

PAUL STUMES (1922-2013)



Peacefully on Sunday, April 21st, 2013 at the age of 91. Survived by beloved wife Eva. Paul and his wife Eva immigrated to Canada from their native country Hungary in 1957. As a professional engineer, Paul began work in Regina and later in Saskatoon before moving to Ottawa in 1967 to accept a position with the fledging Restoration Services Division. Paul was a professional engineer (mechanical and civil) and a community volunteer. Over a 30 year career Paul made significant contributions to restoration engineering, especially in the development of epoxy reinforcement and stabilization methods for masonry and wooden structures. These conservation treatments are used both nationally and internationally for the conservation of everything from bridge abutments to windows in heritage homes. He has written extensively on this and other technical matters during his years with Parks Canada and since his retirement. Throughout his career Paul applied his restoration knowledge and interest as a volunteer with international, national and local organizations such as the Association of Preservation Technology, the International Council on monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Canada, Heritage Ottawa and Historic Ottawa Development Inc (HODI). His professional expertise also served his community as a member of the Ottawa LACAC. Throughout his career Paul also mentored many young heritage engineers and architects instilling in them his knowledge and enthusiasm for the field of heritage conservation. Paul was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In accordance with Paul's wishes there will be no Funeral Service or visitation.