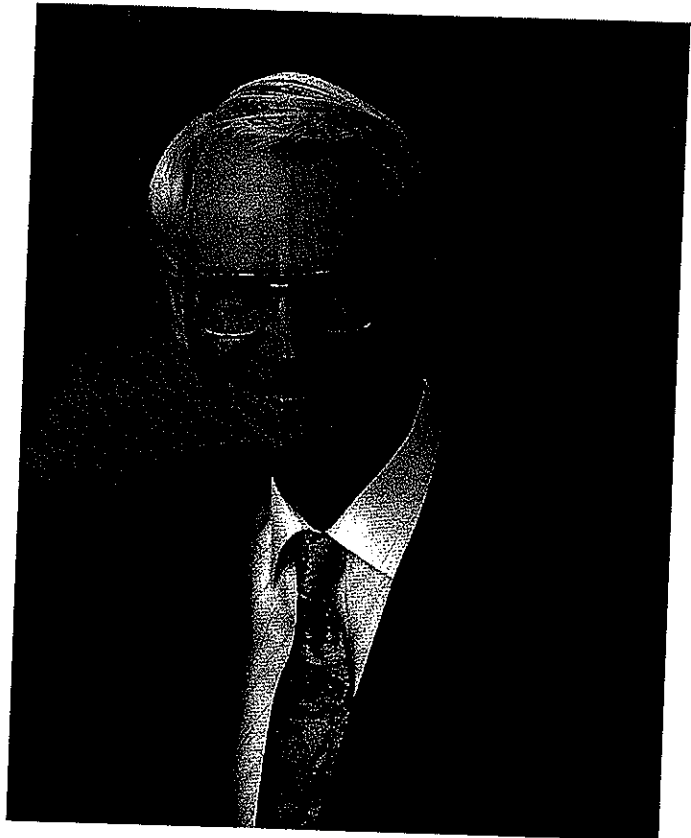
Bob articulated under Wm. Ratz and was admitted to the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors in March 1961 (#1069). While taking an OLS course at Downsview in December 1956, Bob met Marilyn Milnes and they were married in September 1959.

In 1962 Bob decided to further his education and enrolled at Queen's University. Bob graduated from Queen's in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and became a Professional Engineer in 1967. He remained a long supporter of Queen's University and the Golden Gaels.

During his time at Queen's he continued applying his OLS expertise. He helped teach the field course in surveying during his 1st year at Queen's and also worked as an OLS for two summers in Belleville and one summer in Ottawa.

After graduation, Bob worked for Proctor and Redfern in St. Catharines and Hamilton. In 1970 he joined the Borough of York and in 1980 he joined the City of Thunder Bay as the City Engineer. Bob retired from the City of Thunder Bay on December 1st 2000 as Manager of Transportation and Works and City Engineer.

Throughout the years Bob was an active member of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and during the 1980's was an active member of the Northwestern Regional Group



He served on the executive of the Northwestern Regional Group and served as Co-Chairman for the Annual General Meeting held in Thunder Bay in 1983.

In more recent years, Bob became involved with the Municipal Engineers Association and served as Director and Vice President on the 1988/99 Executive. He was instrumental in having two Engineer Workshops held in Thunder Bay. Bob was an active member of the Port Arthur Rotay Club and served on various committees.

Bob is survived by his wife of 41 years, Marilyn, and their four sons and their families: Jim (Lorelei) of Hmilton, David (Lisa) of Brampton, Mike (Dana) of Alliston and Dan (Sheila) of Bloomfield Michigan. He was also the proud grandfather of Benjamin, Cameron, McIntyre, William Nolan, Owen and Grace (all 5 an under). Two more granddaughters, Ellis and Sidney have been added to the family since Bob's passing and another grandchild is expected in July. Bob was always a very involved father in his son's growing up years and he was very proudct of his sons and their Families.

Bob was an avid reader with a life long thirst for new knowledge. His penchant for detail marked his life not only as an engineer, but he was exact in whatever task he undertook, whether it be planning parties, vacations, writing, gardening or compiling his genealogy charts and family history.

In his many tributes, Bob has been referred to as a perfect gentleman, who was very capable and articulate and always tried to understand the views of others. He was a quiet man who led by example and he was a man of extremely hight integrity who has left us all with a very high standard to follow. Although he was a dedicated and respected professional, most of all he was a kind, generous, loving family man and he will be deeply missed by all who hd the honour of knowin him.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the surveyors who attended Bob's service in either Thunder Bay of Toronto.
