

REMEMBRANCES

(with thanks to the Calgary Herald and the Globe and Mail)

We continue our tradition of honouring those who have been integral parts of the Canadian petroleum industry and have contributed to its success. These obituaries have been edited to focus on the petroleum-related side of each individual. Readers are encouraged to access the full documents that include personal details and accomplishments of other natures.

Note that in the following, comments in italics are from the editor, generally to add a bit of P.H.S.-related or personal commentary to these edited memorials.

Abel, Wesley (Wes). Born May 14, 1936 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and passed away December 9, 2021. Wes was raised on a farm with fourteen siblings. He learned the value of hard work and teamwork from an early age. He was a self-made man who bettered himself by working as a roughneck in the oil patch while finishing high school and attending university. His hard work and persistence led him to graduate top of his class, earning the Gold Medal in Civil Engineering from the University of Alberta.

Wes began his long career with Mobil Oil Canada, pioneering some of the early offshore oil drilling programs. He swiftly moved up the organization leading him to spearhead and manage innovative projects overseas in Norway, the United Kingdom, and Newfoundland. His success and reputation for fairness and human compassion earned him respect throughout the industry. After his retirement from Exxon/Mobil he continued to consult and was considered a valued resource in his field by many of his colleagues.

Wes was a long-time member of the Petroleum History Society. On May 18, 2006 he presented to us a luncheon talk entitled “Hibernia – Fish, Icebergs and Oil”. The following abstract is from the May 2006 issue of Archives and is about that talk and about Wes’s career to that point:

“The Hibernia Field is located approximately 200 miles east-southeast of St. John’s, on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The field was discovered in 1979 by the first exploration well to be drilled by Chevron on the Grand Banks as part of a farm-out agreement with Mobil. Mobil had previously drilled several exploration wells in the area but they had been unsuccessful. Wes described to us how the exploration and development of the field proceeded including the Ocean Ranger sinking, delineation, ownership disputes between the Provincial and Federal Governments, The Atlantic Accord and the ultimate development of the field that led to its [then] current production of over 200,000 barrels per day from the Hibernia gravity-based structure (GBS).”

Extended bio: In 1955 Wes went to work for Mobil Oil as an oil field tank battery operator at Drayton Valley and two years later he was transferred to the Calgary office. It was there that he finished his high school by attending night school at Mount Royal College, and then going on to take engineering at the U. of A. in Edmonton, graduating with distinction and winning the A.P.E.G.G.A. gold medal in Civil Engineering in 1964.

Upon graduation, he went to work for Mobil Oil in Edmonton and was transferred to Calgary as a reservoir engineer in 1966. He soon found himself working at Mobil’s research lab in Dallas

doing advanced research on fluid flow in high pressure and high temperature reservoirs. During his stint at the lab, he participated in the development of Mobil's first compositional reservoir simulator computer model. He then published a technical paper describing his work in the S.P.E. Journal of Technology. He continued to liaise with the Mobil Engineering group in Dallas and within a short time was involved with engineering and installation of offshore production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico. Shortly thereafter he was Mobil's structural engineer during the construction of the SEDCO J semi-submersible drilling rig in Halifax and was in charge of engineering and installation of the first six-well drilling platform offshore Nova Scotia on the beach of Sable Island. In November of 1974, he went to Norway as Structural Engineering Manager for the Statfjord "A" project and in 1976 went to work offshore as Platform Manager. In 1979 he and his family moved to London, England where he was overall manager for the development of the Beryl "B" project.

In 1983, he was transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia, as Engineering Manager for the development of the offshore Sable gas project and in 1985, was transferred to St. John's, Newfoundland as Area Manager where he led the development plan and engineering team for the Hibernia project. While there, he also led the development team for the Environmental Impact Studies and statement filings as well as the engineering studies for the reservoir depletion plan and construction of the offshore platform for an ice-protected production facility. He was a lead participant in the negotiating team for the Hibernia group of partners in the development of the Hibernia agreements with the two governments and was the lead negotiator for the Canada Benefits and Bull Arm Agreements.

He was an active member of the community, participating in professional, local business, education, charitable and sports associations. He was a member of the advisory committees to the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Business at Memorial University, Chairman of the Board of Governors for C-CORE and served on the C-CORE research advisory committee for six years. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Y.M.C.A., curling and other sports associations. In 1993, he returned to Calgary as senior advisor to management and elected to take early retirement in 1996. He is the recipient of numerous industry awards, including an Award of Merit from the Canadian Petroleum Association (Chairman of the Frontier Committee), and a Frontier Committee award from C.A.P.P. In 2002, he received an Outstanding Contribution Award from the Newfoundland Ocean Industries Association (N.O.I.A.) in recognition of outstanding and lasting contribution to the establishment and growth of the oil and gas industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. After several years of consulting, he enjoyed full retirement and was active in sports; bowling, skiing, curling and golfing.

Benson, Melvin Edward ("Wapunatew"), First Nations from Beaver Lake Cree Nation, was born in Imperial Mills, Alberta on February 14, 1949 and passed away September 16, 2021. Mel's first job was at the age of ten building fish boxes for five cents a box. He began his career at the Edmonton Friendship Centre, then as an instructor at Grant McEwan University with their inaugural Native Studies Program. He branched into working with the Secretary of State before shifting his career into the oil and gas industry. He had a long career with Imperial Oil before transferring to Exxon with international projects in Chad, Cameroon, Russia and Korea amongst other locations. When Mel returned to Canada, he started up a number of successful oil and gas exploration companies. Upon retirement, Mel joined the Suncor Board of Directors and was the first Indigenous person and longest serving board member on the T.S.X. He was able to assist

Suncor in great strides throughout the First Nations communities for over 21 years. He has served on numerous boards and volunteered unselfishly.

Mel accomplished much through his life and was the recipient of many awards and honours. He was honoured by his National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Business and Commerce and Aboriginal Business Lifetime Achievement Award. His natural leadership, mentorship, resilience, self-determination and generosity, with individuals, family, friends, community and his Nation is something we are all inspired by. He had a passion for capacity building, mentorship and education of our Indigenous Youth, their future. He always led by example. Mel enjoyed the finer things in life including visiting friends and family, laughter, live music, great wine and incredible food. Anyone who knew Mel has a good story and great memories of their time together. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, hunter, horseman, adventurer and traveler. Mel's favourite saying was "quality is doing it right the first time, to avoid the cost of rework."

