

Obituary

Bradley brought vision to Hydro

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In 1970, Alan Bradley was asked to join the Township of Toronto Hydro Electric Commission because one of its members was temporarily out of town.

An astute businessman who already had a distinguished career as a mechanical and electrical engineer behind him, Bradley fit right into his new milieu.

What was supposed to be an "interim" position turned into a passion.

By the time he retired from the hydro board, which he chaired for many of the 27 years he served on it, the municipality had grown from a township, to a town, to a city — and Bradley's innovative leadership had helped Hydro Mississauga (now Enersource) become one of the best utilities in the province.

Bradley, who lived with his wife Kay in Applewood Acres for 54 years before moving to Quebec a few years ago to live with his daughter Sue and her husband, died Saturday morning — four months shy of his 100th birthday.

"He was such an inspiration to everyone who worked at Hydro Mississauga," said Sue Dalton, who was hired as commission secretary and executive assistant in 1988.

"He had a special gift of sitting down and talking with you," said Dalton. "He knew the names of the children and husbands and wives of everyone who worked there."

"He was very intuitive and intelligent," said Dalton. "And he was very much on the side of the customer. He was always wanting to improve the service."

When Bradley retired from the board at age 85, the City of Mississauga named a park on Melton Dr. for him. A hydro substation and the Hydro Mississauga boardroom were also renamed in his honour.

A memorial service will be held May 4 at 11 a.m. at Turner Porter Peel Chapel, 2180 Hurontario St. There will be visitation an hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Don McLean Westacres Pool (cheques payable to Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club, PO Box 52593, Turtle Creek Post Office, Mississauga, ON. L5J 4S6) or a charity of choice.