

2016 Award of Merit Recipient - ROSS HEACOCK

Ross Heacock was born on December 5th, 1942 in Collingwood Ontario and was raised in the village of Elmvale. After completing high school he attended Waterloo Lutheran for his undergrad and then onto Osgoode Hall for law degree. Ross came back to the area and settled in Midland where he joined an existing law practice. Ross practiced law in Midland for 48 years. His career evolved into a partnership to create a firm with Gord Teskey and Rod Ferguson for several decades; then a new partnership with Guy Ditomaso, and finally as a sole practitioner. During that time Ross acted as the Municipal Solicitor for the town for 20 years as well as other municipalities.

Ross was involved in various aspects of the community as he served on the executive Midland Chamber of Commerce for several terms, the Board of Directors at the Midland Golf and Country Club and was a Charter Member of the Board of Governors of the Midland Sports Hall of Fame.

Ross was known for his athletic pursuits beginning with minor hockey in Elmvale and then several years on the Waterloo Lutheran varsity team. He played recreational hockey and also played on the original Midland Oldtimers team that traveled to tournaments throughout eastern Canada and in Europe. He was a proud member of the Midland Oldtimers Saints hockey club playing tournament and league hockey along with fund raising exhibition games against NHL Alumni teams; the Leafs, the Canadians and the Flying Fathers for over two decades. Ross was also an avid skier having mastered the slopes in Collingwood and visiting most of the major skiing venues both locally and across Canada. In the summer, Ross pursued the perfection of golf at the Midland Golf and Country Club where he was a member for over 30 years. He was also noted for his tournament plays a various clubs in Ontario.

Ross was a raconteur of note as his finite recall of details or historical facts or stories of places, people and events were legion amongst his friends and acquaintances. Ross was the consummate promoter and booster of Midland and the community definitely benefited by his presence here.