Brennan, Brian. Born October 4th, 1943 in Dublin, Ireland and passed away February 21, 2021. Brian composed his own obituary (naturally), somewhat shortened here.

"I once made a living writing the obits of other people. Here I get to write my own. My story began in Dublin, Ireland on Oct. 4, 1943. I received the gift of life and held it close for 77 years. I came to Canada on Remembrance Day 1966. I never forgot that date. And I never forget Feb. 29, 1968, the day I met Zelda Pineau of Hope River, Prince Edward Island. We met at the Black Knight Lounge in Halifax, where I had a piano-playing gig. Playing piano for a living was a dream I'd never been able to fulfil in Ireland. Zelda worked at a Halifax insurance office. She would later find her calling as a teacher just as I found mine as a journalist. We brought out the best in each other. We moved to Smithers after I landed my first reporting job at the weekly Interior News. Zelda had encouraged me to do something with my writing because she liked the letters I sent her while on the road as a musician. I followed her advice and fulfilled another long-held dream: I became a newspaperman. After on-the-job training in Smithers and Prince George I joined the Calgary Herald as a staff writer and stayed there for 25 years. I won a few prizes, including the national Hollobon Award for medical reporting and two golds in the Western Magazine Awards. I also served on national boards, as a regional rep for the Canadian Association of Journalists and as president of the Canadian Theatre Critics Association. My last Herald gig was writing the Tribute obituary column, which set the stage for the twelve books of biography and social history I wrote after leaving the paper. Once I caught the storytelling bug, I was fixated for life. If I wasn't writing to put wine in the cupboard, I was posting to my blog.

A tip of the hat to my friends in music, journalism and book writing, especially my colleagues at The Writers' Union of Canada, who rolled out the red carpet for me after my first book appeared on the shelves. And finally, a bow to the surviving members of the Club of 93, who helped me make it home before night as we raced against the dark. I enjoyed spending an important part of my life with you all. "So, fill to me the parting glass," the old song said. "Good night and joy be with you all."

A number of Brian's books touched upon the history of the petroleum industry. The P.H.S. honoured Brian with its Lifetime Achievement Award for 2016 with the citation "For making numerous contributions to the body of literature concerning the Canadian petroleum industry including many focused on its colourful personalities and significant events".

Brown, Floyd Alfred (Flip). Born October 26, 1928 in Edmonton, Alberta and passed away December 12, 2020. Flip began his career as an Observer, Party Manager for Norwest Seismic Surveys Ltd. in Calgary from 1950 - 1957. He spent part of his time with them in Trinidad. Flip went on to work for Schlumberger as a Case Hole Specialist in the Caribbean Division, stationed in Trinidad from 1957-1974. He then returned to Calgary and began his career in the tracked vehicle business, first with Tracked Vehicle Supply (a division of Canadian Foremost) and from 1998 with Track Industries Ltd. Flip retired from Track Industries in June 2008.

Diamond, Sarah (Beth) Elizabeth. Born September 28, 1954 in Blairmore, Alberta and passed away November 22, 2021. Beth was born to Carol and Rene Diamond - an active community volunteer and a mining engineer, respectively. She was the eldest of four sisters. With the family's move to Calgary, Beth began forging the enduring friendships that were a hallmark of her life. Beth's studied at McMaster University and the University of Calgary, earning B.A. and M.A. degrees in English. Upon graduation, Beth was determined to walk an unconventional path. She was especially grateful for Judi Gunter, her former business partner with whom she co-founded the Diamond-Gunter Group in the late 1980s.

Beth's career included roles in corporate, agency, post-secondary, non-profit and government communications. When the Diamond-Gunter group joined forces with NATIONAL Public Relations in 1997, she became the managing partner of the firm's new Calgary office and later was honoured to hold a board position with the firm's holding company, Res Publica (now Avenir Global). With the talent and reach of NATIONAL's team, Beth was able to help her Alberta clients advocate for their companies and causes across the country and around the world. As the head of the firm's energy practice and with her penchant for creative, collaborative solutions, she helped build the Canadian Centre for Energy Information, the Energy Policy Institute of Canada and the Canadian Oilsands Innovation Alliance, among others. She provided counsel for most major transactions and acquisitions, trusted by C.E.O.s on all sides of any deal for her common sense and uncommon strategic acumen. She led projects and teams that informed Canadians' understanding of critical and changing issues: energy policy, sustainability and evolving discussions around environmental stewardship. Her efforts shaped elements of Canadian public policy that remain timely and relevant today.

Equally important as achieving success for her clients was Beth's commitment to mentoring. With a quiet word, some thoughtful edits, a much-needed laugh or a conversation over coffee, she influenced and inspired. A generation of communicators owes Beth for helping them launch successful careers. She insisted upon - and modelled - professional excellence and personal integrity. Beth valued curiosity. She asked courageous questions. She expected thoughtful answers. Her ideal evening was a salon-style conversation on weighty topics with smart people, leavened with laughter, accompanied by unpretentious food.

Dumett, Clement Wallace Jr. Born December 30, 1927 in Tacoma, Washington and passed away January 10, 2021. Clem first attended school in Seattle and then moved to California with his father, graduating from Whittier Union High School in Whittier, CA. He started his college career at Stanford University, taking a break for a two year stint in the Army. Returning to Stanford to complete his education, Clem graduated in 1951, with a B.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering. He commenced his forty year career with Unocal (formerly Union Oil), starting in the oilfields near Coalinga, CA. Opportunity presented itself to join the growing oil

scene in Alberta, Canada and Clem transferred to Calgary in 1955. Clem's career with Unocal saw him working in the production and exploration areas, culminating as President of Unocal Canada. He was Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Canadian Petroleum Association (1981-82) where he fought tirelessly to stop the implementation of Trudeau's National Energy Program. He served as President of the Calgary Petroleum Club (1985-86) and was Chairman of the 29th Oilmen's Golf Tournament (1979), a member of the Calgary Golf and Country Club, The Petroleum Club and Ranchman's Club. Over the years he was a Director for Unocal Canada, Cansulex Limited, Peace Pipe Line, The Glenbow Institute, Maximum Energy Trust, Talisman Energy and the Kahanoff Foundation.

