

Jack Young, OLS# 1446
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Jack was born in Wingham, Ontario and grew up in a family of three brothers and four sisters in Belgrave. Following primary and secondary schooling, he entered the engineering program at Acadia University and the Nova Scotia Technical College (now part of Dalhousie University) graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering in 1961 and a Master of Engineering in Drainage Engineering in 1962.

While attending university, he met Sandy Lee and they married following graduation in 1961.

He began his professional career at Fenco Consultants (1962 - 1967) and quickly achieved both professional engineer and consulting engineer designations. During that period, he

and Sandy relocated to Toronto and subsequently, in 1965, to Vancouver where he was Project Engineer on the construction of the railway bridge between Vancouver and North Vancouver. In 1967, they put down roots in Sudbury, Ontario.

In Sudbury, Jack began his second and third careers. He joined the engineering faculty at Laurentian University and he established himself in private practice opening his own firm, Noront Engineering in 1974.

Professional surveying began to attract him - career 4 - and in 1976 he entered into articles with Don Endleman, OLS in Sudbury. While articling, Jack attended a number of survey law courses at the then newly established Survey Science Program at Erindale College, University of Toronto.

Jack was sworn in as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1978. With both professional engineering and professional surveying licenses to practice in hand, he changed the name of his firm to J. K. Young Limited and began a multi-discipline professional services firm. For many years he sat on a Tribunal for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs dealing with drainage issues. Jack was the consummate professional. Dedicated, thorough, fair and honest. His skills as a teacher were to bring out the best in his students and he became a mentor to all.

As the Erindale program grew, new opportunities arose. Jack and family were still living in Sudbury but his exposure to the Erindale environment and his compatibility with the staff at Erindale resulted in an offer to join the Faculty in 1980. Jack accepted the offer and he and family, now including 2 preschoolers and a 6-week old baby boy, relocated one more time to Brampton. Somehow in that same year, he found time to achieve certification as a Canada Lands Surveyor.

In 1984, he was elected by his peers to the Council of Management of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. This began a six-year voluntary involvement with the management of the survey profession in Ontario. He was a

member of Council when the new Surveyors Act was approved and was closely involved with all the changes that ensued. In 1988 he became the Association President.

During his time on Council, Jack was involved on a number of Association Committees including the Board of Examiners, the Academic and Experience Requirements Committee, the University Liaison Committee, the Discipline Committee, the Nominating Committee and the APEO/AOLS Joint Committee on Land Drainage.

He and Sandy attended most, if not all, Association Annual Meetings where he served for many years as Parliamentarian and Master of Ceremonies at the Veterans' Dinner. To say he was well known and respected within the Association would be a clear understatement.

Jack loved his work and took great pride in the accomplishments of his students. He left his professional mark not only on the engineering and surveying professions but also on academia. His careers spanned over 40 years. But his involvement with his professional associations would continue in retirement.

While living in Brampton, Jack and Sandy had purchased a cottage property on Lake Muskoka and over a number of years replaced that structure with a new home which was to become known as 'The Shack'. Following the closure of the Erindale Program, they relocated to Gravenhurst and divided their time between that home and one in Florida.

In 2006, Jack was instrumental in the creation and management of an informal, but effective, process to maintain the involvement of past presidents once they left Council. That group was to become a quasi-advisory group to the Association and Council and is now known as The Senate.

It is not surprising that Jack was equally committed to his communities. He was a member of the Brampton Board of Trade, Brampton Rotary and Gravenhurst Rotary. He also volunteered at the Muskoka Discovery Center.

In his leisure time, Jack maintained 2 antique cars, one of which apparently brought him home after birth, and an antique Muskoka boat. In 2017, just a few weeks before he entered the hospital, he and Sandy relocated to Ballantrae to be closer to family.

Jack is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandy, his children, Heather Tipping, Nancy Young (Stephen Cudmore), Bruce Young (Betty Ann) and Christie Young (Ian Braby) and nine grandchildren.

Jack was honoured and remembered at a Celebration of Life held at the Muskoka Discovery Center on May 12, 2018 attended by family, friends, colleagues and former students. He was a mentor and good friend to many and will be long remembered.



The Senate Picnic, photographed at 'The Shack'

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