

OCA Wall of Honour

N. Paul Daoust (1915–1997)



N. Paul Daoust started in the construction industry in 1934 working at his father's lumber and construction company in Embrun, Ontario. In 1952, he formed his own construction company thus continuing a three-generation family tradition in construction.

His first project on his own was the 1936 Design-Build of a Church in Nakina, Ontario, where men, materials and accommodations had to be brought in by rail. In his early years in Ottawa, he built many gas stations, progressing to school projects in the early 60's, which continue to be a company specialty. At last count over 185 school projects have been completed by Daoust Construction.

In addition to schools, N. Paul Daoust can lay claim to over 1,000 institutional, commercial, industrial and residential projects in Ontario, Quebec, and since 1980 in the Eastern Arctic region.

Riding with Paul was like being on a guided tour as he pointed out every one of his projects, recounting each project's history and remembering those involved. He will be remembered by all for his assiduous note taking on his narrow pad. He took pride in his treatment of his subcontractors, his employees and their families. Most of the men and women who joined him remained loyal, many with over forty years of service.

Paul remained active as the Chairman of the Daoust Construction Group of Companies until his passing in 1997. A strong supporter of the Ottawa Construction Association, the family business and has been a member of the OCA for over 40 years. Paul was an active charter member of the Ottawa South Lions Club since 1956 and he was always a very generous donator to religious, hospital and health foundations and organizations.