Ellingson, Arnold (Swede). Born in 1937 in Watson, Saskatchewan and passed away April 17, 2021. Arnold's parents and extended family members farmed in that region until moving to the Elkhorn, Manitoba area in the 1950s where they remained for many years. One year during his mid-teens when the family experienced a devastating crop failure, he and his parents migrated to Regina to find temporary work in the Simpsons (Sears) distribution centre. Some of his fondest memories were from childhood, such as when his grandfather made him homemade pancakes, watching his mother stooking wheat by hand, riding his horse and buggy to school and visiting neighbours. His incredible work ethic was forged during this time and set the course for a productive, meaningful life that set an example for his children, grandchildren and many people who worked with him and considered him a generous mentor. Swede, as he was known to most, worked in the petroleum industry for over 60 years, having started as a 16-year-old drilling rig hand around Virden, Manitoba. This is the time when the nickname, Swede, took root, although his family heritage is fiercely Norwegian.

By the time he retired in 2015, he had witnessed no less than six oil boom-and-bust cycles. He loved his work and never stopped being fascinated by this industry and, as an avid reader of the daily news, business overall. He started his career in the 1950s in southwest Manitoba and followed the cycles west. His first was to Estevan, Saskatchewan in the 1960s where in 1966, he began working for Haliburton which he always said was his education to prepare him for a career in the oil patch. In the early 1970's the migration continued westwards to Brooks, Alberta. From his early days working on the drilling rigs to establishing successful local divisions for leading midstream service companies, such as Site Oil Tools and Cardium-Weatherford, to consulting on downhole tool installations during his later years, there was always one constant: Swede made lifelong relationships everywhere he worked. He valued the stories they had in common or built together, and easily reconnected with friends as if no time had passed between their visits.

Farries, John (Keith). Born July 9, 1930 in Cardston, Alberta and passed away January 24, 2021. Keith spent his early years growing up on the family farm near High River. He excelled at academics and in his last year of high school graduated at the top of his class in the school district. He then went to the University of Oklahoma where he earned a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Keith began his distinguished professional career at what is now Amoco and worked in Drayton Valley. He worked for a number of companies in progressively senior roles before striking out on his own in 1970 with the establishment of Farries Engineering Ltd., that later became Farries Engineering (1977) Ltd. While always based in Calgary, work took Keith to the U.S., Russia and Israel. In addition to running Farries Engineering he also was President of Westridge Petroleum Ltd. from 1986 to 2001. He was well known for always acting with professionalism and integrity. Later in his career he was called upon many times to act as an

expert witness in cases involving the oil and gas industry. As one of Keith's business associates and good friends recently said, "I would call Keith the ultimate engineer's engineer in the Canadian oilpatch."

Gies, Robert (Bob) Maitland. Born May 18, 1933, in Hamilton, Ontario and passed away February 17, 2022. Bob grew up in the Hamilton area where he met his wife, Ruth. Bob and Ruth were married on September 22, 1956, during Bob's fourth year at the University of Toronto, where he was studying Geological Engineering. Upon graduation, Bob chose a job as exploitation engineer with Shell Canada, where he could focus on applied technology in his field, and the couple moved out west. They moved frequently in the early years, at first packing all their belongings into their little Volkswagen Beetle. Work took them to spots in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Texas and back again, finally settling in Calgary for good in 1970. After 20 years at Shell Canada, Bob made a strategic move to a small upstart oil and gas company named Canadian Hunter in 1977. Bob enjoyed 14 years at Canadian Hunter, publishing several articles on his own research and supporting and encouraging others' technical development and research. He started his own consulting company in 1992 which he continued to operate well into his "retirement". Bob was instrumental in many significant oil and gas reservoirs discoveries throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. He loved geology and would be more than happy to give impromptu lectures to anyone that would be willing to listen.

Editor comment: I don't think that I ever met Bob but I certainly know his name and of some of his work both at Shell and at Canadian Hunter. I was assigned to the Mackenzie Delta on several occasions and his various geological reports from the 1970's were critical to our understanding of that area. It was the cancellation of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline in the late 1970's as a result of the Berger Inquiry that led to Bob's decision to leave Shell and join Canadian Hunter. The Delta was going "on ice" just as the Deep Basin play that Hunter was spearheading was starting to move forward in leaps and bounds. There was a whole crowd of Shell people that were "poached" by Hunter at that time – Hunter recognized strong professionals and Shell was a happy hunting ground for them. In addition, as many said, it was a very easy transition because all they had to do was to walk across the Plus 15!

Goodwin, Duncan William. Born January 4, 1929 in Calgary, Alberta and passed away December 26, 2021. Duncan grew up in Calgary. He excelled at gymnastics, swimming and he bicycled everywhere: to and from school as well as delivering newspapers and groceries. Sometimes he took the trolley to Bowness Park to swim in the lagoon. Duncan was an avid reader, often reading by flashlight under the covers late into the night. As a teenager, his independent streak led him to hop a freight train leaving Calgary to pick fruit in the Okanagan and hang around the pool hall he honed his game to "pool shark" status.

After a year of Engineering at U.B.C., Duncan began his career as a "computer" on a seismic crew, working his way up to geophysical interpreter and party chief. This required him to travel all across the prairies and northern Canada. His young family grew by four kids, all living in a small trailer in order to move around to different rural work sites. In 1960, they moved into their newly built home in Calgary, just in time for the children to start school. Travel sometimes took him away from the family, and Duncan wanted more time off in the summer to enjoy family camping trips. He decided on a mid-life career change to become a high school English teacher. While still working full-time, Duncan enrolled at the University of Alberta, Calgary Campus (now U. of C.), and graduated with a B.Ed. in 1967. Before he could start teaching though, the oil

industry made him an offer he couldn't refuse! Duncan continued working in geophysics and eventually entered a successful consulting partnership with Lundberg and Goodwin. He was able to retire early to pursue his hobbies of golf, travel, and winemaking.

