

OCA Wall of Honour

Canon T. Unsworth (1921-1988)



Canon came from a large family in the City View area of Ottawa.

During WW 2, Canon joined armed Forces as a private, worked as Dispatch Rider and was discharged from the forces with honour and a letter from the King.

Following the war he began his construction career from humble beginnings as a truck driver and jack hammer operator with Hugh M. Grant Limited. Owner J.S. Grant saw potential in Canon bringing him into the office taking care of dispatching and administration. Over time he worked his way up to Secretary-Treasurer and a senior partner with the firm and ended as a partner with Dufresne Piling Company (1967) Limited.

Of special note was in 1966 Mayor Don Reid asked Canon to assist in the rescue and clean up operations after the deadly Heron Road bridge collapse and was issued a letter of recognition for his bravery.

For over 40 years, Canon worked on many of the major construction projects including but not limited to the following:

- Place de Ville, Phase I and II
- La Terrasses de la Chaudiere
- Place du Portage
- National Arts Centre
- Rideau Centre
- 240 Sparks
- Centennial Towers
- Journal Building
- 222 Queen Street
- Royal Bank of Canada

Canon will be remembered as playing an essential part in the growth and development of the National Capital Area up to the 1980s.