



In Memory of

Roy Gardner

Scarborough, ON
November 20th 2010

Nottingham, England
July 7th 1928



GARDNER, Roy - On November 20, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer, passed away peacefully at Scarborough General Hospital. Predeceased by his beloved wife Joyce, Roy will be greatly missed by all those whose paths he crossed. He will be missed most by his son Craig (Jenny), daughter Linda (Dave), and cherished grandchildren Melissa, Matt, Mandy and Ben. Will be lovingly remembered by his constant companion, Lorraine. A private family burial has been held. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Roy's Life on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the GIFFEN-MACK SCARBOROUGH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTRE, 4115 Lawrence Ave. E. (one block west of Kingston Rd.), 416-281-6800. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scarborough General Hospital.

Roy Gardner came to Canada with his family from Nottingham England in 1942. The family chose Western Canada, settling in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Roy was a nineteen year old student when he elected to pursue a "two month summer job" with CIMCO in Toronto, in 1948. At the time, Roy had visions of becoming a chartered accountant with Clarkson-Gordon. The two month stint with CIMCO changed his career path. Little did Roy realize at the time... that the two month opening, that stretched into four months....and into fifty four years.

When he arrived at CIMCO, Roy discovered that his immediate supervisor had been hospitalized and he was more or less left in charge during the first two months. The "higher ups" as they were known at CIMCO, approached Roy to stay on for another two months

At the conclusion of four months, Roy was ready to pursue his accountant's dream. Once more the CIMCO "higher ups" approached him to remain with the firm. They acknowledged that Roy got to know... "much more about their business" than they initially realized. He became irreplaceable! Gardner turned down CIMCO's initial offer. Then asked him what it would take to remain. Roy provided a counter offer to consider. CIMCO were determined to keep Gardner on their payroll. After two days of negotiations they reached an agreement. CIMCO agreed to pay Roy what he wanted.

Gardner claims he worked in just about every operating unit and position, during his 54 year career. The path from office clerk, to the stock room, onto to a mechanic, crew chief, supervisor and manager. CIMCO appointed Gardner to **Vice President of Operations in 1987**. He retired in 1995....so he thought!!.....Over the ensuing months it became crystal clear to both Gardner and CIMCO, that the journey was not yet over. Concluding that Roy still had a great deal to offer. Getting him back on the payroll was a priority. Then given the title of **Senior Consultant**. The transition from recent retiree to Consultant was seamless. Roy was back without missing a beat....

He retired for a second and final time, July 9th 2002. Ending a highly successful fifty four-years. Admitting on that eventful July 9th day, that it may well be his final and last day at the office... there were several jobs to oversee through to completion. Roy continued to offer his expertise, solutions, and or suggestions over the phone, to his many friends and former clients... that sought out his advice, tap into his vast knowledge and expertise...

Roy was an avid curler. He and Saskatchewan native, former Canadian Curling Champion Don Campbell, built Avonlea Curling Rink. They opened the 16-sheet facility, in Don Mills in 1961. Their initial plan called for an eight-sheet rink. During construction they added another 8 sheets, due to the demand for curling ice. They sold their interests in Avonlea 1981.

Roy also had spent several in the home construction business.. in the greater Toronto area, prior to constructing Avonlea. A trait he picked up in Western Canada, while working on building grain elevators. Campbell and his brothers, led their rink to four Canadian Championships, and two World Titles

Roy became a member of the Ontario Arenas Association in 1954. CIMCO and the Association formed a formidable team. The Prez believes that Gardner attended every single monthly meeting and conference, put on by the Association. He supported and a times provided instructors for the Associations' annual training programs. He was part of the group that led to the formation of the "Associate Members Group". The Association honored Roy with a **"Life Membership"**.

He did not hesitate to join the Ontario Arenas Alumni in December 1992, shortly after its formation. He was committed to the Alumni activities and programs. Roy supported the Annual Gloria Dahmer Harvest Table. Each year he would place an order for "pickled beets". Transporting one dozen jars.. and sometimes a tad more... to his Scarborough condo. His long time friend from Richmond Hill Ed Sackfield called upon him to help stage three Alumni Gatherings in that municipality...2000, 2003 and 2008. They recruited the boss from Jet Ice, Debbie Wilcock. Included Tom Graham, who was Chairman of the Richmond Hill Arenas Association at the time ...Roy would tap into CIMCO's financial resources for support.

Gardner was honoured on three occasions by The Alumni. He received **The Special Recognition Award** October 1998... **Outstanding Service Award in 2002**. .. and the Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award in 2007. Ed Sackfield alerted The Prez, that Roy had this thing about retirement recognition...the Alumni created the **Outstanding Service Award** to recognize his retirement. He was the one and only recipient of that Award.

Following the passing of his wife Joyce in 1993.... Roy found a wonderful caring friend years later, in Lorraine Kirk. She resides in a condo in the same building that Roy had up and until his passing. She and her family also battled cancer for years.. Lorraine drove Roy to the hospital the week he died...*Roy hoped he would be able to make it to Christmas...prayed that he would see his granddaughter graduate from University ...April 2011!!*

Everyone lost a great friend!! A caring sensitive man!! The Alumni extends its heart felt condolences to the Gardner family..



Pics on left top to bottom;
 October 1998..**Special Recognition Award**, Roy Gardner and the MC..Alumni Co Founder Morris Snider (Marysville Mi)

June 2002 Roy Gardner Retirement

2007.. **Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award**..Ed Sackfield, John Karch, Roy Gardner and Lorraine Kirk

Top: CIMCO retirees John Karch and Roy Gardner

Bottom; 2006.. Roy presenting 60th Anniversary Award to Vern & Vi Eng-