Heathcott, Robert Vernon. Born October 17, 1928 in Calgary, Alberta and passed away December 24, 2020. Bob grew up in the Mission district and attended Holy Angel and St. Mary's Schools. Bob played hockey in the Calgary Buffalo organization, the Junior "A" Wetaskiwin Canadians and football for the West End Tornados. He finished his high school education at St. Michaels College in Toronto while continuing to play football and Junior "A" Hockey. Upon graduation, Bob attended the University of Michigan on a Hockey Scholarship where "Happy" earned his B.Sc. in Geology as well as winning two N.C.A.A. Championships and was twice named All American. Bob finished off his playing career with the C.P.R. Beavers of the Alberta Senior league. In 1952, Bob returned to Calgary and began his tenure in the Western Canadian oil patch. In the early years he worked for Sun Oil and Scurry Rainbow Oils amongst others. In 1968, Bob struck out on his own with the incorporation of Heather Oil Ltd. which is still an active operating company today. Much of Heather's early business was conducted from the West End Legion which was frequented by many of Bob's heroes.

Hutton, Andrew (Neil) Neilson. Born May 28, 1934 in Strathaven, Scotland and passed away December 23, 2020. Neil was an adventurer, scientist, and lover of animals. Neil's first grand adventure away from his home in Scotland was as a field geologist in northern Ghana, where he worked in the bush. After completing his doctorate in Geology at the University of Glasgow in 1966 Neil and his young family decided to emigrate from Scotland to Canada. Arriving in Calgary, Neil continued his career with Texaco Exploration Canada where his technical and leadership qualities resulted in a rapid rise in management. Neil left Texaco as assistant chief geologist in 1979 to cofound Petrel Consultants Ltd. a geophysical / geological consulting firm. During his career, Neil contributed to Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists on the executive and as President for 1982. His work was recognized by the award of Honourary Membership for distinguished services to the society. Neil continued to consult independently until the call of the outdoors and travelling proved too compelling.

Keith, Robert Lawrence (Bob). Born October 29, 1938 in Calgary, Alberta and passed away January 11, 2021. Bob grew up in Turner Valley until the age of fourteen years, when his family moved to Coleville, Saskatchewan. He lived there for two years and then returned to Calgary where he finished school. Bob went on, at the age of eighteen, to join the Navy and serve his country for five and a half years after which he returned to Calgary. Bob was a talented carpenter and contractor having spent forty years in the construction industry, the majority as the owner of Royal-Lite Builders. Bob was known for his mischievous sense of humour; he was a storyteller and one never knew when he was telling the truth! At a moment's notice, he was always game to head into his garage to bring to life any crazy idea that his family suggested.

I couldn't resist including this one although Bob wasn't really an oilpatch guy. The punchline is that "You can take the boy out of Turner Valley but you can't take Turner Valley out of the boy". Why else would he call his company "Royal-Lite"?

Lehew, Rogers H. Born in 1928 in East Texas and passed away on March 16, 2021. He was born the youngest of three in a small rural oilfield community. When Rogers was still young,

the town was rocked by an explosion at the local school caused by a gas leak which killed over 310 students and teachers, including his sister. In the aftermath, Rogers learned the value of close friendships, a tight-knit community and the opportunities provided by education.

As a former coach and General Manager of the Calgary Stampeders (1960-1974) and former Vice-President of the Detroit Lions (1974-1977), Rogers' public accomplishments were significant and lasting. His place on the Calgary Stampeders Wall of Fame as a Builder, and in the University of Tulsa Hall of Fame as a player and coach, are testaments to his skills and dedication. His lasting Stampeders legacies include the conception and adoption of the white horse symbol, the development of the Quick Six Touchdown Horse, and (most important to him) the development of the President's Ring award presented annually to the Stampedeer chosen by the players for both on and off-field excellence. It is difficult to find another person who was so pivotal in the development of football culture in southern Alberta.

In his post-football years, Rogers' dedication to his friends and impact on his community continued when he became Vice-President of Can-Tex Drilling, and later as the President of the D'Arcy Ranch Golf Course. Throughout his life Rogers maintained an active role in the community as a charter member and past president of the North Hill Rotary Club, Chairmen of the 39th Oilmen's Golf Tournament, board member of the Calgary Petroleum Club, and a long-time member of the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Rogers also was a founding supporter and board member of EducationMatters and founded the Lehew/Wyman Fund in support of extra-curricular school programs. Throughout his life he continued to be an avid golfer, hunter and connoisseur of good margaritas.

The event referred to at the beginning of Roger's obituary was the explosion on March 18, 1937 at a school in New London, Texas, south of Kilgore in the East Texas Field. According to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society the tragedy was caused by the build-up of unscented natural gas beneath the building that was ignited by a wood shop electric sander. The background is that the modern school had been built earlier in the 1930's at a cost of \$1 million (a lot at that time) and had been supplied from its inception with gas purchased from the Union Gas Company. In early 1937 the school board apparently cancelled that contract to save money and instead tapped into a pipeline carrying residue (casinghead or solution) gas operated by the Parade Gasoline Company – an unauthorized but commonplace practice at the time. Walter Cronkite was one of the first reporters on the scene. The tragedy has been the subject of several books that are available through Amazon.

Lougheed, Jeanne Estelle. Born October 27, 1928 in Forestburg, Alberta and passed away December 27, 2020. Jeanne grew up in Camrose and Edmonton, Alberta. Jeanne excelled in her Fine Arts degree program at the University of Alberta and was active in voice and theatre. She soon caught the eye of Peter Lougheed, also U. of A. student, who had a love for sports. A date at the U. of A. "Tuck Shop" began their courtship. It was through Jeanne's eyes that Peter came to appreciate the world of music, ballet, opera, and theatre - although she couldn't quite teach him to sing in key. Peter taught Jeanne to appreciate sports, but she never attempted the spiral toss. Jeanne Rogers wed Peter Lougheed in Edmonton in 1952. Jeanne supported Peter's business and legal career and later his pursuit in politics. In 1971 Peter became the first Progressive Conservative Premier in Alberta's history. Jeanne took on a public role, supporting many causes throughout the province, particularly in arts and culture. With the loving nudge of Jeanne, Peter's new government created the first Ministry of Culture and later the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

Jeanne was an active supporter of the Edmonton and Calgary Symphony Orchestras, the Alberta Ballet, and especially the Banff Centre of the Arts. She supported the establishment of the Banff Television Festival, now the Banff World Media Festival. She was an active supporter of the National Ballet of Canada. During the establishment of Kananaskis Country, Jeanne, along with other key supporters, advocated that Alberta's newest mountain recreation area should be accessible to those with physical and developmental disabilities, leading to the establishment of the William Watson Lodge. The Lodge to this day provides barrier-free access to the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. After Peter Lougheed left public life in 1985 Jeanne continued to play an active role in many areas. She was a Director of the Canada Council of the Arts, served as a member of numerous corporate boards, and supported many civic and national organizations.

Details of Peter Lougheed's long and event-filled career are available through Wikipedia. Given how important his role was in Alberta during the 1970's and 1980's, the complementary role that Jeanne Lougheed played is an important though often overlooked aspect of those times.

Lovecky, Joseph Edward. Born June 23, 1936 and passed away July 1, 2021.

Joe was born in Flin Flon, Manitoba. From an early age, Joe was a very hard worker, assisting his father in a trucking business with the North American Lumber Company. He attended Flin Flon Collegiate, graduating in 1954, and went on to obtain a chemical engineering degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1958. From these early beginnings, Joe had a long and successful career with British American Oil and its successor, Gulf Canada, including a ten-year assignment in Kuwait (1972-82). During his Kuwait assignment, Joe was assigned to London, England, by the Kuwait Oil Co. as the project manager for a major gas project. This huge undertaking was successfully completed in 1976. Upon his return to Kuwait, he was appointed general manager of the overall project and existing L.P.G. facilities, a position he held until being reassigned to Gulf Canada in Calgary. During his career, he was a mentor to many Gulf employees and helped further their successful careers within Gulf and other oil companies in Calgary. He brought an incredible work ethic and conscientiousness in all his work. Joe stayed active in retirement as a consultant for Glencoe Resources, a position he enjoyed and maintained for several years.

Milner, Stanley A. Born in Calgary, Alberta and passed away April 21, 2021. Stan grew up in Turner Valley, the youngest of four brothers. He attended the University of Alberta where he earned an engineering degree while working in the oil and gas business. He went on to form Chieftain Development in 1964 and Chieftain International in 1988. Stan enjoyed his time on the Boards of Directors of several Canadian and U.S. companies including Alberta Energy Company Ltd., Banister Continental, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Canadian Pacific Limited, Delhi International Oil Corporation, Southern Union Company, Supron Energy Corporation, Wardair, Inc. and Woodward Stores Limited.

Throughout his career, Stan remained dedicated to Edmonton. He was the Chair of the Edmonton Public Library Board of Trustees from 1963 to 1968 and during that time spearheaded the construction of the main library as a project to celebrate Canada's 1967 Centennial. His years of work on behalf of the Edmonton Public Library were recognized when the downtown Library was named in his honour in 1996. In so designating the building, the Library's Board of Trustees stated it was acknowledging Stan's years of dedicated service to

promote libraries and lifelong learning. Over the years Stan remained committed to the Library. He served as Honorary Chair of the Library's first capital fundraising campaign, "Foundations of Learning". The campaign enabled the building of three new libraries in Edmonton. In 1999, Stan agreed to chair a campaign to raise funds for major interior renovations to the Library named in his honour. The renovations to the Children's Library are a result of a generous donation made to honour the memory of his daughter Shelley Milner.

Stan received numerous awards and honours including the Order of Canada (OC), the Alberta Order of Excellence (AOE), Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), Canadian Forces Decoration (CD), an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Alberta (LL.D), 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, a Canadian Business Leader Award from the University of Alberta and the Northern Lights Award of Distinction - Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into both the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame and the Business Hall of Fame - Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta.

Moore, Barry Kells. Born June 23, 1927 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and passed away December 28, 2021. Barry grew up in depression-era Winnipeg in a loving family, eventually making his way to the beckoning opportunities of the promised land of Alberta. It was in Alberta that Barry forged his illustrious and rewarding career in the oil industry, starting as a roughneck in the 1940s, and ending, after 36 years of dedicated service, as a senior geologist - a living legend at Mobil Oil Canada.

Pelletier, John Charles. Born February 15, 1934 in Ottawa, Ontario and passed away November 28, 2020. John grew up on the hard streets of depression-era Montreal and learned from an early age to punch above his weight class, a necessity given his (claimed) 5' 4" frame, his 120 lb. (wet) weight and his propensity for poorly controlled sarcastic commentary. He left Montreal in the 1950's for the open skies and wider opportunities of the West. An incredibly smart man, John learned the science of geophysics on the job, earning a role as a "Computer" on a seismic crew thanks to his ability to compute the depth and velocity of seismic signals using a slide rule. He was among the first people to explore Canada's arctic waters commercially, recording marine seismic through the Northwest Passage on a survey ship in the early 1970's. His 1975 survey of the passage aboard the Canadian-flagged M.V. Theta has been included as supporting evidence to Canada's claim of sovereignty over these Arctic waters. Ultimately, John retired as a Senior Geophysicist at PanCanadian Petroleum where he oversaw geophysical exploration of the entire Western Canadian Plains region. John was always active in the community. He volunteered as a projectionist at his sons' elementary school, showing films on the gymnasium wall at a time when doing so was nearly as complicated as adjusting the valves of a V-8 engine. He was gregarious to a fault. He couldn't buy a tank of gas or a loaf of bread without engaging the clerk in some absurdly involved conversation, much to the chagrin of those left waiting in his car until they were inevitably regaled with the life story of the erstwhile stranger he'd just met.

Peterson, Robert Byron. Born 1937 and passed away January 21, 2021. Robert grew up in Saskatchewan and was awarded a scholarship to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario where he earned his B.Sc. (1959) and his M.Sc. (1961). He joined Imperial Oil in 1960 and remained with the company until his retirement in 2002. His career took him to many locations in Canada and the United States ending in Toronto as the Chairman and C.E.O. of the company.

As a youth sports coach, mentor and eventual head of one of Canada's most prominent companies, Robert delivered a constant message of leadership, ethics, governance and social responsibility. He was known for his ambition fed by his enduring preparation and thoughtfulness. Among several distinctions, he served on the boards of the Royal Bank of Canada and the Conference Board of Canada. He was a 2003 Inductee into the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame.

Picherack, Michael Paul. Born July 15, 1946 in Kingston, Ontario and passed away January 12, 2021. Paul graduated from Queen's University in his home town of Kingston, Ontario in 1969 with a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation, he started his career with Gulf Canada, where he had a very successful twenty-year career with numerous professional accomplishments. Paul made many friends and mentored young engineers during his time at Gulf.

In 1992 Paul moved to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where he was Refinery Manager at Wascana Energy for six years. Paul took the position of Plant Manager with CS Resources in 1997, where he gained his initial experience with S.A.G.D., a technique for producing bitumen with steam. He became an early expert in the field, publishing articles in industry peer reviewed journals. When CS Resources was acquired by PanCanadian, Paul became Manager, Thermal Operations and Team Leader for debugging, operation and development of the Senlac S.A.G.D. Thermal Project. By December 2003, he was Manager Facilities/Engineering at MEG Energy. Paul played a major role in the development, commissioning and operation of the production plant at Christina Lake and made many close and valued friends. Paul was very proud of his career that spanned forty-three years as a professional engineer in the oil industry.

Family was of paramount importance to Paul. He taught them about commitment, hard work and honour but mostly, about Star Wars. He was a man of great wit and many interests and talents. His favorite hobby was building historically accurate model sailing ships. He also enjoyed building and collecting historical miniature artillery. Most would know Paul as a bibliophile; he was a voracious reader and collector of dense and unique tomes.

Rabey, Westley Noel. Born April 18, 1922 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan and passed away June 21, 2021. Wes grew up in Manila, Ontario, where his father had a gas and service station. He participated early, learning about hard work and dedication, driving cars by eleven and taking over responsibility at sixteen while his father was hospitalized. He graduated in 1944 from University of Toronto Applied Science and Engineering with an honours degree in Mining Engineering. He also received officer training in the Army Engineers.

In 1945 Wes joined Imperial Oil and began his illustrious career in the oil and gas industry, going to the U.S. to do seismic work and train in geophysics. Back in Canada in 1946, as Imperial Oil "Chief Computer" he was the first to map Leduc, the geological structure that led to the largest oil boom in Alberta history. He also discovered an anomaly which he thought was the most promising structure that he had seen on the prairies, which after much persuasion was developed and known as Redwater. In 1950 he started the first of many companies and performed the first seismic participation survey ever done. In 1958 Wes moved to England to manage the international operations of Geoprosco Ltd. He returned to Canada and in 1966 started Sigma Explorations Ltd., a company that provided participation surveys for the exploration industry and, for the first time, brokerage services for seismic data. Sigma is still in

business today. He also started PetroVentures and RayQuest Holdings. As President of the Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists, he participated with the Provincial Government in setting policy for the Alberta oil and gas industry. In 1998 he was inducted into the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame for his original contributions to the seismic industry. Wes was a pioneer in the oil and gas business and created new seismic surveying techniques for application in the Arctic. He participated in many ventures, mentoring and promoting many new companies and entrepreneurs. Wes was an original thinker, an enthusiastic and positive participant and leader. He often said that he had no regrets, and that he woke each morning eager to see what the day had in store.

Wes was a member of The Glencoe Club, the Earl Grey Golf Club and the Petroleum Club for over fifty years. He was a curler, a fisherman, a scratch golfer and a very good bridge player. He was unbeatable at crib. He enjoyed all of these activities well into his nineties. He regularly attended the Oilman's Golf Tournament and the Doodlebug Tournament. He loved to sing and dance. He was always planning something, getting people involved, making things better.

Seaman, Byron (BJ) James. Born September 7, 1923 in Rouleau, Saskatchewan and passed away April 24, 2021. While growing up BJ and his brothers worked on their father's road construction business. It was their mother's wish for her children to earn a university education, so the family moved to Saskatoon where in 1945 he graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Family values, hard work and entrepreneurial ambitions were instilled in BJ early on by his mother and father. Soon after graduating, he moved to Alberta in pursuit of promising opportunities which resulted in the start of a booming oil and gas industry. Amongst Alberta's most successful businessmen and pioneers of the industry, he and his brothers, Daryl (Doc) and Donald (Don) Seaman formed Seaman Engineering and Drilling, later changing its name to Bow Valley Industries.

BJ's other contributions to the industry included membership in numerous professional organizations, such as advisory councils on science and technologies, and various Government committees. BJ had significant accomplishments throughout his life resulting in many honors. These include recipient of the Governor General's Medal, induction into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame, and an award for outstanding contributions to society from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. In 1992, BJ received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Saskatchewan and was named one of the College's most Distinguished Graduates. BJ was an original Calgary Flames owner and a devoted fan who followed the team passionately during his remarkable thirty years of ownership. His enthusiasm for athletics carried into his personal pursuits. Along with his brother Doc and good friend Harley Hotchkiss, they created grassroots programs such as Project 75, now called the Seaman-Hotchkiss Hockey Foundation.

Taylor, Gordon Cosmos. Born October 13, 1934 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and passed away April 13, 2021. Gord was a well-known geologist who worked for many years at the Geological Survey of Canada's Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology in Calgary. His early technical focus was on the regional mapping, stratigraphy and structural geology of the Foothills and Front Ranges of the northern part of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in British Columbia and Alberta. Later in his career he was involved in the numerical assessment of resource potential for basins across Canada, both onshore and offshore.

Turgeon, Donald Laurent. Don was born on the Angus Farm near Kincaid, Saskatchewan on May 29, 1935 and passed away on April 25, 2021. Don joined the Regina Leader Post in 1953 as apprentice printer. He received his Journeyman ticket five years later. In 1963 Don and family moved to Calgary where he continued his career at the Alberta Telephone Directory department and Alberta Government Telephone (AGT) - Yellow Pages, a company that later became Telus. At the time of his retirement Don held the position of Vice President Production and Advertising Services. Don had a passion for his woodworking hobby and spent endless hours building children's furniture and cabins.

Don is survived by his loving wife Helen. They met in 1952 in Regina and were married for almost 67 years. Helen was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Petroleum History Society, a driving force behind the Desk and Derrick organization and a 2000 inductee into the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame. Don accompanied Helen to many of functions including those of the P.H.S. and the C.P.H.F. Our condolences, previously expressed as well, to Helen on her loss.

Varga, Imre (Emery). Born May 12, 1930 in Vásárosmiske, Hungary and passed away January 15, 2022. Imre was the youngest of five children whose parents valued and demonstrated a hard-working, family-loving ethic. The backdrop of WWII that literally played out in his village and the local district impacted Imre's formative years. After graduating from high school with honours, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering (1954) from the University of Miskolc - Sopron. Following his undergraduate training, Imre worked as an engineer in Budapest at the Head Office of the Mineshaft Building Construction Trust Company. In the evenings, he took classes at the university working towards his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Unfortunately he was not able to complete it as the Hungarian Uprising broke out in October 1956.

With a strong passion and pride in his homeland country, Imre actively participated in The Uprising. He was elected Chairman of the Revolutionary Labour Council at his workplace. In the late fall of 1956, Imre was faced with the most difficult choice of his life and, by necessity, escaped from Hungary and travelled to Austria, where, by fate, he met up in Vienna with other former Sopron University colleagues. Through a sponsored relationship between the Mining Engineering faculties at the Sopron University with the University of Toronto, Imre made his way to Toronto via Montreal, arriving in early 1957. Shortly afterwards, he met Margaret, and a few months later they married. They then moved to Calgary hoping for a better chance to utilize his petroleum engineering background.

After finding work as a drilling roughneck and then a draftsman, Imre was successful in demonstrating his technical proficiency of his education. In 1960, he became registered as a Professional Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (A.P.E.G.G.A.). As a petroleum engineer at Texaco Canada Limited, he worked for nearly 30 years in various technical, operations, business venture and management roles of increasing complexity and responsibility. He was a natural problem solver that, when coupled with his education, made for very interesting, and often elegant and practical solutions. One of his fondest memories was his experience as the lead project manager on a deep-water drilling venture off the coast of Newfoundland which included a deep-water dive to the ocean floor to check out the blow out preventer system, while marveling at the numerous fish species of all colors and sizes. After Texaco he spent five years at the Alberta regulator,

then the Energy Utilities Board, supporting the Drilling and Production Department. While there, Imre was placed on a special assignment from 1990 to 1993, participating in an international committee to review, update and rewrite the Hungarian Mining, Oil and Gas Laws and Regulations. For this work, Imre received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit from the Government of Hungary with the acknowledgement of the Government of Canada.

Between 1994 and 2010, Imre worked as a Petroleum Engineering Consultant on various local and international projects. He developed both keen professional and personal relationships while working with his First Nations clients, providing technical and educational sessions. After an extensive and rewarding professional career, Imre finally retired at the age of 80.

Following his arrival in Calgary in the late 1950s, Imre became one of the leaders in the Hungarian community in Alberta. He was instrumental in the development of the current St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Calgary. Imre enjoyed getting together with business associates and friends at the Petroleum Club. He also enjoyed travel. With his family, he drove gravel roads to northern Alberta oil and gas drilling sites, highways through mountain passes to the West Coast, across Canada to Montreal for Expo 67 as well as south to Spokane for Expo 74.

Imre was a long-time member of the Petroleum History Society. On October 24, 2006 he presented to us a luncheon talk entitled "Hungary's Loss, Canada's Gain" on the subject of the contributions that individuals who fled from Hungary had played in Canada's development.

OTHERS OF NOTE:

Middleton, Gerald Viner. Gerry was born in England in 1931 and passed away in 2021. He earned his Ph.D. in Geology from Imperial College in 1954 by studying Devonian rocks in Devon. He then emigrated from the U.K. to Canada and gained employment with Chevron in Calgary. In 1955 he moved to McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario where he remained for the rest of his career. His initial research on carbonate rocks was supported by Shell Oil where he interacted with many of the prominent research scientists of the day. After a short time he drifted into research related to clastic rocks – sandstones in particular - and it was there that he made his mark. The details of his contributions are beyond the scope of this note but they involved mechanisms for the transport of sandstones into deep water as deduced from field observations and novel model experiments involving flumes. With the potential of shallow water deposits increasingly exhausted, such deep water deposits (or turbidites and associated sediments) have become increasingly important, for example in the Gulf of Mexico. Gerry's early works are the ancestors of our current understanding of those important reservoirs. A comprehensive obituary of Gerry's professional life and accomplishments was written by Drs. Bob Dalrymple and Janok Bhattacharaya and was published in the January 2022 issue of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists's *Reservoir* magazine (pp. 14-16).

Gerry also had a historical bend. I met him at the meeting of the UNESCO-related International History of Geology (INHIGEO) symposium that was hosted in Calgary in 2009. Gerry presented a paper on the history of geological research in the Shell organization. He was also into architectural history and had spent considerable time in his retirement studying and publishing on the buildings of the Hamilton region.

Schindler, David. Dr. David Schindler, Killam Memorial Chair and professor of ecology at the University of Alberta from 1989 to 2013 passed away on March 4, 2021 at the age of 80. He was a passionate scientist who specialized in the study of fresh water ecosystems including phosphates, acid rain, climate change, UV radiation and transboundary pollutants. This brought him into conflict with several industries in Alberta, specifically the pulp and paper sector and the oil sands. It was his belief that the contamination of surficial and ground waters was the cause of abnormal levels of cancers in those who relied upon them, in particular First Nations downstream of Ft. McMurray.

A memorial tribute to David was published in the July/August 2021 issue of *Alberta Views* magazine (p. 24). It was written by Andrew Nikiforuk and originally appeared in *The Tyee* magazine's March 9, 2021 issue. Andrew called him "a force of nature for nature".

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Other significant milestones:

2020 - OPEC – 60th Anniversary.

2022 - Bennett-Jones – legal firm – 100th anniversary. See BennettJones.com/100years

2022 - Alberta Geological Survey (and predecessors) – 100th Anniversary.

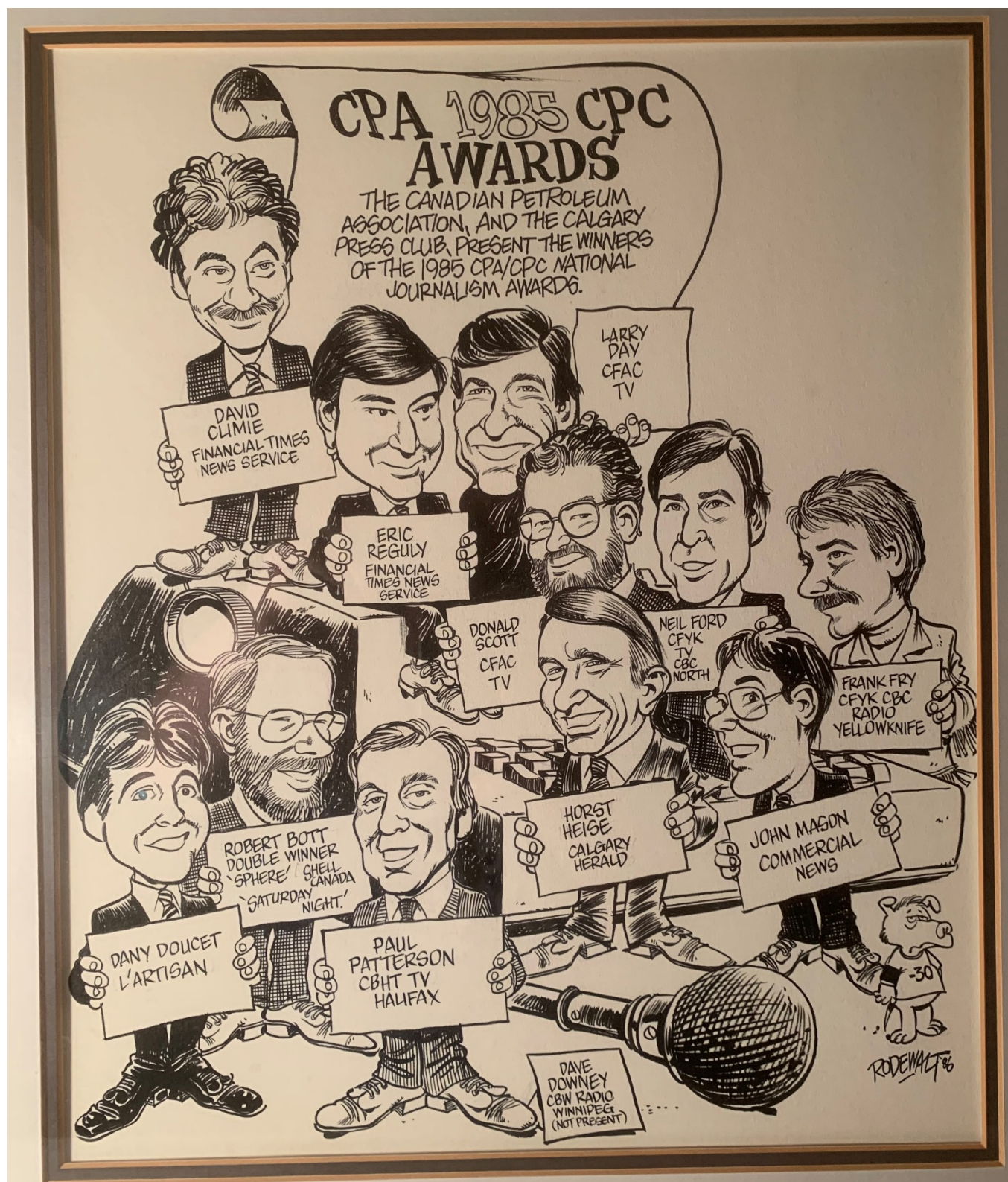
2022 - British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission – 20th Anniversary.

2022 - Ocean Ranger sinking, Grand Banks (February 15) – 40th Anniversary.

2022 (upcoming, April 14) - Titanic sinking, Offshore Newfoundland – 110th Anniversary.

Seismic Status: There is a move afoot in the academic world by researchers to get their hands on petroleum industry seismic lines. Their pitch line goes something like "since the petroleum industry is dying, why don't you just give us your seismic lines?". Seismic brokers would be rolling around in their graves. Industry seismic is a significant financial asset that can be bought and sold and is often used as leverage for doing business deals. Our industry is not dying so this "smash and grab" for a part of our world seems somewhat outrageous. The only aspect of it that may have some merit is for lines that were shot a long time ago in areas that are now permanently off limits to E&P, for example national parks and marine protected areas.

Witness protection: In May 2021 it was announced that the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (C.A.O.D.C.) has changed its name to the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (C.A.O.E.C.). The association was originally established in 1949. The change reflects a migration of industry activity into more than just petroleum-related activities. In a related sector, the U.S.-based Petroleum Equipment and Services Association (P.E.S.A.) and the Association of Energy Service Companies (A.E.S.C.) have merged to form the Energy Workforce and Technology Council (presumably the E.W.T.C.). This wave of industry rejigging can be confusing but appears to have been driven by the boom and bust (or bust and boom) situation that we are always in.



Excellence in Journalism 1985. This commemorative cartoon by famed cartoonist Vince Rodewalt features Canada's top journalistic performers as recognized by the Canadian Petroleum Association and the Calgary Press Club. Is it any wonder that our very own Bob Bott is amongst this illustrious crew?